



<b>Subject:</b>	Pitch Partner Agreements Short Term Extensions
<b>Date:</b>	10 January 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sometime in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	In 2017/18 Council agreed to enter into Partner Agreements with local clubs at 6 of our council sites. The Agreements were for an initial period of 5 years with an option to extend, subject to satisfactory performance by the Agreement holders. The Department has extended all of the Agreements for a further 2 years beyond the initial 5 year period.
1.2	A number of these agreements will now expire before the end of the 2022/2023 financial year and these are listed below:

	Facility	Club	Expiry Date
	Shore Road Playing fields	Grove United FC	8 December 2022
	Woodlands	Co. Antrim GAA	15 December 2022
	Orangefield Park	Bloomfield FC	15 December 2022
	Dixon Park	Sirocco FC	7 February 2023
1.3	To assure continuity of service the Director has extended the Agreements under the Scheme of Delegation and this report is to advise members of the current situation.		
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>		
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note that, under the Scheme of Delegation, the Director has extended the current Partner agreements for the sites at Shore Road Playing Fields, Woodlands, Dixon Park and Orangefield Park until 31 March 2023.</li> </ul>		
2.2	A further report will be tabled with Committee seeking any further extension for all agreements following the confirmation of 2023/24 budgets and linked to the timeframe and outcome of the CAT pilot.		
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>		
	<b>Legal Agreements</b>		
3.1	In 2017 Council agreed to enter into Partner Agreements at the above listed sites..		
3.2	Council is currently developing a new policy regarding the management of assets within the community with a pilot being delivered across a number of sites. One of the sites included in the initial pilot is Ulidia Playing Fields and this site has been assessed using the pilot approach. At their meeting in October, Strategic Policy and Resources committee endorsed this committee's recommendation to transfer the existing Partner Agreement at Ulidia to a long-term lease.		
3.3	It is anticipated that, following review of the CAT pilot process, a number of the sites listed above may also be made available for consideration under new management arrangements. Until that time, and to ensure continuity of service provision, it is intended that the remaining existing Partner Agreements continue until new arrangements are put in place.		
	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>		
3.4	A total of £140,000 is available within revenue estimates for 22/23 to support the delivery of the Sports Development Plans at all the Partner Agreement sites.		

	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments</u>
3.5	None
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None