

Queen's Park Recreation Ground, "The Old Changing Rooms" (Ward 7) – Commencement of negotiations for off-market letting approved - Authority to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding proposals for an off-market letting of "The Old Changing Rooms" at Queen's Park Recreation Ground (Ward 7) to South Seeds through the People Make Glasgow Communities (PMGC) programme, advising that

- (1) the PMGC programme was a mechanism by which local people, community groups, third sector and other organisations could express an interest in having a greater involvement in the management of local venues;
- (2) the "Old Changing Rooms" in Queen's Park Recreation Ground were previously used in connection with the adjacent sports pitches, but had been out of regular use for at least 20 years and were currently not in use; and
- (3) South Seeds was an organisation based on the Southside of the city that had experience in delivering activities and workshops that engaged the local community and aimed to enable local people to live more sustainable lives and it would manage capital works to improve the building and make it suitable for community use, including spaces that would also be rented to local communities.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved the commencement of negotiations for an off-market letting of "The Old Changing Rooms" in the Queen's Park Recreation Ground to South Seeds through the People Make Glasgow Communities programme;
- (b) authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to negotiate those terms and conditions for the proposed letting with South Seeds which should include, as appropriate, terms which:-
 - (i) maintained a high level of public and democratic scrutiny over the operation of the Council-owned facility;
 - (ii) maintained close alignment with all relevant Council policies, including mechanisms for 'keeping pace' with future policy changes; and
 - (iii) provided options for recourse should either of these things cease to be maintained or if any actions were taken by the leaseholder which the Council considered detrimental to its reputation or to the wider public interest.