



Subject:	Henry Jones Playing Fields
Date:	22 nd September 2023
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To update members on a series of security alerts at Henry Jones Playing Fields and to advise of some potential improvement measures identified through a PSNI Crime Prevention visit.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	That members note the update and provide direction in relation to the measures outlined.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	In March 2023 SP&R committee approved the reconfiguration of the Henry Jones Playing Fields site, to retain one soccer pitch and to convert three other soccer pitches into a full-size GAA pitch for use by the East Belfast GAA club.
3.2	Since May 2023, there have been three security incidents at the site, including two suspect devices and an incident of criminal damage to goalposts and netting. These incidents have impacted all users of the site, including East Belfast GAA, Clarawood FC and dog

<p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p>walkers/other leisure users. A nearby Primary School and Nursery have also been impacted.</p> <p>As a result of these incidents, the PSNI's Crime Prevention Team were engaged to assess the site and the current range of preventative and protective measures in place. Accordingly, they have recommended an upgrade to the current CCTV system and also the installation of lighting in the car park. In addition, they have commented on the large number of potential access points along the site perimeter which is currently unfenced.</p> <p>Officers have obtained quotes for the associated works which are as follows:</p> <p>Total cost for CCTV upgrade = £12,000 Total cost for car park lighting = £25,000 Total cost for perimeter fencing = £120,000</p> <p>These costs cannot be met from within normal departmental operating budgets and given that it is capital expenditure, it is suggested that should elected members wish to proceed with some/all of these works, the Director of Finance will review the capital financing budget at the end of Quarter 2 and realign spend in order to provide the necessary finances.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>These costs cannot be met from within normal departmental operating budgets and given that it is capital expenditure, it is suggested that should elected members wish to proceed with some/all of these works, the Director of Finance will review the capital financing budget at the end of Quarter 2 and realign spend in order to provide the necessary finances.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>Henry Jones Playing Fields is used by all members of the community and therefore all would benefit should these measures be approved.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>