

DUNOON PLAYING FIELDS AND SPORTS STADIUM

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Dunoon benefits from a comprehensive outdoor sports facility at the Black Park site. The facility comprises of a running track, 4 x 5 a-side all-weather pitches (cages) which are currently leased by Dunoon5s at no cost to the council and a number of grass pitches. An overall management plan for the coordination of the site is being drafted by officers to provide clarity for all.
- 1.2 Discussions continue to provide a better understanding of user requirements and expectations in relation to the stadium .
- 1.3 Further consultation between the Stadium User Groups to determine the best way forward for the “cages” and a comprehensive business plan developed for both the Black park area and the “cages” within the site. This will include bringing forward proposals for the future management of the 5 a-side cages.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members note the contents of this report and note discussions regarding the facility as a whole.

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3.0 SUMMARY

- 3.1 The purpose of this report is to provide further details to Members with regards to options for operating the five-a-side all weather pitches and other facilities at Dunoon Stadium.
- 3.2 To advise members that work is underway to produce Service procedures for this and other Amenity Services operated and managed facilities to provide clarity for all.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That Members note the contents of this report and note discussions regarding the facility as a whole.

5.0 DETAIL

- 5.1 A&BC and Dunoon 5s have agreed a rolling monthly extension to the previous agreement to manage the "cages" at Dunoon Stadium.
- 5.2 Amenity Services are working on a suite of Service Procedures for Dunoon Stadium. These procedures will provide clarity for clubs, referees, and groundsmen on general provision and availability of grass pitches. The content will set out clear guidelines on match and training pitch availability and include a number of compromises when inclement weather may be a factor in deciding pitch availability. The service procedures shall extend to other areas within Argyll and Bute to deliver operational continuity .
- 5.3 The pricing policy been included in papers to Budget meeting 11 February 2016 with a standard 3% increase.
- 5.4 To date (14 January 2016) The clubs have not offered a business plan , the offer of Support from Economic Development remains in place with regards to assistance to identify relevant funding streams and support in applying for grants etc.

6.0 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 It is agreed that the general stadium facility is operating well and that feedback from clubs is generally positive in terms of the condition of playing surfaces. The existing lease was extended on a monthly basis without financial support from Argyll and Bute Council . This will allow the Sports Hub Officer / Amenity Services and Economic Development officers to create service procedures and a general users guide.. .

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Policy: Potential Third Sector Transfer Support . Introduction of Service procedures for clarity for all.
- 7.2 Financial: Future implications to Amenity Services
- 7.3 Legal: Asset transfer of facility/Minute of Agreement
- 7.4 HR: Clarity of service procedure for groundsman, clubs, and match officials
- 7.5 Equalities: Clarity of service procedure for groundsman, clubs, and match officials
- 7.6 Risk: Long term financial sustainability of facility should the existing ad hock arrangements continue. Provision of a holistic management arrangement for the facility in its entirety and the various user groups will help to provide a sound frame work under which the facility can be run in the future.
- 7.7 Customer Service: Clarity of service procedure for groundsman, clubs, and match officials

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