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Dear Ryan

On 8 January 2019, People & Communities Committee considered a report on the Partner Agreement with Rosario YC in respect of Ulidia Playing Fields.

The Committee agreed to pay Rosario up to £2000 per month for 2019-20 for staff costs for the management of Ulidia, due to extended hours of operation and other factors. The Committee agreed that the required expenditure could be met from in-year departmental budgets.

The Committee were also supportive of Rosario's long-term goal which was and is to secure a long-term lease for Ulidia. Rosario submitted a business case to Council officers in September of 2019. Subsequently there have been discussions about a Community Asset Transfer to achieve this, and both Council and DfC are supportive, but progress has stalled due to COVID.

From the start of August Ulidia has been fully operational. The grounds have been staffed by the 2 part time staff and a team of volunteers. The additional requirements of the various Covid 19 protocols have created the need for a considerable extra resource to ensure the safe use of the site.

Rosario have ensured maximum safe usage of the facility within the community and provided over 120 hours per week for site supervision, maintenance and administration.

Given that there is broad support from all parties and stakeholders involved in the Community Asset Transfer process, we would formally ask Council to continue with the £2000 per month payment pending the successful conclusion of this initiative.

Regards

Danny