



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Hire Charges for Council Pitches
Date:	11th October, 2016
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager
Contact Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee's attention the Notice of Motion re: Hire Charges for Council Pitches which was referred to the Committee by the Council on 3 October.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider the Motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Council, at its meeting on 3 October, considered the following Notice of Motion which had been moved by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor Heading:</p> <p><u>Hire Charges for Council Pitches</u></p> <p><i>"This Council notes the concerns raised by local football teams over the cost of pitches, including grass, 3G and 4G pitches. Some of our most long-standing service users have indicated that they have had to face a price increase of up to 20-25% over the recent period, with some teams reporting that the price of grass pitches has risen from £30 to £55 over a two year period and 3G pitches from £90 to £120 over a one year period.</i></p>

	<p><i>The Council agrees that this is simply unattainable for many local teams and it is serving to negatively impact upon grassroots football. The Council views it as important that we ensure that these facilities are within the reach of our local teams and, accordingly, agrees that these price increases should be reversed and a re-examination undertaken of pitch pricing policy to ensure that these facilities are accessible to all.”</i></p>
3.2	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
4.1	None.