1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Members of an application to revise an existing site licence

1.2 Relevance to the Council’s ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives -

- Corporate Priorities - The Council aims to be a well-managed Council; the licensing system supports this objective.

- Other Considerations -

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 In February 2016 Ribble Valley Country Leisure Park was granted planning permission to create an extension to the existing caravan site to accommodate 30 additional units, informal recreation space, landscaping and associated engineering works.

2.2 The length of the season approved is unrestricted. Planning permission stipulated that the lodges are for the purpose of holiday accommodation only, and shall not be used as a permanent residence.

2.3 The site licence holder shall ensure that a register is maintained and available for inspection by the Local Authority showing details of primary residence of the owner/occupier.

3 ISSUES

3.1 Under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, each Local Authority is responsible for the granting of Site Licences which must be issued after planning permission has been obtained. Once granted, there is no requirement for the renewal of the Licence.

3.2 Local Authorities means of control then lies in the conditions that are attached to the Licence. Examples of these conditions include spacing between hard-standings, minimum road widths, sanitary provisions etc.

3.3 On 2 August 2012, Health and Housing Committee agreed that any future changes to existing Caravan Site Licences shall be reported as information items.

3.4 The site has had an initial inspection by the Council’s Environmental Health Officer and will be revisited later in the year once works have commenced.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
• Resources – No implications identified.

• Technical, Environmental and Legal – The Council has a duty to issue an appropriate licence within 2 months of an application being received.

• Political – No implications identified.

• Reputation – No implications identified.

• Equality & Diversity – No implications identified.

5 CONCLUSION

5.1 Accept the content of the report and note that the Head of Environmental Health Services is to grant a Site Licence in the terms set out in 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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