



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Development Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Facility Management Agreement Synthetic Pitch Grosvenor Recreation Centre
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### Relevant Background Information

The Client Services Committee (Community & Leisure Services Sub Committee) on 3 August 2004 agreed to a Facility Management Agreement between the Council and Roden Street Community Development Groups (RSCDGs) in respect of a new synthetic pitch at Grosvenor Recreation Centre (GRC), subject to sourcing funding and the completion of the scheme (Appendix 1 site map). The site was previously an old hard porous surface in poor condition with limited local usage.

The Client Services Committee (Community & Leisure Services Sub Committee) on 11 January 2005 agreed to accept funding of £634,614 from the Big Lottery New Opportunities Fund for PE & Sport (BLF) towards a new synthetic pitch at GRC. This funding was targeted at modernising sports facilities for school and community use with specific criteria that identified local schools would be eligible for free use during term time.

However, the development of the synthetic pitch and the implementation the Facility Management Agreement was delayed at the request of the Department of Regional Development which required a temporary licence agreement from the Council for the GRC site during the West Link Improvement Scheme 2005/08. The West Link Scheme has been concluded and work has recently been completed on the new synthetic pitch.

Furthermore a Management Lease Agreement has been drawn up in respect to the management transfer to RSCDGs.

**Key Issues**

That the Management Lease Agreement (Appendix 2), as agreed by Council in January 2005, is initiated with the completion of the capital project.

**Resource Implications**Financial

A management fee of £44,400 per annum is paid to RSCDGs sourced from the income generated by the new synthetic pitch. This fee will be subsidised by the BLF 2009/11 by £30,000.

Asset and Other Implications

Council Facility under local Community Management.

**Recommendations**

Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

**Key to Abbreviations**

RSCDGs	Roden Street Community Development Groups
BLF	Big Lottery Fund
GRC	Grosvenor Recreation Centre

**Documents Attached**

Appendix 1	Grosvenor Site Map
Appendix 2	Draft Lease Agreement