



Report to: Meeting of the Trustees of the Gilstrap and WE Knight Charities
11 January 2023

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Report Summary	
Report Title	Land off Cedar Avenue/Lincoln Road Newark - Update
Purpose of Report	To update the Trustee Board on progress since the Board's last meeting on 5 May 2022.
Recommendations	That the report is noted .
Reason for Recommendations	To keep the Board appropriately updated on progress, no further action is required at this time.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 On 4 March 2021 the Trustee Board considered future options for the land owned by the Gilstrap Charity at Cedar Avenue/Lincoln Road, Newark (the Land). The Board resolved to seek to have the Land designated as public open space and to approach the District and Town Councils for expressions of interest in acquiring the Land.
- 1.2 On 19 October 2021 a valuation of £45,000, based on the Land being sold as public open space, was reported to the Trustee Board.
- 1.3 The Trustee Board was provided with a verbal update on 11 January 2022. This confirmed that Newark Town Council had approved, in principle, the purchase of the Land. Further, that charities law advice regarding the potential land disposal was being obtained on behalf of the Council as Trustee to the Charity.
- 1.4 At the Board's last meeting on 5 May 2022 Members resolved for a submission to be made to the Charity Commission in respect of the potential disposal of Land off Cedar Avenue/Lincoln Road, that discussions with the Town Council continue in the meantime, and that further update reports are brought to the Trustee Board as required.

2.0 Proposal/Options Considered

- 2.1 Since May external legal advisors have been instructed and the Charity Commission submission has now been finalised.

- 2.2 The Clerk to the Trustee Board has met with the Clerk to the Town Council for an initial discussion and provided relevant documentation regarding land ownership for review.
- 2.3 Members will be aware that there is a District Council multi-use games area (MUGA) on the site. This is maintained at the cost of the District Council and the District Council has historically met all other maintenance costs for the land in recognition of the MUGA being allowed on the site by the Trustee Board. If the land is sold to the Town Council, the Town and District Councils will need to reach agreement on management and responsibility for the MUGA going forward. This has already been raised as an issue for the Town Council to consider. The annual condition report has recently been obtained and provided to the Town Council for consideration.
- 2.4 Further updates will be brought to the Board when available.

3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, Officers have considered the following implications; Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding and Sustainability, and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972. Any documents that contain confidential information or personal information about individuals should not be included in this list.

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