



## Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	North Queen Street Community Centre – Holy Family Boxing Club
Date:	11 February 2009
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### Relevant Background Information

Holy Family & Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Club has been a user of facilities at North Queen Street Community Centre since the late 1960s. The Council has managed this Community Centre since the mid 1970s and formalised a Licence Agreement with the Club in 2004.

At this time a rental figure of £7,594 per annum was proposed, based on the Council's Pricing Policy and calculated by the floor area utilised by the Club as a percentage of the Centre's actual annual running costs 2003/4. However, following a deputation by representatives of the Boxing Club, it was agreed to reduce the proposed rental figure to £750 per annum (10% of actual rental figure). The reduction was in recognition of the Club's contribution to both community development and community relations through sport in working with young people and adults from a broad range of deprived neighbourhoods across the City.

### Key Issues

The Licence Agreement in respect of the Boxing Club is now due for renewal. The Licence Agreement will be based on the same terms and conditions of the previous Agreement and will in due course be presented to Committee for approval. In order to proceed with draft Agreement, approval is sought from Committee to:

1. Extend the Licence Agreement for a further five years.
2. Agree an annual rental figure.

**Resource Implications**

An annual rental figure based on the Council's current Pricing Policy and calculated by the area used by the Club as a percentage of actual running costs 2007/8 would be £9882.32. Should the Committee agree to continue with the previously agreed concessionary reduction, the annual rental would be £988.00.

**Recommendations**

Members are requested to:-

1. Approve extending the Licence Agreement in relation to Holy Family & Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Club for a further five years from 1 February 2009.
2. Agree an annual rental figure of either £9,882.32 (as per the Council's Pricing Policy) or agree a concessionary figure, similar to that previously agreed, of 10% of the current rental charge.