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| Ballymoney Social Centre | 8th November 2016 |
| To: The Leisure and Development Committee For Decision | |

| Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19) | |
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| 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 |

The purpose of this Report is to ask Members to consider whether they wish 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.

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.