

QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

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To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: Cllr Tom Briars Delve

Question (to be no longer than 50 words):

Sue Dann claimed to have used statutory rights when granting exclusive contracts to football clubs on the use of the of Tothill limiting all other users. Why was there no consultation over this or is it who can pay can use?

Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question? Yes

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs)

Firstly, to clarify there are no exclusive use contract provided to football clubs at Tothill and no users are excluded from the site.

Mount Gould FC have a lease for the changing rooms on the Enclosure area. In addition, they have a licence with PCC to allow them use of the pitch throughout the year. The fees they pay are the same as if they were hiring the pitches on a week-by-week basis.

The licence does not mean that the club have exclusive use of this space. The site is still public open space with the same rules around use as for all open spaces in the city. This includes for example the requirement for dogs to be on leads on marked sports pitches but enables users access to the site.