Community and Wellbeing Committee
18 March 2021

PROPOSAL FOR INSTALLATION OF A STORAGE CONTAINER AT COURT RECREATION GROUND

Head of Service:	Ian Dyer, Head of Operational Services
Wards affected:	Town Ward;
Urgent Decision?(yes/no)	No
If yes, reason urgent decision required:	
Appendices (attached):	**Appendix 1 - Photo of container** **Appendix 2 - Proposed location of container** **Appendix 3 - Proposed Letter of Agreement**

Summary

This report outlines the request to install a storage container at Court Recreation Ground for the use of Epsom & Ewell Colts Football Club who have had a Home Ground agreement on this site since 2015. This is subject to the club obtaining the needed permissions with planning consent and the Fields in Trust.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

(1) Agree in principal that a storage container can be placed in Court Recreation Ground. This agreement in principle is based on the condition that Epsom & Ewell Colts Football Club obtain planning permission at their own expense and to gain the authority from the Fields in Trust for the placement of the container within the park.

(2) Provided the above stipulations are met agree to issue an annual licence subject to the Council's terms and conditions for the container located adjacent to the changing rooms within the grounds of Court Recreation Ground for a fee set at £150 per annum which will be reviewed each year within fees and charges

1 Reason for Recommendation

1.1 Epsom and Ewell Colts have been based at Court Recreation Ground since 2015. During this time they have increased membership in all age groups which has resulted in accumulating a large amount of equipment to provide education and health & wellbeing for children and young people.

1.2 They currently store their equipment in their changing rooms, these are now full to capacity and for accessibility and health & safety reasons this is no longer a workable storage solution.

2 Background

2.1 Epsom and Ewell Colts is an FA Chartered Standard Club established since March 2018 with over 700 registered players made up of boys, girls and seniors.

2.2 They have had a Home Ground Agreement at Court Recreation Ground, Pound Lane, Epsom, Surrey KT19 8HG since 2015.

2.3 Epsom & Ewell Colts have a development strategy that enables boys and girls from ages 4 upwards to play football. Due to the increased number of players and teams this has increased the amount of equipment which has led to storage issues.

2.4 To support the clubs future expansion plans they require sufficient storage space for equipment. The proposed storage container would be large enough for the amount of equipment they have.

2.5 The new container would be 27ft by 3ft and located next to the changing rooms (See Appendix 1 & 2) it would be green in colour to blend in with the surrounding environment

2.6 The Head of Operational Services will put in place a Letter of Agreement with a condition in the licence that the user has the appropriate insurance cover for the container and the items stored within.

2.7 The Agreement will include a condition that the container needs to be maintained and if there is any graffiti Infestation on it, that this will be removed and repainted within 5 working days.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Impact Assessment

3.1.1 Prior to installation there will be consultation with the Friends of the Park Group

3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 As the container is in the recreation ground and as with all buildings there may be a risk of graffiti, this will be addressed in the letter of agreement as stated in 1.4 above

3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 None arising from this report.

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None arising from this report.

3.5 Other

3.5.1 None arising from this report.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 There will be no cost to the Council as the club will be purchasing and arranging installation of the container.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments**: None for the purposes of this report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 A letter of agreement between Epsom & Ewell Borough Council and Epsom and Ewell Colts FC and thereafter from year to year.

5.2 **Monitoring Officer's comments**: none arising from the contents of this report.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities**: The following Key Priorities are engaged: Safe & Well, Effective Council

6.2 **Service Plans**: The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

6.3 **Health & Wellbeing Action Plan**: The following objectives are engaged:

To encourage more people to make positive changes to their physical and mental health and to increase activity levels within our under-represented groups

6.4 Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations: None

6.5 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications**: There is no impact under the Sustainability Policy. It will be making the facilities more available for health, wellbeing, and sustainability to the community by allowing the expansion of additional equipment and classes.

6.6 **Partnerships**: Epsom & Ewell Colts FC

7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

- None

Other papers:

- None