

REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 11 SEPTEMBER 2017
REPORT ON: FIELDS IN TRUST – DEED OF DESIGNATION DRUMGEITH PARK
REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
REPORT NO: 281-2017

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval from committee for the designation of Drumgeith Park as a Fields in Trust protected site.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The committee are asked to approve the designation of Drumgeith Park as a Fields in Trust Designated Protected Site.

2.2 That it is remitted to the Head of Democratic and Legal Services to enter into a Minute of Agreement with National Playing Fields Association, operating as Fields in Trust.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no additional financial implications from these actions and the open spaces will continue to be maintained from within existing revenue budgets.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Reference is made to Article IV of the minute of meeting of the Environment Committee of 25th August 2014, report 318-2014 Fields in Trust - Queen Elizabeth Field Challenge and Centenary Fields, which agreed the nomination of various council owned parks and open spaces as Fields in Trust Challenge Fields. This designation of parks forms part of a long association the council has had with Fields in Trust. The King George's Sport Memorial Field in Caird Park was the first Fields in Trust designated protected site in Dundee.

4.2 As part of the development process for the Proposed Regional Sports Development Centre at Caird Park discussions have taken place with Fields in Trust to ensure that a replacement for the King George's Sport Memorial Field at Caird Park is identified within Dundee. Officers have identified Drumgeith Park as a suitable site. The designated area covers the seven football pitches in Drumgeith Park and does not include the buildings. A plan is attached.

4.3 The key benefits of the Designated Protected Site to the council are:

- A clear commitment by the council to the conservation of its public parks and important areas of open space.
- Access to direct improvement grants from the Fields in Trust funding programme.
- A commemorative plaque and through association with the scheme assistance in accessing other external funding through demonstrating partnership working and a commitment to conserving our parks and open space.
- Access to tool kits and technical advice on park improvements and development proposals.

4.4 By entering into a Minute of Agreement the Council would grant to Fields in Trust a right to designate the site at Drumgeith Park as public open space in perpetuity. This will result in requiring the consent of Fields in Trust in respect of the sale of the site or any part thereof and in respect of any proposed change of use from its current function for public leisure activity.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None

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