



## OFFICER DECISION RECORD

This form should be used to record Executive decisions taken by Officers

<b>Decision Ref. No:</b>			
<b>Service Area:</b>	<b>Environment (Parks)</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>4.12.2019</b>
<b>Contact Name:</b>	<b>Paul Mitchell</b>	<b>Tel No:</b>	<b>01202 456874</b>
<b>E-mail:</b>	<b>Paul.mitchell@bcpcouncil.gov.uk</b>		
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>AFC Bournemouth – Agreement to hire training pitches</b>		
<b>Decision taken:</b>			
<p>To extend the existing Management Agreement between Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch Council (BCP Council) and AFC Bournemouth (AFCB) to permit AFCB to continue using training pitches in Kings Park for a further three years, from July 2020.</p>			
<b>Reasons for the decision:</b>			
<p>The current agreement with AFCB enables them to use training pitches in Kings Park on an exclusive basis, due to a suspension of the community use element of the agreement. The current agreement runs until July 2020.</p> <p>AFCB are currently building new training facilities at Canford Magna but these will not be finished for at least 2 years. AFCB have requested a continuation of the current arrangements for an additional three years whilst their new training base is developed.</p> <p>Under the the current agreement AFCB pay £50,000 per year and these funds are held in a fund, managed by Parks, which is ringfenced for development of sport and recreation facilities in Kings Park.</p> <p>The extension of the agreement for the next three years will rise to £75,000 per year.</p>			
<b>Background:</b>			
<p>The original Management Agreement (for 125 years) relating to the training pitches in Kings Park was granted in April 2012.</p> <p>A separate Community Use Agreement was agreed between the club and Bournemouth Borough Council which provided additional detail of the requirements for public use.</p>			

In 2015, AFCB were promoted to the Premier League. The Club were granted variations to the agreement(s) in October 2015 which included suspending the requirement for public access, giving exclusive use for first team training for a period of five years. The final payment (paid upfront for the final year) was paid in August 2019.

For confirmation, the club are now requesting a further 3 years of exclusive use in addition to the time they have remaining, with a request for suspension of community use to continue).

**Consultation:**

Please see Cabinet Member Decision Record – 2015 for original full consultation.

The following have been consulted over the proposed extension to the management agreement and are in agreement with the proposed decision:

- Executive Director of Environment & Community – BCP Council
- Director of Environment – BCP Council
- Sports Development Manager – BCP Council
- Head of Parks Development – BCP Council
- Contracts Manager – Parks, BCP Council
- Property Services – BCP Council
- Sport England Principal Planning Manager - South Team

Also consulted was

- Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change

**Finance and Resourcing Implications:**

Revenue from the current, existing five year agreement (commenced 2015) has totalled £250,000.

Proposed revenue for a three year extension would total £225,000.

There would be no further resource requirements from Finance. Some resource time from the Property Services team will be required in issuing amended agreement. No further negotiation is required.

**Name: Adam Richens**

**Date:**

5/12/19

**Signature (of Chief Finance Officer):**

Redacted

**Legal Implications:**

There are no specific legal implications arising from this proposal to extend the variation to the Management Agreement. The decision is being made in accordance with the authority delegated by the Council's financial regulations to the Corporate Director.

Name: Tanya Coulter

Date: 19/12/19

Redacted

Signature (of Monitoring Officer):

**Risk Assessment:**

Please see Cabinet Member Decision Record – 2015 for original risk assessment.

**Impact Assessments:**

Please see Cabinet Member Decision Record – 2015 for original Equality Impact Needs Assessment.

No further assessment required to due this decision being an extension of current arrangements.

**Information for publication / not for publication**

The original Cabinet member Decision was published. This is an extension to the current agreement. This can be published.

**Background Papers**

Cabinet Member Decision Record (AFC CMD) – July 2015

<https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/councildemocratic/CouncilMeetings/CouncilMeetingsDocs/CabinetMemberDecisions/AFCBournemouth13-August-2015/AFCB-Cabinet-Member-Decision-docs.pdf>

Please note text error in third paragraph of 'Background'. The text should read 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012, not April 2002.

Any declaration of interest by the Officer responsible for the decision		Nature of Interest	
No			

Any conflict of interest declared by a Cabinet Member who is consulted by the Officer taking the decision	Name of Cabinet Member	Nature of interest	Details of any dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer
No			
<p><b>Decision taken by: (print name and designation)</b>  LARRY AUSTIN, SERVICE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT</p> <p><b>Signature:</b> <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">Redacted</span> <b>Date of Decision:</b> 9/1/20</p> <p><b>Date Decision Effective:</b></p> <p><b>Date of Publication of record of decision: (to be inserted by Democratic Services)</b></p>			

**Note: A record of this decision should be kept by the Service Area within which the decision falls.**