



<b>Subject:</b>	Future Management Arrangements for the pitch and Community Centre at Sally Gardens – Update Report
<b>Date:</b>	12 April 2016
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<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	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 update the Committee on proposals relating to the future Management Arrangements for the pitch and Community Centre at Sally Gardens and specifically on matters relating to the management fee.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	It is recommended that the Committee agree to the payment of the fee to Poleglass Community Association relating to the management of the facilities at Sally Gardens including the community centre and outdoor pitch.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	The Committee is reminded that its meeting on 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2016 it received a report,

	<p>copy attached as Appendix 1. The report noted that, as part of Local Government Reform, land owned by the former Lisburn City Council would transfer to Belfast. This land was adjacent to land owned by Poleglass Community Association (PCA). It was agreed that the Council would acquire the land from PCA and enter into an appropriate management arrangement with the group. The discussions relating to the detail of the agreement are ongoing.</p>
3.2	<p>The Council has, in conjunction with funding from Fold Housing Association and John Mitchells GAC, developed a 3G artificial turf pitch. In the previous report (attached at Appendix 1), paragraph 3.8 refers to discussions between Council Officers and PCA regarding management arrangements. These discussions have concluded that the Council will retain the income from the use of the pitch and will undertake maintenance responsibilities. PCA will manage the whole facility with agreed terms of usage and duties to be undertaken.</p>
3.3	<p>A monthly fee has been agreed for this service and will be subject to review after a 3 month initial period. The final legal agreement will reflect the management of the community centre and the pitch.</p>
3.4	<p>As previously noted, Community Services have assessed the group's proposal to move to an Independent Management Model for the community centre. The current annual grant for this element of the contract will therefore increase in line with other multi-purpose community facility contract arrangements from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.</p>
	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p>
3.5	<p>It is anticipated the income generated from the use of the pitch facility will cover the management fee. It is anticipated therefore that the spend will be cost neutral. The annual revenue grant to support community management of the facility will increase to £55,183 which is within the Community Services revenue budget.</p>
	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.6	<p>No equality impact assessment has been carried out on this proposal.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<p><b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b></p>
4.1	<p>Appendix 1 - Report to People and Communities Committee 9 February 2016</p>