

3. PORRITT PARK AND NUNWEEK PARK – SMOKE-FREE FACILITIES

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Corporate Plan Output: Facilities Leased – Porritt Park	

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for making Porritt Park and Nunweek Park Hockey facilities smoke-free.

A letter has been received from the Executive Director of Canterbury Hockey seeking Council approval to make the total areas within the boundaries of the two facilities smoke-free. Both facilities are now under the jurisdiction of the Canterbury Hockey Foundation Trust. However, the Nunweek facility also houses the Harewood Hockey Clubrooms.

With regard to Porritt Park, the relevant sections of the lease state:

“Smoke-Free Environments Act Application – The lessee shall be responsible for administering the Smoke-Free Environments Act 1990 as it applies to the Property the subject of this lease. In accordance with the Council’s smoke-free policy leased buildings are already designated smoke-free.

Public Use - The Lessee may from time to time make rules for the regulation of the use of the facilities by the public, provided that such rules shall not take effect without the prior approval in writing of the Lessor and shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the relevant statutes, regulations or by-laws.”

The Canterbury Hockey Association has identified an alternative option for Porritt Park if the total site is considered too exclusive. This is to apply the restriction to the buildings and pitch area, but provide a smoking area at either end of the park and on the embankment opposite the stand.

With regard to Nunweek Park the lease also requires the lessor’s approval to make further rules or regulations. The Harewood Hockey Club also has a building within the overall leased area. At this point in time the club has not indicated whether it wishes to become part of the smoke-free area.

A similar application was approved last year for Cuthbert’s Green, which also included naming rights sponsorship.

No application has been received regarding naming right sponsorship for this park.

It is recommended:

1. That, in accordance with clause 12.3 of the Lease agreement for Porritt Park, approval be granted to the Canterbury Hockey Foundation Trust to make Porritt Park smoke-free within the boundary fence and including the grandstand areas.
2. That, in accordance with the lease for Nunweek Park, approval be granted to the Canterbury Hockey Foundation Trust to make Nunweek Park smoke-free within the boundary areas of the park, but excluding the Harewood Hockey clubrooms.

The majority of the Committee considered that the option proposed in the staff report was too restrictive and favoured the alternative option identified by the Hockey Association as outlined in paragraph 5 of this report, which provides for smoking to be permitted in three areas outside the building complex and the pitch area.

- Recommendation:
1. That, in accordance with clause 12.3 of the Lease agreement for Porritt Park, approval be granted to the Canterbury Hockey Foundation Trust to make Porritt Park smoke-free within the buildings, including the grandstand and pitch areas, but excluding smoking areas at either end of the park and on the embankment opposite the stand.
 2. That, in accordance with the lease for Nunweek Park, approval be granted to the Canterbury Hockey Foundation Trust to make Nunweek Park smoke-free within the boundary areas of the park, but excluding the Harewood Hockey clubrooms.

(The Chairman, Councillors Anderton and Buck requested that their votes against recommendation 1 be recorded.)