



OUTDOOR ADULT FITNESS AREA

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

9 MAY 2011

The purpose of this report is to provide the basis for Members to decide whether or not to take on the Outdoor Adult Fitness Area project.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The paper for last month's meeting on this subject provides the detailed background leading to the Town Council's decision to fund the cost of a 5-year maintenance agreement for the project. That report is available on the Town Council's web site by [clicking this link](#).
 - b) The remaining issues concerned Insurance for the site and who would be responsible for the necessary licence agreement with the Isle of Wight Council.
 - c) I was tasked with exploring these matters to report back to this meeting as the grant application process cannot be further delayed.
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2) INSURANCE

- a) The two issues are in fact linked as, following discussion with the Town Council's Insurance Brokers, WPS Insurance, I understand that the Town Council can only insure a facility if it has a measure of control over it.
 - b) The Insurers have indicated that an increase in the current premium of approximately £120 would extend the present Public Liability cover to the facility, although they would require a site plan, including fencing and gating and a list of the equipment being installed before signing off on it.
 - c) A further £120 a year would provide cover for material damage.
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3) RESPONSIBILITY

- a) Sandown Town Council has taken on responsibility for the Outdoor Adult Facility in their area.
 - b) Following discussions with the Isle of Wight Council's Parks Officer Andrew McIntyre, it is likely that the Isle of Wight Council would be willing to sign up Ventnor Town Council to a 5-year lease of the site subject to the Maintenance Agreement discussed at last month's meeting being in place.
 - c) It is also likely that they would continue any current grass cutting currently being applied to the site either at no cost or only nominal cost to Ventnor Town Council.
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4) COSTS

The annual cost to the Town Council with a 5-year maintenance agreement in place and full insurance cover would be £1,340.

5) DECISION

It remains clear that only if the Town Council does agree to take on these responsibilities and costs will the Isle of Wight Council agree to lease the site. Otherwise the funding application should be withdrawn.
