



Subject:	Review of Management Arrangements for the pitch at Sally Gardens
Date:	9 th June 2020
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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	<p>Members will recall in at People and Communities Committee in August 2019, the following was agreed in respect of the pitch management arrangement at Sally Gardens Community Centre.</p> <p>i. To extend the current management agreement in respect of the 3G pitch and changing pavilion to 31st March 2020 in line with other BCC revenue contracts with the group;</p>

	<p>ii. That a review of arrangements is carried out in advance of this period ending to determine the effectiveness of the arrangements and recommend future requirements.</p>
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to delegate authority to the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services to extend the existing pitch management arrangement with Sally Gardens on a month by month basis until the wider review of CNS departmental assets is completed and Committee have made a decision on the way forward.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	The Committee is reminded that at its meeting in August 2019, it received a report which set out the current arrangements agreed under Local Government Reform in respect of the pitch management arrangement at Sally Gardens Community Centre.
3.2	Previously, Committee approved a pilot management arrangement in respect of the newly constructed 3G artificial turf pitch, with an extension agreed in August 2019 to enable a wider review of CNS asset management arrangements to take place.
3.3	The opening and closing of the new changing pavilion and pitch is undertaken by the Association who also clean the facility. Maintenance is a Council responsibility.
3.4	While satisfied with the arrangement, the Association stated that the short term nature of the agreement creates an element of uncertainty and as such it is unable to fully plan ahead. Whilst this is acknowledged, Members have previously agreed a wider review of CNS asset management arrangements is needed before a final decision can be made on the long term future of this arrangement.
3.5	However, given the pressure on Officer resources due to COVID-19, the wider review on CNS departmental asset management arrangements is not complete and not likely to complete in the immediate future.
3.6	It is therefore, requested that authority is delegated to the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services, to extend this arrangement on a month by month basis until a final position is taken by Council on wider CNS departmental asset management arrangements.

3.7	<p>The monthly management fee of £3,666 includes match bookings. Bookings and income are processed through the Council's Pitch Booking line. An agreed method is in place to deal with last minute bookings on site.</p> <p><u>Finance & Resource Implications</u></p>
3.8	<p>The monthly management fee has been incorporated within the area budget and includes management of the new pavilion.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.9	<p>There are no known Equality or Good Relations/Rural Needs Assessment issues associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None