

Belfast City Council

Report to Development Committee

Subject: North Queen Street Community Centre – New Licence Agreement to Holy

Family and Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Club.

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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	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. The Club have use of a designated area within the Centre during normal opening hours Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm & 7pm-11pm, Friday 9am – 4.30 pm & 7pm – 10.30pm with additional 'out of normal' hours on Saturday 10am – 1pm.
1.2	The Club's use of the facilities at the Centre was formalised through a Licence Agreement with the Council approved by the Community & Leisure Services Sub Committee on 25 November 2004. A further 5 year licence from 1 February 2009 was then approved by the Development Committee on 14 January 2009. The annual fee payable of £998.00 was agreed at 10% of what would be due if the Council's Pricing Policy was applied. This concessionary rate was agreed in recognition of the Club's contribution to both community development and community relations through sport.
	The current Licence has now expired and the Club have requested a further 5 year agreement.
2	Key Issues
2.1	The Licence Agreement for the facilities used by the Club is now due for renewal. It is intended that a new Licence Agreement would be based on the same terms and conditions as the previous Agreement for a period of 5 years from 1 February 2014.
2.2	A revised rent is proposed of £1,075 per annum which has been calculated using the previous concessionary rate of 10%.

3	Resource Implications

3.1	Finance An increased fee of £1,075 per annum would become payable from 1 February 2014.
3.2	Assets The Council will continue to be responsible for maintenance and repair of the Centre.
3.3	Human Resources Staff resource, primarily from Estates Unit and Legal Services will be required to complete the new Licence.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	There are no Equality or Good Relations issues.

5	Recommendation
5.1	It is recommended that Committee agree to a further Licence to Holy Family and Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Club for a further 5 years from 1 February 2014 subject to an annual fee of £1,075 per annum subject to approval of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in accordance with Standing Orders and incorporation of appropriate terms in a legal agreement to be prepared by the Town Solicitor.

6	Decision Tracking
6.1	The Director of Development to liaise with the Director of Property and Projects with a view to bringing the matter of the new Licence to the next available meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

7	Key to Abbreviations
	N/A

8	Document Attached
	N/A