

CABINET DECISION RECORD – 22 OCTOBER 2019

Title of Report	Playing Fields, Outdoor Sports Facilities and Parks Pavilions
Decision Made	<p>That Cabinet approved the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reduction in grass cutting for roadside verges and open grassland from 7 to 5 times a year • Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member - Communities of approval of identified area where grass cutting can be discontinued. • Discontinuing grant arrangements and regularising existing lease arrangements with Bowls Clubs to reflect the principles of full cost recovery. • Increasing fee charges from September 2020 to users of facilities, with Appendix E to the report being used as a general guide to costs presently (with actual costs being determined at a future date) in the event where facilities do not form part of a Community Asset Transfer (CAT). • Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member - Communities of approval for a separate strategy for Newbridge fields. • With regards to the Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) attached at Appendix D to the report and, in particular page 126/127 of the EIA, where reference is made to responses to the consultation where it was suggested that there may be an impact arising from the report's recommendations on child development, health and anti-social behaviour, with any such impact specifically relating to both "younger and older persons in society," a fund be set aside for this category of users to provide continued support for their access to facilities. This will assist in addressing any potential concerns the proposals may have on this category of user, including any detrimental effect on their future health and wellbeing. A further report will be presented to Cabinet at the earliest opportunity, outlining the detail of this fund and the users it will support. • Noted that officers will continue to promote Community Asset Transfer of children's play areas to relevant Town and Community councils.
Date Decision made	22 October 2019
Reasons for that decision	To achieve savings aligned to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).
Personal Interests Disclosed	None.
Dispensation Granted by the Council's Standards Committee	None.
Consultation undertaken prior to the decision	Legal, Finance and the relevant Cabinet Member.