



<b>Subject:</b>	Request from Hillview Amateur Boxing Club (ABC)
<b>Date:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
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Is this report restricted?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of discussions with Hillview ABC and to seek authority from Members to explore possible options with the club for the provision of a club facility.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Authorise Officers to work with Hillview ABC to establish the feasibility of constructing a boxing facility at Finlay Park and to note that this may require a lease agreement with the club in relation to part of the existing site subject to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee approval and subject to planning approval for use of the site.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	The Committee is asked to note that Hillview ABC currently have no facilities within which to train. They have explored a number of options including Ballygolan Primary School which is located on the Serpentine Road in North Belfast, but owing to factors beyond the control of the Club this option was not deliverable. The Club subsequently identified a disused bungalow on the periphery of the Belfast Zoo. The property is owned by the Council but is in a poor state of repair. Owing again to factors outside of the control of the Club this option could not be delivered within the timescales.

3.2	The Club had secured funding from Sport NI and the former Department of Culture Arts and Leisure. However, this funding has to be expended within the current financial year ending March 2017. It is therefore unlikely that any build project could be delivered within this timescale. The funding cannot be carried forward to a new financial year.
3.3	The Club remains committed to securing premises and has asked the Council to consider the feasibility of constructing a building within the Finlay Park facility. This facility is based on the Whitewell Road in North Belfast and currently consists of a playground, a multi user games area and an area of open space. Appendix 1 contains a site map.
3.4	There are a number of issues to be considered such as suitability, planning, funding, sustainability which need to be addressed. Officers are happy meet with the club and assist it in its quest to secure a fit for purpose building.
3.5	Should the site at Finlay Park prove deliverable, it is proposed that the Council would lease the land to the club, subject to due diligence and approval through Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.
	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>
3.6	There are no financial implications at this time as costs of delivering the project have not been defined. The matter will however require Officer time. A further report will be presented to Committee in due course as discussions continue and options are developed.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.7	There are no Equality Implications at this time.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
4.1	Appendix 1 – Finlay Park site Map