

# CABINET

## Centenary Fields Challenge - Miss Whalley's Field July 2017

### Individual Cabinet Member Decision (Councillor Hughes) Report of Chief Officer (Environment)

PURPOSE OF REPORT				
To seek a decision from the Cabinet Member to nominate Miss Whalley's Field as part of the Centenary Field Programme				
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Referral from Cabinet Member
Date Included in Forward Plan	NA			

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF CHIEF OFFICER (ENVIRONMENT)

- (1) That the Cabinet Member nominates Miss Whalley's Field area for the Centenary Fields Programme

#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Centenary Fields programme is engaging landowners across the UK encouraging them to dedicate land to honour the memory of the millions of people who lost their lives in World War I.
- 1.2 Miss Whalley's Field was donated to the council for the purpose of children's recreation in memory of her father and brother who died in the war.
- 1.3 The land is covered by an existing covenant which prevents the land for being used for anything other than recreational purposes.
- 1.4 The programme is being run by Fields in Trust (FiT) the new operating name for the National Playing Fields Association.
- 1.5 Legal ownership of the land remains with the Council. Once the land is dedicated for this charitable purposes it can never be developed and will continue to be used for recreational purposes only.
- 1.6 The site's Trust Deed or transfer document specifies that it is to be used as public land for the enjoyment of children living in the borough of Lancaster.
- 1.7 Maintenance of the field will remain as is, under the council's responsibility.
- 1.8 Dedicating the land in this way means that Community and friends' groups have easier access to funding, etc.

## **2.0 Proposal Details**

- 2.1 The Friends of Miss Whalley's Field have requested that the city council considers nominating the land as part of centenary celebrations which they are planning for December 2017.

## **3.0 Details of Consultation**

- 3.1 Consultation has taken place with relevant Council services and the Friends of Miss Whalley's Field who all support the nomination of the land.

## **4.0 Options**

- 4.1 Option 1- nominate the land for the Centenary Fields programme. This would mean that the land was maintained as public open space in perpetuity.
- 4.2 Option 2- don't nominate the land for the Centenary Fields programme.
- 4.3 The officer preferred option is option 1.

## **5.0 Conclusion**

- 5.1 The report seeks a decision from the relevant Portfolio Holder to nominate Miss Whalley's Field area for the Centenary Field programme.

### **RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK**

Community Leadership and Clean and Green Places – Community group leading on the future of a green space;

### **CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, HR, Sustainability and Rural Proofing):**

None

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Legal have been consulted. There will be no additional implications to the authority as the land is covered by an existing covenant with similar conditions.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no additional financial implications arising directly from this report. There may be a resource and financial cost in assisting with any future events to commemorate the Centenary Fields Programme but this is expected to be minimal and managed from within existing public realm budgets.

### **OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources, Information Services, Property, Open Spaces:**

Property Group have been consulted and have no further comments to add.

**SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

**MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

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