

**South Cambridgeshire District Council  
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- where a Special Urgency notice has been published under Rule 16 of those Rules and the Chairman of Scrutiny and Overview Committee has agreed the decision is urgent.

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<b>Decision Taker</b>	Head of Transformation
<b>Subject Matter</b>	Entry into a licence agreement with L&Q Estates to enable the installation of Table Tennis tables in the Phase 1 Northern Greenway
<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	Longstanton
<b>Date Taken</b>	Tuesday, 21 September 2021
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Clare Gibbons, Northstowe Healthy New Town Programme Lead 01954 713290 (clare.gibbons@scambs.gov.uk)
<b>Date Published</b>	Tuesday, 21 September 2021
<b>Call-In Expiry</b>	N/A
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>In Forward Plan?</b>	No
<b>Urgent?</b>	No

**Purpose / Background**

The purpose of this decision is to permit the Council to enter a licence agreement with L&Q Estates, thus securing land within the Phase 1 northern greenway to install two table tennis tables to serve as a public amenity. The licenced area proposed (the site) was identified following a community engagement process.

**Declaration(s) of Interest**

*Record below any relevant interest declared by any executive Member consulted or by an officer present in relation to the decision.*

None

**Dispensation(s)**

*In respect of any conflict(s) of interest declared above, record below any dispensation(s) granted by the Council's Standards Committee.*

None

<p><b>Consultation</b>  <b>Record below all parties consulted in relation to the decision.</b></p>
<p>Following the removal of the table tennis tables from Pioneer Park in March 2021, residents were invited to nominate alternative locations at the Northstowe Community Forum, held April 2021 and via social media. These nominations were assessed by the Open Space Steering Group for Phase 1 Northstowe (which includes in membership Northstowe Town Council, Longstanton Parish Council, L&amp;Q Estates, Greenbelt, Cambridgeshire County Council and Anglian Water) to produce a short list which was reviewed by the Town Council; the Northern Greenway (LEAP 1) was their preferred location. Active New Communities (Living Sport) with whom the table tennis table project was initially developed were supportive of this site. Occupiers overlooking the site within the Northern Greenway were written to and invited to comment and officers spoke to residents immediately neighbouring the site. Feedback was generally supportive; no negative responses were received. Local members support the relocation of the table tennis tables on this site, given that this was the preferred option to emerge through the engagement process.</p>

<p><b>Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection</b></p>
<p>Options considered included to leave the tables at their temporary location within the Education Campus (within Phase 2 of the development), where they are used by secondary school children. This was rejected because the table tennis tables would not then be available, as intended, to the whole community to support health and wellbeing across the life course in Phase 1 Northstowe.</p>

<p><b>Final decision</b></p>	<p><b>Reason(s)</b></p>
<p>To enter into a licence agreement with L&amp;Q Estates to occupy the site in the Northern Greenway, identified through the public engagement process.</p>	<p>To enable the Council to provide a public amenity (two table tennis tables) on land secured under the licence agreement.</p>

Signed	Name (CAPITALS)	Signature	Date
Lead Cabinet Member (where required by the Constitution)	Signed copy available upon request from Democratic Services (democratic.services@scambs.gov.uk)		
Chief Officer			

<p><b>Further Information</b></p>
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