

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD

<p><b>CMT Officer:</b> Peter Catchpole Section 151 Officer</p>	<p><b>Service:</b> Parks and Open Spaces</p>
<p><b>Lead Officer:</b> Phil Hughes, Head of Leisure Services/SRO March Future High Street Project</p>	<p><b>Delegated Power Being Exercised:</b> Part 3 - Responsibilities for Functions; Tables 4 and 5, Table 4, Para 74: To manage the Council's property and engineering assets. To undertake the Council's asset management functions.</p>
<p><b>Subject of Decision:</b> Estover Park AGP Development Project</p> <p>Funding to support work to further assess the existing situation against planning documentation from the 2017 application, development of designs as required to satisfy the pre-commencement planning terms to allow the development of the full-sized Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) project @ Estover Park</p>	

<p><b>Decision to be taken:</b> As part of the Fenland Inspire! 5 x 3G Pitch programme, FDC will support the Estover Park AGP project pre-development work to address planning conditions regarding the vehicular access to Estover Park and drainage requirements for the site.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> Peter Catchpole, S151 Officer and Finance Director agrees to necessary design works, to a value in the region of £12,000 from the Fenland Inspire! 3G Pitch Project budget, to address pre-commencement conditions for drainage and vehicular access arrangements to Estover Park as part of planning conditions for the development of the AGP at Estover Park – due to commence in summer 2026.</p>
<p><b>Reason for the Decision:</b> A grant from the Football Foundation is expected to cover most of the cost for the development of the new full sized AGP, with March Town Council supporting a further £240,000 for the project.</p> <p>To ensure that the full sized AGP project can move forward smoothly, securing the third-party funding for this very important community project, FDC will carry out design work necessary to address the Planning Agreement's pre-commencement conditions.</p>
<p><b>Alternative Options Considered</b> (if appropriate): N/A - this is a key community project with significant third-party funding shortly to be agreed. Ensuring that all conditions to meet any grant agreement is an important local issue and has the support of Local Elected Members.</p>
<p><b>Background/Reports/Information considered and attached:</b> N/A</p>
<p><b><u>Legal and Procurement Implications</u></b> N/A</p>

**Financial Implications**

Budget from FDC Inspire! programme in place.

Decision Makers Signature:

Peter Catchpole, S151 Officer

Date:

27 January 2026

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