

Subject: Estates – Hethersett Old Hall – Part Use by Greener Growth CIC

Originator: Head of Estates

Decision no. 49/2025

Reason for submission: For Decision

Submitted to: Sarah Taylor – The Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

Summary:

1. Approval is sought for Greener Growth CIC (Community Interest Company) to use part of the external grounds at Hethersett Old Hall to deliver wellbeing activities focused on horticulture, conservation, food growing and biodiversity.
2. The Learning and Development team proposes granting Greener Growth CIC a one-year rolling licence, with no fee, in exchange for site-enhancing activities.
3. The areas included are the greenhouse, orchard, rear site borders, and rear gardens.



Recommendation:

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to approve the use of the Hethersett Old Hall site by Greener Growth CIC for wellbeing activities.

Outcome/approval by: Sarah Taylor – Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

The recommendation as outlined above is approved.

Signature:



Date: 17/12/2025

Detail of the submission

1. Objective:

- 1.1 To obtain the PCC's approval to the part use of the Hethersett Old Hall site for the purposes of Greener Growth CIC wellbeing activities.

2. Background:

- 2.1 Greener Growth is a Community Interest Company (CIC) that promotes educational and environmental programmes for communities and has worked closely with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) schools, prisons and communities facing rural and social deprivation.
- 2.2 The Learning and Development team based at Hethersett Old Hall wishes to offer Greener Growth CIC the opportunity to undertake their activities on the part external grounds.
- 2.3 This will be for the purposes of delivering Greener Growth wellbeing activities for:
 - Engaging communities through developing horticultural therapy, nature conservation, and food production.
 - Teaching people skills in food growing, nutrition and practical permaculture.
 - Championing the effectiveness of permaculture.
 - Conserving biodiversity and creating opportunities for wildlife enhancement.

3. Areas for consideration:

- 3.1 It is proposed to grant Greener Growth CIC (Company Reg: 8700499) a licence by correspondence to use the site for a term of one year and thereafter year to year.
- 3.2 It is proposed that no licence fee is charged in lieu of Greener Growth CIC undertaking activities which will enhance the Hethersett Old Hall grounds maintenance and site condition on certain defined areas outlined in the licence.
- 3.3 The following areas will be covered by the new licence agreement:

Use of greenhouse space.



Orchard.



Rear Site Borders.



Rear of Building Gardens.



4. Other options considered:

- 4.1 No material other options considered.

5. Strategic aims/objective supported:

- 5.1 Police & Crime Plan 2025-2029: Preventing Crime. Deliver social value activities for the community.

6. Financial and other resource implications:

- 6.1 No material implications.

7. Carbon Emissions and Other Environmental Implications:

Carbon Emissions:

- 7.1 The proposal will have no material impact on the carbon emissions for the Hethersett Old Hall site.
- 7.2 The estimated impact on our carbon emissions that must be reported under current statute from this proposal is:

Emission Categories:	Increase in tCO2	Saving in tCO2
Scope 1 – Fuel – Building Heating	0	0
Scope 1 – Fuel – Transport	0	0
Scope 2 – Electricity	0	0

Environmental Implications:

7.3 The proposal will help to conserve biodiversity and create opportunities for wildlife enhancement.

8. Other implications and risks:

8.1 Greener Growth staff and supervisors using the Hethersett Old Hall site will be subject to police security and vetting requirements.

Originator checklist (must be completed)	Please state 'yes' or 'no'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	Yes – using Legal Services Licence Agreement.
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	No – no material implications.
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes – no material implications.
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes – no material implications.
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes – enhance Social Value.
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	No – none required.
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	No – none Required.
Have sustainability and environmental factors been considered? (e.g. biodiversity, employee commuting, business travel, waste and recycling, water, air quality, food and catering and estates construction)	Yes – will enhance biodiversity on Hethersett site.
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	Yes – No further material implications.

Is this report a Confidential Decision? **No.**

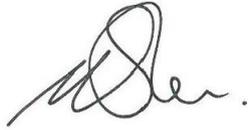
If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the [PCC Decision Making Policy](#)

Approval to submit to the decision-maker (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report, that the recommendations have been reviewed and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:



Date: 18/12/2025

Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

- a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,
Or
- b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,
Or
- c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves
And
- d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signature:



Date: 23/12/2025

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