

## **LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the hybrid Communities and Wellbeing Committee held in the Island Civic Centre on Tuesday 2nd January 2024 at 18:00**

**PRESENT:** Councillor R T Beckett (Chairperson)  
Alderman H Legge; and Councillors D J Craig,  
B Higginson, T Mitchell and G Thompson.

**PRESENT REMOTELY:** Aldermen A Grehan and S P Porter; and  
Councillors D Bassett, R Carlin, N Eaton,  
J Gallen and A McIntyre.

**ALSO ATTENDED:** Councillors G Hynds (via Zoom).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing  
Head of Communities  
Head of Sports Services  
Acting Head of Parks and Amenities  
Acting Business Support Manager  
Member Services Officers (BF and EW).

#### 1. Apologies

An apology was received on behalf of Councillor S Lowry.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3.1 George Best Community Cup (3.08)

The Acting Head of Parks and Amenities reported that a request had been received from the Irish Football Association (IFA) seeking the Council's permission to host the annual George Best Community Cup at the Billy Neill MBE Playing Fields on 27th and 28th June 2024. He reminded the Committee that, in previous years, the use of the pitches had been provided to the IFA at no cost on the basis that that the competition was the largest football tournament for people with disabilities in the United Kingdom.

It was proposed by Councillor A McIntyre, seconded by Councillor B Higginson, and agreed to grant the use of the Billy Neill MBE Playing Fields for the 2024 George Best Community Cup and that the use of the pitches at the venue be provided to the IFA at no cost.

#### 4. Confidential Report of the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing

The Chairperson advised that the reasons for confidentiality for the following matters was by virtue of the Section 6, Part 1, of the Local Government Act (2014) Northern Ireland,

It was moved by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that the confidential report of the Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing be considered 'in committee'.

#### 4.1 Communities and Wellbeing – Departmental Estimates of Expenditure 2024/25

The Committee considered a report and several appendices that gave a detailed overview of the departmental estimates of expenditure for the financial year 2024/25, which would be presented for the Council's approval at a special meeting on 8th February. The Director outlined the principal aspects of the report and answered a range of Members' questions in this regard.

After discussion, it was moved by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Alderman H Legge, and agreed that the Committee endorse the departmental estimates for 2024/25 and recommend their approval by the Council at its meeting on 8th February.

#### 5. Resumption of Normal Business

It was moved by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that normal business be resumed.

The meeting ended at 18.19.

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Chairperson