

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Making the Decision

Strategic Director – Commercial Development

Recommendation

That a licence to use the Limehurst Depot site as a local testing site for Covid-19 be entered into with the Government at a peppercorn rent, initially for a period of up to 6 months.

Reason

To support the ongoing national testing programme to combat the Covid-19 pandemic.

Authority for Decision

The Strategic Director – Commercial Development has delegated authority to enter into licences and grants of other rights over land where Heads of Service consider the land is of insignificant current or foreseeable use to the Council or would not suffer significant detriment from the grants of rights and the value is under £50,000 (capital) or £20,000 per annum (periodic payment).

Decision and Date



Justin Henry
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24th September 2020

Background

The Government wish to set up a local testing site in Loughborough, and having inspected several potential sites, have determined that the Browns Lane depot is suitable.

Comments from HR

Not applicable.

Financial Implications

Although no rent will be received for the use of the site, it is currently vacant and moth-balled and so there will be no direct financial implications for the Council.

Risk Management

No specific risks have been identified with this decision – the licence agreement includes a provision that the Government will return the site at the end of the agreement in its current state, and that they will provide indemnity for their actions whilst using the site.

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: None