

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE –31 JANUARY 2006

THE LETTING POLICY FOR COMMUNITY USE: ADDITIONAL CHARGING CATEGORY

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek Committee approval to add a new category of charge in relation to the Letting Policy as a result of the opening of synthetic playing surfaces.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Education Committee has received previous reports from the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services regarding a successful bid to NOF and SportsScotland for new synthetic pitches. These pitches are nearing completion in Drongan and Cumnock and consideration requires to be given to the arrangements for community use.
- 2.2 It is therefore proposed to establish a new category of let charge for these playing surfaces.

3. PROPOSED REVISION TO THE LETTING POLICY

After benchmarking with other Local Authorities and Private Sector Organisations it is proposed to charge the undernoted rates.

- 3.1 It is proposed to charge the undernoted rates:

Small playing surfaces (20m x 40m)	£25.00 per hour (adults) £12.50 per hour (juveniles under 16)
Large playing surface (60m x 40m)	£50.00 per hour (adults) £25.00 per hour (juveniles under 16)

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Separate cost centres will be organised to allow the accurate monitoring of income and expenditure. All income will be administered through Community Learning and Development.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** This amendment to charges is in line with the Council's policy of charging for services.

7.0 COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The development of synthetic surfaces will promote the inclusion of young people and adults in physical activity. This supports the Improving Health Theme of the Community Plan.

7.1 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1** It is recommended that the Education Committee:

- (i) agree implementation of the new category of charge; and
- (ii) note the content of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Education Committee 25 May 2005 : New Opportunities for P.E. and Sport
2. Education Committee 14 September 2004 : New Opportunities for P.E. and Sport update

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