

	<h2>General Functions Committee</h2> <h3>23 June 2015</h3>
Title	Action Taken Under Delegated Powers by an Officer
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	Mill Hill
Status	Public
Enclosures	Appendix 1: Delegated Powers Report 11 June 2015
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<h2>Summary</h2>
<p>This report informs the committee of a decision taken by the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Chairman of the General Functions Committee, in accordance with the urgency provisions in the constitution. The decision was to approve an application received from Finchley Golf Club to be licensed as a venue for marriages and civil partnership registrations, in pursuance of Section 46A of the Marriage Act 1949 and the Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005, together with Section 6 (3A)(a) the Civil Partnerships Act 2004, was made on 11 June 2015.</p>

<h2>Recommendation</h2>
<p>1. That the decision of the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Chairman of the General Functions Committee, on 11 June 2015, as detailed below be noted:</p>
<p>a) Approval of the application received from Finchley Golf Club to be licensed as a venue for marriages and civil partnership registrations for a period of three years from the date of approval.</p>

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 Approval of Premises for Weddings and Civil Partnership Registrations

To notify this committee (being the relevant committee) of the Chief Executive's decision to approve Finchley Golf Club, Nether Court, Frith Lane, Mill Hill NW7 1PU to be a licenced premises for marriages and civil partnership registrations.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The functions relating to the approval of premises under the Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 are delegated to the General Functions Committee. Regulation 3 requires that where the approval of premises is not delegated to the proper officer, the authority should seek and have regard to the recommendation of the proper officer in relation to the application.
- 2.2 Following consultation with the Chairman of General Functions Committee and having had regard to the advice of the proper officer, the Chief Executive determined an application to approve Finchley Gold Club as premises for marriages and civil partnerships using the urgency provisions.
- 2.3 A decision was required within a restricted timeframe owing to the need to make reasonable provision for the business needs of the service. The applicant hoped to facilitate legal ceremonies before the next scheduled meeting of the General Functions Committee.
- 2.4 In line with the council's objective to promote responsible growth, development and success across the borough, the council endeavoured to process the application to widen the local choice of venues for marriages and civil partnerships and to generate additional income.
- 2.5 There was insufficient time to call an urgency committee and thus, In accordance with the urgency provisions, this report seeks to inform the General Functions Committee of the decision taken. The committee is asked to note the decision.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 As per section 4.1 of the delegated powers report attached as Appendix 1.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 As per section 5.1 of the delegated powers report attached as Appendix 1.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 As per section 5.2 of the delegated powers report attached as Appendix 1.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 As per section 5.3 of the delegated powers report attached as Appendix 1.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 As per section 5.4 of the delegated powers report attached as Appendix 1.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 As per section 5.5 of the delegated powers report attached as Appendix 1.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 As per section 5.6 of the delegated powers report attached as Appendix 1.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 As per section 6 of the delegated powers report attached as Appendix 1.