

BALLYMONEY SOCIAL CENTRE – 8 NOVEMBER 2016 LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	9 November 2016
To: Council Meeting For Decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough
Lead Officer	Head of Community & Culture Community Development Manager
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

At the Leisure and Development Committee on Tuesday 8 November 2016, committee were presented with the following report to consider whether they wished to extend the current operating arrangements for Ballymoney Social Centre until 31st March 2017 in order allow time for the legal consideration to be received and reported back to Council.

Background

At the Leisure and Development Committee meeting on 10th May 2016, Members agreed that Council officers would liaise with the Evergreen Club and NICVA to identify and explore options in relation to the Social Centre in Ballymoney and bring back to Council for consideration.

Members also agreed that Council maintain the existing operating arrangements (Council is responsible for all operating costs including insurance, rates and utilities) for the Centre for an interim period of 6 months until 30th November 2016 in order to allow this to happen.

At the Leisure and Development Committee meeting on 9th August 2016, members considered the two options available in relation to the Social Centre and agreed not to acquire legal ownership but that they would support the operation of the centre until 30th November 2016 as previously agreed.

However legal correspondence was received from The Evergreen Club's solicitor just prior to the full Council meeting on 23rd August, and at that meeting it was agreed to defer the item in order to allow further legal consideration.

Since the current operating arrangements for Ballymoney Social Centre are due to end on 30th November, Council may wish to consider extending the period until the 31st March 2017 in order allow time for the legal consideration to be received and reported back to Council.

Leisure & Development Committee Recommendation: Consider extending the current operating arrangements until 31st March 2017 in order allow time for the legal consideration to be received and reported back to Council.

At the 8 November 2016 Leisure & Development committee, **IT WAS AGREED: to extend the current operating arrangements until 31st March 2017 in order allow time for the legal consideration to be received and reported back to Council.**

The Leisure & Development Committee further agreed that the Director seek the consent of The Mayor to bring the Committee's recommendation to the Special Council Meeting in order to ratify the decision in a timely manner.

It is recommended that Council approve the Leisure & Development Committee recommendation to extend the current operating arrangements until 31st March 2017 in order allow time for the legal consideration to be received and reported back to Council.