

REPORT FOR: CABINET

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| Date of Meeting: | 19 July 2012 |
| Subject: | Prince Edward Playing Fields Amendment to Lease Terms to Permit Playing of Professional League Football Matches |
| Key Decision: | Yes |
| Responsible Officer: | Andrew Trehern, Corporate Director Place Shaping |
| Portfolio Holder: | Councillor Thaya Iddaikadar, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contracts Councillor Keith Ferry, Portfolio Holder Planning and Regeneration |
| Exempt: | No |
| Decision subject to Call-in: | Yes |
| Enclosures: | Appendix 1 – The Hive Football Centre - Consultation Leaflet Appendix 2 – Barnet Football Club Statement Appendix 3 - Barnet Football Club – Barnet FC and Harrow Council a Winning Partnership |

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the background to the development of the Prince Edward Playing Field, as The Hive Football Centre and seeks determination of Barnet Football Club's request, for Professional League Football Matches, to be allowed to be played at the facility.

Recommendations:

- 1) Agree that Professional League Football Matches may be played at the Prince Edward Playing Field, subject to agreement in respect of, the conditions shown in Option 3 of the report and Commercial Terms.
- 2) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director Place Shaping, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contracts, and the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration, to negotiate and determine necessary interventions and mitigation measures, to minimise as far as is reasonably practical, adverse impacts on the locality and to implement all necessary amendments to the Lease and the associated Service Level Agreement.
- 3) Note that the amendment to the Lease will permit Barnet Football Club to use PEPF – The Hive, as their Home Ground, and that the amendment to the lease will apply solely to Barnet Football Club and may not be assigned.
- 4) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director Place Shaping, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and the Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contracts, to negotiate and determine commercial terms with the tenant, and to implement all necessary amendments to the Lease and the associated Service Level Agreement.
- 5) Note that the amended Lease and Service Level Agreement will not be completed, until all outstanding Planning issues have been resolved.

Reason: (For recommendation)

To secure the further development of the Prince Edward Playing Fields – The Hive, as a football centre of excellence and hospitality venue, for the benefit of the entire community of Harrow and to help stimulate growth in the local economy.

Section 2 – Report

Background

On 3 August 2006, Cabinet approved Barnet Football Club's, 'Football First', proposal for the development and operational management of the Prince Edward Playing Field (PEPF), as a sports complex and football stadium, with ancillary leisure uses.

A Development Agreement was completed between the Council and Football First Ltd, on 25 July 2007, which was amended on 28 October 2008.

Planning Permission for, 'an enlarged football stadium and club house, flood lights, games pitches, banqueting facilities, health and fitness facilities, internal roads and parking, was granted on 8 April 2008.

On 16 March 2010, a lease for 125 years was completed, between the Council and Football First Ltd, as the Tenant, with Barnet Football Club Holdings Ltd providing surety to the lease.

There have been other planning applications in respect of the hours of operation for flood lighting, flag poles and the establishment of a sport injury clinic, which were approved. A planning application for a groundsman's house and store was refused.

Conditions in respect of hard and soft landscaping remain outstanding, and will be required to be fully resolved, before any amended lease, if approved, is completed.

A planning application to replace a temporary permission, which expires on 30 June, in respect of the permitted hours for use of flood lights, has been received.

The Local Development Framework Core Strategy, which was adopted by the Council in February 2012, includes a number of relevant references:-

- Continue to promote PEPF as a centre of sports excellence.
- Maintain community access to sport and recreational facilities and encourage enhancement.
- PEPF will be maintained as an important sporting destination and opportunities for enhanced community access will be sought, whilst ensuring that its function as a flood storage area is not affected.
- Support development that contributes to the vitality of Kingsbury and Queensbury Centres.
- The area benefits from reasonable access to open spaces, and accommodates Barnet Football Club's training centre and footballing centre of excellence, The Hive, on PEPF. The Council will continue to support this significant investment which provides important opportunities for community access to high quality facilities and local participation in sport. The continued use and development of PEPF will need to retain the flood storage capacity currently provided on the site.

- Completion of The Hive sport development and maintaining community access to sports facilities at The Hive, are clearly stated infrastructure development requirements.

Current Situation

Barnet Football Club have submitted a formal request to the Council, for amendment to the Lease of PEPF.

Put simply, Barnet Football Club requires the Council's permission for Professional League Football Matches to be played at PEPF.

The lease which was completed on 16 March 2010 incorporates a clause which discourages Barnet Football Club, from making a request in respect of this matter, until the expiry of a period of five years, from the date on which the lease was completed.

Barnet Football Club have advised that access to the club's stadium, at Underhill, in the London Borough of Barnet, is dependent on a lease of property by Barnet Council.

Barnet Football Club have advised, that Barnet Council are unwilling to renew the necessary lease, from the commencement of the football season 2013/14.

Barnet Football Club have therefore submitted a request to the Council (Harrow), asking that the 'Stadium' at PEPF, be authorised for use for Professional League Football Matches, during the term of the Lease. If approved, Barnet Football Club will locate their 'Home Ground' at PEPF – The Hive.

Barnet Football Club have indicated that agreement of this request, 'will allow a higher level of investment in PEPF and ensure the future of Barnet Football Club.'

The Hive has been operating successfully for approximately two years. The Hive management have advised, that almost 100,000 people used the facilities at the site, during its last full year of operation.

The outdoor pitches and changing facilities which have been established to date, are recognised as being some of the very best in London. Barnet Football Club are currently working on the completion of the hospitality facilities and sports injury clinic.

There have been some concerns raised by local residents, particularly regarding obstructive parking and anti-social behaviour on the part of a very small number of the facility's customers. Notwithstanding this, the first two years of operation are considered by Officers and Barnet Football Club management to have been successful.

The Hive management have established a Residents Forum, which meets six times a year at The Hive. The Hive management intend that this group should be used to discuss the ongoing development of the facilities at The Hive and importantly issues raised by local residents, so that these can be resolved in an effective and timely way.

There is one significant regulatory issue which remains outstanding and is the responsibility of Football First Ltd to resolve. Planning conditions in respect of landscaping have not been complied with. At the time of drafting this report, submission of the necessary plan(s) was still outstanding. It has been made abundantly clear to Barnet Football Club that implementation of any approval by Cabinet, to allow Professional League Football Matches, will be dependent, in absolute terms, on regulatory compliance, and in particular discharge of the outstanding planning matters.

The Lease provides for Wealdstone Football Club, First Team, to play matches at PEPF, on reasonable commercial terms. The request by Barnet Football Club, if approved, will not result in any variation to this Lease clause.

Options Considered

1) Refuse the Request

The Council can refuse Barnet Football Club's request, stating that we wish the Phase 1 Development of The Hive, including the approved stadium and hospitality facilities, to be completed and established in the locality, prior to implementing any material change to the lease.

If this course of action is implemented, and Barnet Football Club have to leave Underhill from the end of the 2012/13 football season, it is likely that they will find a new venue for their club, with potentially limited prospects for consideration of this request at a future date.

This option is not recommended by Officers.

2) Approve the Request

Approve the request for Professional League Football Matches to be played at PEPF for the term of the lease.

It is not considered appropriate to provide wide ranging and unrestricted use of The Hive, for Professional League Football Matches, until the year 2135.

Much could happen over this extended period of time and it is essential that the Council retains control, as envisaged at the time that the lease was completed.

This option is not recommended by Officers.

3) Approve the Use of PEPF, by Barnet Football Club for Professional League Football Matches, subject to:-

- An initial ten year approval, i.e. for football seasons 2013/14 to 2022/23.
- Barnet Football Club resourcing all necessary interventions, as required by the Council, to mitigate and manage identified adverse impacts on the locality. Initial interventions will be identified by the Council prior to the change in the lease.

- Agreement in respect of commercial terms, including the additional community benefits to be realised in Harrow and binding contractual commitments to resource all necessary interventions.
- Discharge of all outstanding planning conditions.
- Ongoing compliance with all relevant regulations.
- The establishment and maintenance of an advisory group comprising representatives of Barnet Football Club, Harrow Council and local residents, to monitor the effects of Professional League Matches on the local community. The advisory group may identify additional measures, from time to time, to mitigate and manage any adverse impacts on the locality, e.g. traffic management interventions. Agreed Implementation of these measures to be resourced by Barnet Football Club.
- The use for Professional League Football Matches to be restricted in absolute terms, to Barnet Football Club home matches only. There will be an absolute restriction on assignment of this approval to any other league football club.

This option is recommended by Officers.

The approach recommended provides an appropriate balance between Barnet Football Club's reasonable expectation for certainty over a reasonably extended period of time, set against the need for the Council to ensure that the interest of the local community are not unreasonably adversely impacted, if Professional League Football is played at The Hive.

Why Change is Needed

Harrow Council is in a long term partnership, 125 years, with Barnet Football Club.

Current arrangements have enabled the establishment of superb modern football facilities, which have been utilised to good affect since The Hive opened for business.

The location of the entire Barnet Football Club operation at PEPF The Hive, is expected to result in a substantial strengthening of the overall management arrangement of this superb football facility, which is expected to result in substantial economic and community use benefits for the entire community of Harrow.

Benefits of a Local Football Club – Comments of the Head of Economic Development

Football is a social business and clubs are social institutions as well as financial and sporting ones, and many football clubs are aware of the wider role they can play in local communities and the social benefit they can generate.

Relationships have developed between clubs, local businesses, residents, community groups, schools, Councils, Police and other stakeholders. The majority of football clubs do not have a global presence and these smaller clubs rely on the support of local communities and businesses to exist.¹

¹ *The Social and Community Value of Football, Supporter Direct, 2010, a research project about the social and community value of football*

The Football League say that their “clubs have always been at the heart of their communities”² and the Premier League likewise have argued that their clubs – and football more generally - delivers significant community benefits: "Football is a fantastic vehicle to engage people who otherwise might slip through the net in a wide range of areas, particularly health, education, social inclusion and inequality."³

The benefits can be divided as follows:

Community Benefits

- Access to use of club facilities and services by the local communities including to disadvantaged groups.
- Links with community groups, schools and colleges.
- Promote of sport and good health to communities.
- Local resident membership and attendance.
- Ticketing policy with local preference schemes.
- Involvement of leading staff in local initiatives, forums and networks.
- Partnerships with the Council, Police, health, etc
- Developing supporter volunteering schemes.
- Broadening ownership structures and inclusion of local community interests in governance structures.

Some of these benefits are dependent on the club undertaking ‘direct’ community interventions as part of their community schemes. Whilst such community schemes have for some years delivered targeted intervention work with local groups, there have been very few assessments of the role clubs themselves play in terms of social and environmental impact, something that is increasingly common in other businesses.⁴

However, some of the potential economic benefits to an area are as follows:

- Local employment and training opportunities.
- Match day income to the area from visitors to game.
- Procurement opportunities for local companies.
- Additional conference and banqueting facilities which can be promoted to business users.
- Raised profile of borough with an additional leisure attraction.

² <http://www.football-league.co.uk/page/FAQ/FAQsDetail/0,,10794~1356598,00.html>

³ Premier League, *Creating Chances, Community Report 2007/08*

⁴ *The Social and Community Value of Football, Supporter Direct, 2010, a research project about the social and community value of football*

Consultation

Ward Councillors

Consultation meeting was held with the Ward Councillors representing Stanmore Park, Canons, Belmont, Queensbury and Edgware Ward on 23 May 2012.

The Chairman of Barnet Football Club gave a presentation and answered questions at the meeting which was also attended by the portfolio Holder Planning and Regeneration and the Corporate Director Place Shaping.

The key issues raised at this meeting included:

- Concerns regarding existing traffic flows, congestion and anti-social parking on Whitchurch Lane, which is exacerbated by Wembley events, and will be compounded if Barnet FC is based at The Hive.
- Concerns regarding traffic flows and congestion on Camrose Avenue
- Concerns regarding existing problems with parking within the locality
- Concerns that parking charges for use of The Hive car park results in on street parking
- Requirement for controlled parking on match days with effective enforcement
- Concerns that travel plans are not always effective, need to be subject to regular review and must be appropriately resourced
- Concern that use of The Hive by Barnet FC is likely to be a temporary solution only because the space available for the stadium is not sufficient to allow the club to grow
- Essential that use of the PEPF car park is maximised
- Requirement for a programme which benefits the Harrow community and for this to be a contractual agreement
- Concerns that Phase 1 of The Hive development is not yet complete and therefore the full impact on the local community is not clear
- Concern that Wealdstone FC may lose out if this arrangement is approved
- Requirement to be absolutely clear of the likely impact on each individual ward surrounding PEPF
- Requirement to recognise the impact of additional use of Queensbury tube station which is in zone 4
- Impact of spectator departure on the locality at the end of football matches
- Impact on Police resources and if local resources are stretched concerns about the potential for increased crime and anti-social behaviour

- Concerns about litter and noise
- Concern that the landscaping works have not been completed as required by planning conditions and the Council's failure to take appropriate and effective enforcement action
- Requirement to assess the impact on Whitchurch Lane and determine appropriate measures for mitigation which can be supported by residents and the local businesses
- Concern about the cumulative impact of all other developments within the east of the Borough
- Work to implement the CPZ must commence prior to professional League Football Matches being played at PEPF
- The Lease must include robust clauses requiring Barnet FC to minimise disruption for local residents, including noise, litter, parking, etc
- The Council must ensure that enforcement resources are deployed in an effective way to deal with any problems that may occur
- An innovative and flexible approach needs to be taken in respect of vehicle footway crossovers and issue of residents CPZ permits

Residents Association

Consultation meeting was held with the Secretary of the Canons Park Residents Association (CAPRA) and a member of the William Ellis Residents' Association on 23 May 2012.

The Chairman of Barnet Football Club gave a presentation and answered questions at the meeting which was also attended by the portfolio Holder Planning and Regeneration and the Corporate Director Place Shaping.

The key issues raised at this meeting included:

- Delivery of the leaflets did not cover a wide enough area
- Existing difficulties associated with parking on Whitchurch Lane, in particular on Sundays
- Existing parking issues, associated with Wembley events, in particular impacting Whitchurch Lane
- Concerns in respect of disruption to traffic flows and the impact of congestion on the locality
- Concerns regarding spectator travel from Barnet – there are no good public transport links

- Concerns that existing arrangements for parking enforcement are not effective
- Concerns regarding the combined impacts of other developments in the area, including Honeypot Lane, Whitchurch Lane and Stanmore will place undue strain on local infrastructure and local services to the detriment of the local community
- Concerns about the future of Wealdstone Football Club
- Concerns about the stadium being used for a wide range of events and festivals
- Uncertainty about the likely duration of the use by Barnet FC as the club home ground
- Concerns that if Barnet FC do well, spectator numbers will increase, leading to requirement for a 10,000 seat stadium
- Significant concern regarding the outstanding landscaping works and because of this a concern that residents may not be able to trust Barnet Football Club
- Concerns that the existing buns on the PEPF site are causing rain water run off into adjoining gardens
- Concern that the potential development of the Canon Station car park will exasperate already difficult parking problems
- Agree that a match day control parking zone was probably a good idea
- Would not accept any suggestion for the temporary contractors access road to become a permanent feature
- Requirement for effective security and stewarding

Local Residents

The Hive Football Centre – Feedback from Consultation Leaflet which is attached at Appendix 1, was circulated to around 2,500 households within a relatively wide area surrounding PEPF.

Additional roads were added to the original distribution list on the advise of Ward Councillors and the Resident Association representatives.

At the time of drafting this report, eight submissions have been made to the yourvoice@harrow.gov.uk

The key issues raised include:-

- Objections in general to the proposal for Professional League Football
- A suggestion that the lease difficulties at Underhill have not been presented correctly to Harrow Council by Barnet Football Club

- Significant concerns regarding existing problems with traffic flow caused by traffic volume and parking on Whitchurch Lane
- Disappointment that Wealdstone Football club were not using PEPF as their home ground
- Suggestions that Wealdstone FC should be fully involved in any discussions, consultation and changes
- Concerns that leaflets were not delivered to a sufficiently wide area
- Concern that the Whitchurch entrance to The Hive was locked on Friday morning 8 June
- Concern that the consultation leaflet does not enable residents to fully understand the proposed changes and impact on the local area
- Major concerns re traffic and parking
- Major concerns regarding the combined impacts, in particular traffic and parking as a result of over development and other Council proposals for the area
- The additional impact of events at Wembley resulting from the use of Canons Park tube station
- Concerns that there are no direct traffic links from Barnet
- Concerns that parking capacity in the area may be reduced if the Canons Park tube station car park is used for development
- Concerns that the approved stadium will be increased in size
- Concerns about noise
- Concerns about light pollution
- Concerns about the timing of league football matches and implications for rush hour and quiet enjoyment of residents' homes
- Suggestion that there should be no detriment whatsoever for local people
- Suggestion that there should be further consultation with local residents
- Suggestion that a residents parking zone should be introduced for Donnefield Avenue
- Concerns regarding the capacity of Canons Park tube station
- Concerns regarding litter and anti-social behaviour

- Support for a parking exclusion zone, similar to the Wembley scheme
- Requirement to ensure that Barnet FC spectators are clearly informed of parking restrictions in the area and the benefits of using Queensbury tube station
- Suggestion that the Whitchurch Lane gate to The Hive is closed on match days thereby requiring spectators to use the Queensbury station
- A statement that planning permission should not be granted
- Suggestion that the traffic congestion caused by a burst water main recently in Marsh Lane, is a good example of the congestion that could be expected if Barnet FC played football at The Hive
- Concerns regarding the ability of Police resources to cope resulting in an increase in crime as local officers are diverted to traffic and crowd control
- Adverse impact on bus journey times
- The introduction of parking controls in the area which are not wanted by local residents
- Potential problems of hooliganism and rowdiness
- Insufficient detail on the proposed arrangements
- The relocation of Barnet FC to PEPF in Harrow, will destroy Barnet's local football club
- The PEPF should be used by Wealdstone FC
- Support for the move, so as to provide Barnet FC with a stadium. Approval of the request will create employment opportunities and improve leisure facilities available in Harrow

Local Residents' Feedback from Drop in Sessions

The consultation leaflet advised residents of arrangements for 'drop in consultation sessions', which were held at The Hive, between 10am and 5pm on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 June 2012.

Approximately 60 people attended the two sessions.

Five residents were in whole hearted support of the proposal to allow Barnet Football Club to play their home matches at The Hive.

Two of the residents, who are in support live on roads immediately adjoining the site on Camrose Avenue and Buckingham Road.

The key issues of concern raised at the Drop in Sessions included:-

- Concerns in respect of parking on Whitchurch Lane
- Concerns in respect of congestion on Camrose Avenue
- The concerns in respect of parking within the entire area surrounding the site as spectators seek to park in residential streets rather than pay to use The Hive car park
- Concerns in respect for the future of Wealdstone Football Club
- Concerns that property values may decrease
- Concerns in respect of anti-social behaviour, noise, littering, criminal activity, and a lack of safety in the area from the presence of spectators
- A view that agreement to Barnet Football Club's request does not put local residents first in any way
- Concern in respect of late night noise, foul language and anti-social behaviour impacting younger residents who are trying to sleep whilst evening games are being played.
- Concerns in respect of flood light overspill in particular from the existing all weather pitches
- Concerns that the Council was not aware of or managing the combined impacts of all development and proposed development in the eastern part of Harrow and how all of this is and will be exasperated by Wembley events

Approximately 55 people who attended the drop in sessions were against the proposal to allow Professional League Football to be played at the PEPF.

Implications of the Recommendation

If Cabinet are minded to approve the recommendations of this report, it will be essential that the reasonable concerns, which have been expressed by local resident and Ward Councillors are considered in detail and for effective interventions and mitigation measures to be designed and implemented.

Barnet Football Club will be contractually required to establish and maintain a local advisory group and to implement any additional interventions, as may be required from time to time, to deal with any issues which may arise in the future.

The key issues of concern related to traffic management will be addressed in a comprehensive way. There is a clear requirement to deal with the area immediately around the Camrose Avenue entrance to The Hive, and to maintain existing flows of traffic. This will almost certainly require substantial widening of the highway at this point.

There is also a clear requirement to manage parking on the service road at the entrance to The Hive. Both of these interventions will be taken forward in full and meaningful consultation with the local residents and Ward Councillors following any decision by Cabinet to proceed.

It is likely that a controlled parking zone may be required, in particular on match days, to ensure that parking for local residents is not adversely impacted through Professional League Football Matches at the stadium. Once again this intervention will be developed in full and meaningful consultation with local residents and Ward Councillors.

The type of CPZ needed is more likely to be an event day management format for particular peak periods of activity rather than a permanent CPZ, but it does depend on the activity profile of the development and would need to be assessed when it is in operation.

This approach will require effective communications between the Council and Barnet FC about events in order to manage it.

Additionally the provision of direction signing to manage the route for traffic going to the PEPF, particularly coaches, will also be considered.

Robust feedback has been received which suggests there is a reasonably significant existing problem with traffic congestion and anti-social parking on Whitchurch Lane which is exasperated by Wembley events. These concerns will be referred to the Council's Transportation Department for review.

The relocation of the entire Barnet Football team to The Hive is expected to result in significant improvement in the management of the facility and engagement of the local community. There is clear evidence which demonstrates that match day events, at Underhill have been managed in an effective way, to minimise impact on the local community. Similar arrangements will be a contractual requirement at The Hive.

Planning permission exists for a 5,176 capacity football stadium. The use of The Hive by Barnet Football Club, as the home ground, will minimise the number of Football Matches to be played at the facility. Barnet Football Club's focus will be to maintain the highest possible quality of the playing surface and this will require relatively restricted use.

The Hive management have already undertaken wide ranging community work. This is expected to develop further and there will be a clear contractual requirement.

It is intended that the revised Lease will include robust clauses placing a clear responsibility on Barnet Football Club to minimise disruption to local residents.

The Council will need to ensure that enforcement resources are deployed to maximise the potential of traffic control measures which are established in support of the proposals in this report.

Given the unique circumstances associated with the staging of Professional League Football Matches at PEPF, careful consideration will need to be given to the charging arrangements for resident parking permits. As stated above the full cost of interventions required solely for the Barnet Football Club use, will be charged to Barnet Football Club. Further reports to Cabinet, following consideration by TARSAP will be required to agree the specific arrangements in this locality.

Resources – Costs, Staffing/Workforce

There are no adverse resource implications which will arise if the recommendations of this report are agreed.

The full cost for all resource deployment will be recovered from Barnet Football Club.

Contractual agreement will ensure necessary cost recovery.

Community Safety

Experience gained from attendance at a Barnet Football Club home game, at the Underhill Stadium, has clearly demonstrated that home ground football matches are managed in an exemplary way, with the safety and security of spectators pivotal to the event arrangements.

Experience has also shown that match day arrangements are designed to minimise disruption and inconvenience for local residents and businesses.

It is understood that Professional League Football Matches played in London are subject to risk assessment by the Metropolitan Police Service as part of well established procedures. Barnet Football club will be expected to meet the cost of any additional Policing requirements.

Legal Comments

Any necessary amendments to the lease and associated Service Level Agreement will be implemented by appropriate Deeds of Variation.

Financial Implications

There are no adverse financial implications for the Council, if the recommendations to this report are agreed.

The negotiation of commercial terms may in fact result in a positive financial position for the Council, over the longer term.

In the medium term, resources to be made available by Barnet Football Club will be deployed to deliver necessary interventions to protect the interests of the local community.

As part of the commercial negotiations, formal enquiries will be made to ensure that the drivers which are influencing Barnet Football Club's actions in respect of this matter, have been appropriately presented to Harrow Council, and that Barnet Football Club is not positioning itself to realise a substantial financial windfall, if their home ground is located at The Hive.

All costs associated with the implementation of any approval of this report will be borne by Barnet Football Club. Recovery of all costs will be ensured through contractual agreement.

Performance Issues

The Council's corporate priorities will not be negatively impacted by any leasing arrangement.

Officers do not consider that the proposed change would have a significant effect on any Performance Indicators.

Environmental Impact

The proposals will lead to a greater intensification of use of PEPF, which will inevitably lead to issues relating to noise /light pollution increased traffic and concerns over the effect of development on a designated Environment Agency flood plain.

All relevant matters will be considered and controlled through appropriate interventions, developed in consultation with residents and other key stakeholders. The lease documentation will provide contractual commitments where required.

Risk Management Implications

Risk included on Directorate risk register? No

Separate risk register in place? No

Officers do not consider there to be any risk implications associated with this proposal.

Equalities Implications

The Hive Football Centre is now relatively well established and has provided access to high quality football activities to all interested members of Harrow's community.

The Barnet Football Club community programme operates against a clear set of established objectives:-

- To work within our community for the benefit of the community.
- To support government initiatives aimed at youth, using Barnet FC as a vehicle to deliver and reinforce important social messages.
- To be flexible and adaptable, designing courses to suit school & community needs.
- Increasing the amount of people, particularly children, participating in sport.
- Encourage people, especially children, to lead healthier lifestyles.
- Use sport as a vehicle to re-engage children in learning.

- Create and develop programmes to reduce youth offending through our social inclusion programmes and mentoring schemes.
- Operate an inclusive approach to work.
- Establish Barnet FC and its facilities as a community resource.
- Deliver a range of training programmes to produce qualified sports coaches, thus creating employment and voluntary opportunities.
- To create and foster a community identity.
- To create and support community volunteers, both young people and adults.
- Corporate Priorities

It is expected that a decision to allow Barnet Football Club to use The Hive as its home ground, will result in further development of the community outreach programme.

Corporate Priorities

The Proposal will not impact on any National Indicators, BVPIs or KPIs but if approved this action will facilitate the development of one of the Council's strategic sports and recreation assets.

In terms of the Council's Corporate Priorities the report's proposals and recommendations contribute to:-

- Keeping neighbourhoods clean, green and safe
- United and involved communities: A Council that listens and leads.
- Supporting our town centre, our local shopping centres and businesses

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

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Date: 26 June 2012

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on behalf of the
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Date: 26 June 2012

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Divisional Director
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Date: 26 June 2012

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Date: 26 June 2012

Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

The publicly accessible electronic Planning file for the Prince Edward Playing Fields

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**Call-In Waived by the
Chairman of Overview and
Scrutiny Committee**

NOT APPLICABLE

[Call-in applies]