



Subject:	Suffolk FC – Request to construct a 100 seat spectator stand.
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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 the report is to inform Committee that the Council has received a request from Suffolk Football Club to seek permission to erect a modular 100 seat spectator stand within the Suffolk Playing Fields.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note the report and to agree that the Council agree to a licence agreement with the Club, subject to approval by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, to

	<p>permit to install the proposed stand, this will be subject to the club securing the necessary funding, securing the necessary statutory approval including planning consent and providing adequate insurance cover. The Licence will also run co-terminously with the existing Facilities Management Agreement.</p>
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p>Suffolk Football Club currently operate under a 7 year Facilities Management Agreement as agreed by the former Parks and Leisure committee at its meeting on 11 April 2011. This agreement is scheduled to terminate in July 2019. Members will note from the reported attached as Appendix 1 that the club had secured funding to install drainage on the pitch and bring it back in to use.</p>
3.2	<p>The Club has aspirations to gain promotion to higher leagues and within this context have sought funding through the Alpha Programme to provide the 100 seat spectator stand which will upgrade the facility and improve the spectator experience. The Club has advised that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The cost of the proposed works is £40,500 (excluding VAT), the cost will be met through funding from the Alpha Programme and the Club; 2. The preferred location is as indicated in Appendix 2; Appendix 3 illustrates the stand; 3. It will own the structure and will be responsible for its maintenance, upkeep, management and insurance cover; 4. It will be responsible for securing planning consent and other statutory approvals as necessary and will undertake the project management of the installation.
3.3	<p>The Club has asked that the Council consider granting consent, in the form of a licence to use, to enable the installation of the structure on Council land, subject to securing funding and securing the necessary statutory approvals including planning.</p>
3.4	<p>The proposed location of stand has no impact on the operation of the pitch and does not infringe on the enjoyment of the site. This is a piece of land which backs on to the former primary school site and is largely unused. The proposal has no cost implications for the Council and the Council has in the past looked sympathetically on proposals from Clubs seeking to invest in and enhance the facilities.</p>

<p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p>	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no financial implications.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no implications.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 - Copy of previous Committee Report dated 11 April 2011</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Copy of site drawing showing approximate location of structure</p> <p>Appendix 3(a) & (b) - Illustrative drawings of the proposed structure.</p>