



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Extension of Roden Street Development Group's Lease for Grosvenor Recreation Centre
Date:	20 April 2009
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Relevant Background Information

The Client Services (Community & Leisure Services) Committee of 3 November 1998 agreed to transfer control of Grosvenor Recreation Centre to Roden Street Community Development Group (RSCDG) for a period of ten years. The group has successfully managed the facility and developed the programme over this period working in partnership with the Council, local community organisations and a range of statutory agencies.

The terms of the lease allow RSCDG to extend the lease by a further five years with effect from 1 April 2009 provided there has been no breach of terms of the lease. Furthermore the lease stipulates that upon exercising the renewal option the current rent, reviewed and set in 2004 at £12,750, is subject to review. BCC Estates Unit have completed the rent review and the revised rent has been assessed at £17,350.

Key Issues

RSCDG is seeking to exercise the option to extend the lease by a further five years and there has been no breach of the lease terms. BCC estates Unit have revised the rent currently assessed at £17,350

Resource Implications

<u>Financial</u>

Revised annual rent of £17,350

<u>Asset & Other Implications</u>

Grosvenor Recreation Centre remains under the management of RSCDC.
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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee agrees to extend the lease and to the increase in the rent which the Group will pay as set out in the report.
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Abbreviations

RSCDC - Roden Street Community Development Group
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