

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 4 SEPTEMBER 2002

SCHOOL SPORTS PITCHES

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to respond to Northern Area Local Committee members' enquiry regarding the regular use of school pitches and their accessibility.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Local Committee on 15 May information was requested by the community representatives on the use of school pitches.

3. REPORT

- 3.1 School Pitches are let as part of the Council's Letting Policy, copy attached as Appendix 1. The Letting Policy seeks to recognise those groups and organisations that the council wishes to support in kind through subsidised access to facilities and establishments.
- 3.2 Within the Northern Area Local committee area, the only school pitches used regularly are located in Stewarton Academy campus.
- 3.3 The Stewarton pitches have been used by one organisation and usually booked twice per month. The Group are charged as Category 5.

4. FINANCIAL /LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Support to the voluntary and community sector is compatible with the Council's Core Values, Partnership Agreement and the principles of participation and involvement through Social Inclusion.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 Members of the Local Committee are asked to:
- (i) note the contents of the report.

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29 July 2002
SCHOOL SPORTS PITCHES/SB

Category 1 - Special Commercial Events - Negotiated Rate

Any Special Events run on a commercial basis; for example Commercial concerts or Commercial dances i.e. large scale events

Category 2 - Standard Commercial Events - Full Economic Rate (FER) plus 15%

All commercial lets run for financial gain or profit by individuals or commercial organisations; for example Sales, exhibitions or fairs, fashion shows.

Category 3 - Fund-raising and Social Events - 50% of FER

Community or private events run for social, not financial gain; for example weddings, birthday parties, organisation's social events

Fund-raising events run by youth, voluntary, charitable and not for profit organisations.

Recreational commercial lets run on a regular basis targeting young people

Departmental use outwith the letting plan

MP surgeries

Councillors surgeries outwith the establishment's letting plan

Category 4 - Parents Groups fund-raising - 20% of FER

Fund-raising events run by Parents Organisations in support of their school activities - a maximum of 2 per year per school.

Category 5 - Regular meetings - 10% of FER

Within the establishment's letting plan :

- Regular community group lets e.g. mother and toddlers, sports groups, school activities youth groups, community councils, church groups and community group committee meetings;

Meetings of political groups (including business of political parties) and trades unions

Category 6 - Priority Areas, as identified in Regeneration Strategy - 50% of Cat 5 Charge

all groups named above in Category 5

Category 7 - 100% Remission of rate

departmental use of their own premises, within the letting plan

councillors surgeries within the establishment's letting plan.

Elections

In respect of the use of Council premises for all elections, charges will be set in accordance with National Provisions in force.

Charges

Large Units - including assembly halls, main halls dining halls, games halls, theatres, lecture halls and swimming pools.

- £37 per hour

Medium Units - including small halls, gymnasias and kitchens

- £31 per hour

Small Units - including classrooms, general purpose rooms, meeting rooms,

workshops, dressing rooms and staff rooms

- £26 per hour

NB Any additional janitation/cleaning costs will require to be charged separately.

AGENDA