

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE  
AND CULTURE**

Decision Made: 4 September 2009

**Disposal of open space at Giddyhorn lane recreation ground**

**Issue for Decision**

To declare surplus a parcel of land at Giddyhorn Lane, following a request from Poplar Pre-school to use an area of Giddyhorn Lane recreation ground for a use associated with the pre-school.

**Decision Made**

1. That, in principle, the plot of land at Giddyhorn Lane, outlined in red in Appendix A to the Report of the Assistant Director of Environmental Services, be declared surplus to operational requirements and that a final decision be taken on the matter following the advertising of the possible disposal of Public Open Space pursuant to Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972;
2. That the Corporate Property Manager be given delegated authority to place an advertisement pursuant to Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 regarding the possible disposal of an area of land approximately 66 square meters (60sq yds) at Giddyhorn Lane;
3. That consideration be given to any responses received, following the completion of the statutory 6 weeks period after initial publication, and, if necessary, a supplementary report upon which a further decision regarding the land may be made.

**Reasons for Decision**

Poplar pre-school is an existing tenant of the Council, currently occupying the pavilion at Giddyhorn Lane;

Currently the pre-school has limited secure external area in which their pupils are able to play;

Provision of a small area of land will benefit the pupils health and well-being. If the proposal is agreed the land will be included in a revised lease.

The parcel of land considered for transfer has no strategic value and transferring it to the pre-school would have no effect upon other activities within the recreation ground.

**Alternatives considered and why rejected**

I could consider retaining this land as part of the recreation ground; however this would prevent the pre-school pupils enjoying a secure play environment.

**Background Papers**

*None*

Signed:.....  
Councillor Brian Moss  
Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture

Date:.....

Should you be concerned about this decision and wish to call it in, please submit a call in form signed by any two Non-Executive Members to the Scrutiny Manager by: 11 September 2009.
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