



Subject:	Upgrade of Facilities at Orangefield park
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Members on an emerging capital proposal in respect of Orangefield Park and to recommend that this is referred to the SP&R Committee
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The People and Communities Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none">- recommend to the SP&R Committee, in its role as investment decision maker, that the upgrade of Orangefield Park is looked at as part of the Parks Improvement

	<p>Programme which is an existing Stage 1 project on the Capital Programme. This will allow this to be assessed in line with the Council's three stage approval process for all capital projects and will allow it to be aligned with the emerging area planning discussions and other planned and/or emerging capital investments within the area</p>
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p>Members are asked to note that the East Area Working Group (AWG) recently received presentations from 2 user groups from Orangefield Park (Cycling Ireland and Bloomfield Football Club) requesting that Council give consideration to making capital investment in the Park to provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A 3G artificial turf pitch with associated floodlighting and fencing; and 2. A modern outdoor cycle track.
3.2	<p>Members are asked to note that Bloomfield Football Club has previously held a Facility Management Agreement with the Council in relation to the pitches on the site; they currently hold a Partner Agreement which has a further 3 years to run with the option to extend for a further 2 years, i.e. up to 2022/23. The Club, like others, has indicated that it has an aspiration to play at a higher level and would wish to see the site developed to accommodate the needs of local soccer in the area. They believe can be best achieved through a 3G pitch.</p>
3.3	<p>Cycling Ireland, who share the facility, would like to see a modern outdoor cycling track provided by the Council. The existing track is located around the perimeter of the natural turf soccer pitch used by Bloomfield FC. The existing track is showing signs of age and does not provide the accessories associated with such a facility in the modern era.</p>
3.4	<p>The East AWG has asked that the potential of these proposals be looked at. However, as a capital proposal this needs to be referred to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee for consideration in its role as the investment decision maker.</p>
3.5	<p>Members will be aware that there is a limited amount of capital financing available to support capital proposals and that all projects must therefore go through the three stage approval process for all capital projects. It will also be important that these proposals are considered within the context of the emerging thinking around area planning, projects which are currently underway (e.g. Robinson) and/or planned investments in the area (e.g. Avoniel) and emerging proposals (Laburnum Playing Fields)</p>
3.6	<p>At this stage there are no costs associated with this proposal and it is not agreed Council project. Members are further asked to note that neither Club has funding for the proposed projects. Members may be aware that Sport NI intend to open a Multi facilities fund in 2018 which will target sites which offer at least 4 different sporting facilities. Potentially this could</p>

<p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p>	<p>provide a contribution of up to £1m for successful applications; however details of the fund will not be available until Spring 2018. In addition, there may be other sites within the City boundary which may be eligible for such funding.</p> <p>It is therefore recommended that the upgrade of Orangefield Park is referred to the SP&R Committee, in its role as investment decision maker, and is looked at as part of the Parks Improvement Programme which is an existing Stage 1 project on the Capital Programme. This will allow an SOC to be carried out as a first step which will look at the requirements, options, need etc. Members will be kept up to date of progress.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p><i>Financial</i> – To be agreed by the SP&R Committee</p> <p><i>Resources</i> – Resources will be required to work up the proposal if this is agreed by the SP&R Committee</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>No implications arising</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>