



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Facility Management Agreements - Review Update
Date:	12 January 2012
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1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>In October 2011 Members agreed to a workshop to discuss the findings of the Facilities Management Agreements (FMA) review. In particular to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• understand more of the detail on the current picture of FMAs, and• consider options for a revised new direction <p>The workshop took place on 19 December and the Member information pack circulated for the workshop (including the updated slides) is attached as Appendix 1. It includes a summary of the history of decision making linked to FMAs along with the presentation used at the session.</p> <p><u>Current position</u></p> <p>Nine members attended the workshop and discussed the current system in place, the historical decision making and the wider context of the development of the playing pitches strategy.</p> <p>It was suggested that a scoring matrix to determine viable partner agreements may be the best approach in the future as a consistent approach for the council to apply in order to support partnership working effectively.</p>

2.	Key Issues
	<p>The following issues were raised during the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A general acceptance that the existing system for managing partnership arrangements would require change;• The review should continue to develop an approach inclusive of a scoring matrix which will equitably manage partner requests that are received;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers should continue to explore further strategic partnership working with leagues/ governing bodies in terms of sporting need; • Any future scoring matrix should include areas like partnership working; inclusivity, participation, social value/ benefit, investment; scale of proposal or site; value for money; financial contribution and Members would seek for a weighting to be applied; • All those in attendance agreed that there is a need to manage partner requests effectively to ensure value for money and equitable support to the sporting community. <p>It was determined the best approach was to provide briefings to party groups and prepare a discussion paper including the draft matrix for consideration by Members.</p> <p>It was noted that a wider engagement exercise would be required thereafter.</p>
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3.	Resource Implications
	None further at this time.

4.	Equality and good relations implications
	Not applicable at this stage. Any future proposed agreement route would be subject to equality screening through the council's normal procedures.

5.	Recommendations
	Members are asked to note the contents of this report including the provision of briefings to party groups including discussion of a draft matrix.

6.	Decision Tracking
	None.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	FMA: Facilities Management Agreement.

8.	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: Member information pack and workshop presentation slides