

<b>TO REPORT AUDIT TRAIL</b>				
<b>CONSULTATION</b>				
<b>Name/Position</b>	<b>Portfolio/Ward/ Directorate</b>	<b>Date Sent</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Comments in para:</b>
Councillor David Sheppard	Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and neighbourhood working	13/06/24	13/06/24	Very happy to approve. It tells a really positive story and would be a great legacy for the part we played in the success of the Women's Euros 2022.
<i>Andrew Bramidge</i>	Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment	30/06/24	Click here to enter a date.	
<i>Polly Hamilton</i>	Assistant Director, Culture, Sport and Tourism	30/06/24	03/07/24	Very happy to approve. This supports the legacy of the Women's Euros, inspiring young people to participate in sport and physical activity and strengthening pride in the borough.
<i>Jayne Close,</i> Finance	Finance and Customer Services	01/07/24	01/07/24	6.1
<i>Martin Hughes</i> Head of Neighbourhoods	Regeneration and Environment	01/07/24	01/07/24	Discussed fully; no further comments required.
<i>Philip Horsfield,</i> Legal Services	Legal Services	20/06/24	01/07/24	7.1
<i>Rebecca Price,</i> Human Resources	Assistant Chief Executive's Office	01/07/24	02/07/24	8.1
<i>Karen Middlebrook,</i> Procurement	Finance and Customer Services	01/07/24	02/07/24	6.2
<i>Steve Eling,</i> Equalities	Assistant Chief Executive's Office	20/06/24	01/07/24	10.1
<i>Louise Preston,</i> Climate	Regeneration and Environment	20/06/24	01/07/24	CIA307

<b><u>REPORT APPROVAL TRACKING</u></b>			
<b>Equalities</b>	<b>Initial Screening completed and included with report</b>	YES	
	<b>Full Assessment completed and included with report</b>	NO	Not required
<b>Carbon Impact Assessments</b>	<b>Carbon Impact Assessment completed and included with report.</b>	YES	
<b>Background information</b>	<b>Sub scheme of Delegation - Regeneration and Environment Oct 2022</b> Operational management and maintenance of Parks, Recreation Grounds, Play Areas, Camping, Caravan and Picnic Sites, Allotments, , Country parks, all land held by the Council specifically for public open space and recreation, Countryside Service including the letting of land and premises in collaboration with Asset Management		
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 <i>Equality Impact assessment part A – Pitch renaming.</i> Appendix 3 <i>Climate Impact Assessment – Pitch renaming.</i>		
<b>Cabinet Member Approval</b>	YES	13/06/24	
<b>Report Authorised by Strategic Director</b>	YES/NO (delete as appropriate)	Click here to enter a date.	
<b>Report Authorised for publication by Chief Executive</b>	YES/NO (delete as appropriate)	Click here to enter a date.	

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Delegated Officer Decision – 08 July 2024

**Report Title**

Naming of a football pitch at Rother Valley Country Park after Millie Bright OBE

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No

**Assistant Director Approving Submission of the Report**

Polly Hamilton, Assistant Director, Culture, Sport & Tourism

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**Ward(s) Affected.**

Wales

**Report Summary**

Killamarsh Dynamos football club, which leases pitches from Rother Valley Country Park, wish to rename one of them in honour of Millie Bright OBE, local England football star in conjunction with the Football Foundation.

**Recommendations**

1. That renaming of the pitch is recorded as an officer decision and approved.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Equalities Impact Assessment, Part A  
Appendix 2 Climate Impact Assessment

**Background Papers**

None

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

None

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Naming of pitches at Rother Valley Country Park after Millie Bright OBE**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 Killamarsh Dynamos was founded in 1981 and has leased pitches at Rother Valley Country Park on a 25-year basis from 2017. They operate two full size and two junior pitches, with room for expansion. They are a Charter Standard Development Club with FA qualified coaches and a strong safeguarding ethos. They accommodate 16 teams from U7 to U18, including girls only teams and run several inexpensive weekly training sessions for children and young people in the area.
- 1.2 The Football Foundation is the charity of the Premier League, the Football Association and Government. They deliver grassroots sports facilities to help transform communities where need is greatest. As part of this remit, they are supporting delivery of government plans to rename grassroots football facilities in honour of, and as a legacy of, the England women's team's successes in Euro 2022.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 Mike Atherton, the Chair of the Club, has been approached by the Football Foundation to rename one of the leased pitches in honour of Millie Bright OBE; the Chelsea captain and England star played for Killamarsh Dynamos until age 16, is fondly remembered at the Club and retains close links to the area.
- 2.2 The Club's membership has been consulted widely and is strongly in favour of the proposal.
- 2.3 The land-owning service at Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (Green Spaces, Culture Sport and Tourism, Regeneration and Environment) is fully supportive of this proposal as it reflects a positive legacy of Rotherham's participation in the Women's Euro 2022 tournament. It will promote awareness of the club's inclusiveness amongst young women and schools and reflects the key goal of the service's Cultural Strategy to '*enable everyone to get active, get creative and get outdoors more often*'.
- 2.4 Cllr David Sheppard, the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Social inclusion and Neighbourhood Working has been consulted and is fully supportive of the proposal. The Leader and Ward Members have also been briefed.
- 2.5 Pending approval to enact the name change, the Club and Football Foundation have arranged for Millie Bright to attend site on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 for a photo opportunity linked to the renaming.

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 Not permitting the change would mean no change at the site. This could however jeopardise relations with the Club, who are the prime supporters of the name change. It may also risk the relationship with the Football Foundation and be seen as negative in future funding bids.
- 3.2 Recommendation is to proceed with the name change, as it is strongly supported and has tangible benefits as outlined in 2.3 above

### **4. Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 Killamarsh Dynamos have consulted widely with their members on the proposal. In line with stipulations in their lease regarding any change they wish to make, they have approached the Rother Valley Country Park Manager directly about the desired change and this has been escalated to Head of Service, Assistant Director and Cabinet Member, all of whom are in favour of the proposal.
- 4.2 In consultation with the Neighbourhoods team and Legal services, it is clear that the proposal fulfils the majority of terms of the Council's Land Naming Protocol. In this instance, the changes have been proposed directly to the Council rather than via ward members, who have been made aware of the proposal previously with no objection.

### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 The decision will be implemented on 16th July 2024, in time for the visit to site and official ceremony to celebrate the renaming on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

### **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.
- 6.2 There are no direct procurement implications associated with the recommendations detailed in this report

### **7. Legal Advice and Implications**

- 7.1 Nothing material following discussion

### **8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

## 9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 None

## 10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 The proposal is positive recognition of achieving diversity in football that can be rightly celebrated in Rotherham. It celebrates the role that Rotherham played in hosting a tournament that led to increased opportunities for women and girls to play football within the community, and in schools, setting new standards for creating equal access to sport and physical activity.

## 11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 There are no identified carbon impacts associated with the proposed renaming of the football pitch. CIA307

## 12. Implications for Partners

12.1. None identified

## 13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 In case of end of contractual arrangement, pitches would revert to Council ownership and naming protocols.

## 14. Accountable Officers

Neil Best, Head of Commercial Development and Visitor Experience, Culture, Sport and Tourism

Polly Hamilton, Assistant Director, Culture Sport and Tourism

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	Click here to enter a date.
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.
Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.

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