

Full Council

Date:	25 April 2017
Title:	Thame Football Partnership Permission Request
Contact Officer:	Graham Hunt, Town Clerk
Purpose of Report	

1. To consider a permission request from Thame Football Partnership.

Ground Improvements

2. Thame Football Partnership (TFP) is looking to submit an application for Planning Permission to South Oxfordshire District Council to install a new artificial pitch. More precise details are awaited. The principle is in line with one option discussed within the adopted Sports Facility Strategy.
3. Lease conditions require Thame Football Partnership to obtain written permission from the Town Council as landlord before proceeding with the application.
4. Meadow View Park located at Church Farm is under lease conditions executed from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) via a Head Lease to Thame Town Council who in turn is landlord via an Under Lease to the Thame Football Partnership.
5. Lease conditions require in turn for Thame Town Council to seek permission from Oxfordshire County Council. The Community Services Manager will submit that request if permission is given to TFP.

Risk Assessment

6. Thame Town Council would be subject to legal consequences if they do not conform with the leases.
7. The adopted Sports Facility Strategy defines other potential locations for the additional artificial pitch within Thame. Other parties may also submit planning applications and then seek allocation of associated s106 funding. Granting permission to TFP to submit a planning application is for the planning application submission only and does not implicitly fix the location.

Legal Powers: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011

Recommendation:

- i) It is recommended that Council agrees to Thame Football Partnership submitting the planning application as stated within this report and for officers to take all relevant steps required by the lease.***