

## **Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council**

### **Action Taken Under Delegated Powers**

#### **Request to waive fees for Red House Park Family Day run by Friends of Red House Park**

##### **1 Summary Statement**

We have received a request from the Friends of Red House Park to waive the fees/charges for park hire for their community family day in August.

LAB Funding has been applied for.

The organiser has confirmed that the fun day is free for the community to enter. The Friends Group will be selling refreshments on the day and any monies raised from this will go towards park improvements including replacing the roses in the rose beds and erecting a small picket fence around the boarder.

##### **2 Recommendation**

That the fee for the hire of Red House Park is waived by the Interim Director of Neighbourhoods as this is a Friends Group with limited means and there is expected to be substantial benefits to the park and community arising from this event.

In accordance with the authority delegated to Directors to act on matters within the authority delegated to them under Part 3 of the Council's Constitution, I intend to take the action(s) recommended above.

I do/do not have an interest to declare in this matter

  
**Interim Director of Neighbourhoods**

**Date** 1.7.2017

If the Constitution requires the decision to be taken in consultation with another chief officer, the following signature box should also be included

I confirm that I have been consulted on the above proposals and have no objection to their proceeding.

I do/do not have an interest to declare in this matter

**Executive Director of Resources**

**Date**

If the Constitution requires the decision to be taken in consultation with a Cabinet Member, the following signature box should also be included. If a dispensation has been granted to the member a copy should be provided to the Democratic Services Unit with the signed copy of the document.

I confirm that I have been consulted on the above proposals and have no objection to their proceeding.

I do/~~do not~~ have an interest to declare in this matter.

A dispensation has/has not been granted to me in respect of this matter.

**Cabinet Member for Leisure** 

**Date**

3 / 7 / 17.

### **3. Background Details –**

Since the introduction of fees for the hire of parks by community and voluntary organisations, there have been a number of requests by such groups to waive the fees. The council's scheme of delegation gives delegated authority to the Director of Neighbourhoods to waive fees and charges to community and voluntary groups and charities operating in Sandwell provided there are appropriate grounds to do so.

An application to waive the council's hire charges for parks has been received from the organiser of the Red House Park Family Day to be held in Red House Park on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017 on the basis that the organisation has limited funds of its own. A significant element of the costs of the event have been requested in an LAB application. The charges that will be made on the day will be insufficient to cover all the costs of the event , as such it would be appropriate to waive the fees for the hire of Red House Park on this occasion.

