



<b>Subject:</b>	Football Pitch Maintenance at Brantwood Football and Recreation Club
<b>Date:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
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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	At Parks and Leisure Committee on 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2011, approval was given to enter into a legal agreement with Brantwood Football and Recreation Club to carry out routine football pitch maintenance on their pitch subject to a full recovery of the cost. An agreement was put in place for 5 years initially and now has expired. Brantwood continues to require this service and have paid all monies owing to date.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approve an extension to the legal agreement with Brantwood Football and Recreation Club for Council to carry out routine football pitch maintenance on their pitch at the agreed rates.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> Brantwood Football Club is a Football Club based in Jellicoe Avenue, North Belfast. The Club was established in 1901. The club purchased their current ground in 1952 and have a substantial base of support within the area.

3.2	The club plays in the IFA Interim Intermediate leagues and is situated adjacent to Belfast City Council's Grove Playing Fields.
3.3	<p>Previously, legal opinion was sought regarding the additional works and the Assistant Chief Executive and Town Solicitor took the view that we can continue to do the works under Article 10 of the Recreation and Youth Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 which provides that a district council may, either alone or together with another council or any other person:-</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) establish, maintain and manage any recreational, social, physical and cultural activities;</li> <li>b) organise any such activities;</li> <li>c) assist, by financial contributions or otherwise, any person to establish, maintain and manage any such facilities or to organise any such activities;</li> <li>d) provide or assist by financial contribution or otherwise in the provision of, leaders for such activities; and</li> <li>e) defray or contribute towards the expenses of any persons taking part in any such activities.</li> </ul>
3.4	Article 10 (2) provides that a district council shall, in carrying out its functions under paragraph 1, have regard to the facilities provided by other district councils or by other persons.
3.5	Legal Services confirmed that there is no delegated authority for the Director to sign off the proposed Agreement and it would therefore be necessary for Committee approval to be sought.
	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>
3.6	A legal agreement between Belfast City Council and Brantwood Football Club has been prepared including a schedule of rates to carry out the works. The rates specified to carry out the work are based on commercial rates and the income generated to Belfast City Council would be in the region of £5,000.00.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.7	None

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None