

## **ROCHFORD TOWN SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB – APPLICATION FOR NEW LEASE ON PAVILION AT ROCHFORD RECREATION GROUND, ROCHFORD**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1. This report seeks Members' views on the above issue prior to organising consultation with all interested parties. Following consultation a full report will be brought to a future meeting of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. At Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 6 December, the Head of Legal Services presented a request from the Rochford Town Sports and Social Club for a new 21 year lease on the Pavilion at Rochford Recreation Ground.
- 2.2. Members considered that a number of issues needed to be considered. A copy of minute 447/01 is attached at Appendix 1 of this report.
- 2.3. In addition to the issues discussed in the minute, officers are aware that on occasions there has been conflict between the football and hockey users. There have also been isolated numbers of complaints regarding noise.
- 2.4. A copy of the Club's constitution is attached as Appendix 2 of the report.
- 2.5. Rochford Recreation Ground is currently in the ownership of Rochford District Council, however it is in the process of being transferred to the National Playing Fields Association.

### **3 THE WAY FORWARD**

- 3.1. At this meeting Members are requested to advise officers if there are any other issues they wish to be considered that are not covered in this report.

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- 3.2. Following this meeting it is proposed to engage in consultation with the following:-

National Playing Fields Association  
Rochford Sports Council  
Local residents  
Other pitch users  
Rochford Town Sports and Social Club.

- 3.3. Following consultation a full report detailing the issues for consideration will be made to a meeting of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee during March.

#### **4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. The lease will carry over on current terms pending a final decision.

#### **5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. The facility is in Rochford Parish.

#### **6 RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**
1. That Members advise officers of any additional issues which are to be considered.
  2. That Members agree the list of consultees and that a further report be made to Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee in March 2002. (CD(FES))

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