

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Mike Hill, Cabinet Member

Customer & Communities

DECISION NO.

13/00015

Unrestricted

WHITE HORSE WOOD**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Customer & Communities, I agree to the change of use of White Horse Wood Country Park as detailed in the report and to the letting of the site on a 99-year lease to Greenacres Ltd.

Reason(s) for decision

There is an opportunity for KCC to enter into a long-term lease agreement with the Greenacres Group (formerly Woodland Burial Parks) for White Horse Woods Country Park to be used for natural burials. In return, KCC would take a share in the income, the country park would be extended and there would be new facilities constructed on the site for use by the public. The Country Park would continue to operate, but under the management of Greenacres, rather than KCC. The potential income generation from the arrangement would help to support the county-wide Country Parks provision. The decision is needed to progress with a 99-year lease of the site at White Horse Wood and delegate authority to Director of Property and Infrastructure Support.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation

The Communities Cabinet Committee of 14th March 2013 considered and endorsed the proposed Cabinet Member decision.

Any alternatives considered:

No other suitable alternative uses have been found for White Horse Wood that provide additional customer facilities at no cost to the Council whilst generating an income to help sustain the Country Park service.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

None

Signed 

Date

25 March 2013