

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
19 OCTOBER 2021

PRINCES PARK-DARTFORD FOOTBALL CLUB ANNUAL REPORT
2020/21

Ward: Brent

1. To consider the Dartford Football Club Annual report 2020/21 and ancillary matters.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That the contents of the Dartford Football Annual Club Report 2020/21, at Appendix A to the report, be noted.

3. **Background and Discussion**

3.1 The lease for Dartford Football Club (covering the whole of Princes Park, with the exception of the mini pitches) was completed in March 2012 and expires on 31 January 2034.

3.2 The Service Level Agreement for Princes Park (excluding the mini pitches) between the Council and the Dartford Football Club is reviewed annually in March of each year. The Service Level Agreement requires an annual report from Dartford Football Club to the Council.

3.3 The Council grant payable to Dartford Football Club in 2020/21, was £90,000.

3.4 The Council received a grant from the Football Foundation, which part funded the build of the mini pitches. A condition of the grant funding is that the Council has to account for all income and expenditure relating to the mini pitches. A five year Service Level Agreement is in place with Dartford Football Club until 31 March 2025, to manage the mini pitches.

3.5 Under the mini pitch Service Level Agreement, Dartford Football Club receives a fee of £21,863 (paid quarterly) to maintain and operate the bookings of the pitches, and a share of the income (net income reduced by the grant, electricity costs, other minor sundries and a contribution to the refurbishment reserve).

3.6 The Dartford Football Club's annual report for 2020/21, is at Appendix A to the report.

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4 Relationship to the Corporate Plan

HW2 Increase the opportunities for participating in sporting, cultural and leisure opportunities

5 Financial, legal, staffing and other administrative implications and risk assessments

Financial Implications	None specifically from this report
Legal Implications	None specifically from this report
Staffing Implications	None
Administrative Implications	None
Risk Assessment	None specifically from this report

6. Details of Exempt Information Category

Not applicable

7. Appendices

Appendix A – Dartford Football Club Report 2020/21

BACKGROUND PAPERS

<u>Documents consulted</u>	<u>Date / File Ref</u>	<u>Report Author</u>	<u>Section and Directorate</u>	<u>Exempt Information Category</u>
		Stephen Jefferson	Community Services Growth & Community	N/A