

## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

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**Date:** Monday, 4 July 2022

**Title:** Summer Youth Activities

**Contact Officer:** Tomas Smith – Venue and Events Officer

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### **Current Situation**

An enquiry has been received from Got2B asking to use Burwell Field, the area behind the playpark nearest the road, and The Leys Recreation Grounds to hold summer activities, on 4<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> September respectively. The use of the Corn Exchange and Burwell Hall has been requested in case of poor weather conditions.

The requests are quite late, and although small and community driven, members should be aware requests should be received well in advance of the event and would be chargeable. Event plans and risk assessments are also required.

Both areas are available for use, as is Burwell Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> July and the Corn Exchange on the 1<sup>st</sup> September for toilet use and poor weather alternatives as requested. Got2B have asked for access of both Halls until 18:00. Burwell Hall does have an evening hirer on the 4<sup>th</sup> July so the hall would require a deep clean at the end of the use by Got2B. This also impacts their usage requirements as the hiring group requires access from 15:45 which means the latest GOT2B could have hall access would be 14:45.

It's worth noting that Got2B have suggested that they use the area of the Leys opposite the Coffee Shed, this is not normally hired out and all events are usually directed to the showground. (Adjacent to Sainsburys)

### **Environmental impact**

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

### **Risk**

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

All requests for use of land must be treated fairly and consistently.

### **Financial implications**

- The cost of hire at Burwell Hall on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July would be £48.00
- The cost of hire at the Corn Exchange on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September would be £133.50
- The cost of holding an event on town council owned land is £167.50
- The cost of caretakers to attend would be 2 – 4 hours at £9.90 per hour
- The cost of cleaner to attend would be 1 hour at £9.90 per hour

### **Recommendations**

Members are invited to note the report and,

- Consider the requests from Got2b to hold events at Burwell and The Leys Recreation Grounds [and at Burwell Hall & the Corn Exchange] and,
- If agreeable, propose to the Policy, Governance & Finance Committee that the cost of subsidised hire is covered from existing subsidised letting budgets.