



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Templemore Users Trust – Renewal of Facility Management Agreement and Request to Make a Presentation to Parks and Leisure Committee
Date:	10 April 2008
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Relevant Background Information

In May 2006, the Council's Community and Leisure Services Sub Committee received a presentation from representatives of the Templemore Users Trust. Within the presentation, the Trust updated elected Members on the potential restoration project proposed for Templemore Avenue Baths.

At this time Members agreed in principle to support the Templemore Avenue Baths Conservation Plan and noted that a further report, detailing the costs which the Council might incur from supporting the plan, would be submitted to the Sub Committee at a future meeting.

The Templemore Users Trust currently hold a 25 year lease in relation to the property, which is due to expire in 2019.

A facility management arrangement was also agreed between the Council and the Templemore Users Trust in 2003 within which the Council offers an annual Revenue and Maintenance Grant and also meets utility and insurance costs. This arrangement requires consideration for renewal in April 2008.

It should be noted that, apart from the lease, no written facility management has been developed in relation to ongoing grant support.

Key Issues

The existing five year financial support arrangement between the Council and the Templemore Users Trust expires on 31 March 2008. Should Members approve

extension of this arrangement, is proposed that current arrangements are extended to cover the period 2008/09 and that a formal facility management contract be drawn up between the Council and the Templemore Users Trust in order that elected Members may consider a longer term arrangement within this context.

In terms of the proposed progression of the Templemore Avenue Baths Conservation Plan, representatives of the Templemore Users Trust have requested permission to make a presentation to a future meeting of the Parks and Leisure Committee in order that Members may be updated in relation to the project.

Resource Implications

Financial

Current financial assistance allowed for within the 2008/09 revenue budget in relation to the facility management of the Templemore Avenue Baths is as follows:

Revenue & Maintenance Grant	£67,000
Buildings Insurance	£5,600
Utility Costs	£60,000
Total	£132,600

Recommendations

It is recommended that Members approve that current financial support arrangements are extended to cover the period 2008/09 and that a formal facility management contract be drawn up between the Council and the Templemore Users Trust.

Key to Abbreviations

None.

Documents Attached

None.