

# Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	The Board of Trustees of the Recreation Ground, Bath		
MEETING DATE:	13 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	
TITLE:	The Recreation Ground, Bath - Update on General Management issues	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE: E2186	
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## 1 THE ISSUE

1.1 This paper gives the Trustees an update on general management issues at the Recreation Ground.

## 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Trust Board is asked to:

2.1 Note the contents of this report.

## 3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Any financial implications have been noted within the content of this report.

## 4 THE REPORT

### 4.1 Balloon Flights

The Trustees requested that proposals for increasing fees and agreeing booking conditions to reintroduce balloon flights to the Recreation Ground be investigated. The Trustees were minded to allow balloon flights to operate so long as conditions could be agreed that would ensure the Trust's charitable aims would not be compromised by loss of any public benefit.

Initial conversation with Mr Davies after the last meeting identified that it is difficult for operators to book in advance because of the inability to predict weather conditions. Given this limitation it is not considered practicable to implement an advance booking system and therefore balloon flights remain suspended from the Recreation ground.

### 4.2 Planning Consents

The works described in the 4 planning applications and conditionally approved by the Trustees at the Recreation Ground on match days were approved by the local planning authority and the works subsequently completed.

The scoreboard screen was of a design that was fixed and complied with relevant legislation and conditions previously imposed by the Trustees in respect of advertising

### 4.3 Grounds Maintenance

The review of grounds maintenance activity is well underway with meetings between the Council and the Rugby Club identifying several opportunities for efficiency. The Council's Parks team is preparing draft service level agreements and will report their findings to a future Trust Board meeting.

Proposals have been agreed to share storage facilities for equipment used to maintain the Recreation Ground. This will require minor building works to widen the door to the existing store and removal of the dilapidated tin shed. The Rugby club have agreed to fund these works.

### 4.4 Provision of Toilet Facilities

The rugby club have agreed to provide additional toilet facilities for all users of the Recreation Ground and take over cleaning and maintenance of the existing toilets.

## **5 RISK MANAGEMENT**

5.1 Not applicable for this report.

## **6 RATIONALE**

6.1 General Management fulfils the terms of the Trust.

## **7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

7.1 All information is contained within the report.

## **8 CONSULTATION**

8.1 Open Spaces and Parking Services, Bath and North East Somerset Council.

## **9 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION**

9.1 General Management fulfil the terms of the Trust.

## **10 ADVICE SOUGHT**

10.1 Open Spaces and Parking Services, Bath and North East Somerset Council.

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<b>Background papers</b>	<i>None</i>
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