Item 13

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Glasgow City Council

Contracts & Property Committee

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

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Seeking authority to enter into negotiations for an off-market letting of Greenfield Football Centre, 127 Duror Street, G32 6TP to Shettleston Community Sports Trust SCIO SC050638.

Purpose of Report:
To seek authority to enter into negotiations for an off-market letting of Greenfield Football Centre to Shettleston Community Sports Trust SCIO through the People Make Glasgow Communities programme.

Recommendations:
It is recommended that the Committee:

1. Notes the content of this report
2. Approves the commencement of negotiations for an off-market letting of Greenfield Football Centre to Shettleston Community Sports Trust SCIO through the People Make Glasgow Communities programme.
3. Grants authority for Glasgow City Council to negotiate terms and conditions for the proposed letting to Shettleston Community Sports Trust SCIO, which should include, as appropriate, terms which: (i) maintain a high level of public and democratic scrutiny over the operation of the council-owned facility, (ii) maintain close alignment with all relevant council policies, including mechanisms for 'keeping pace' with future policy changes, and (iii) provide options for recourse should either of these things cease to be maintained or if any actions are taken by the leaseholder which the Council considers detrimental to its reputation or to the wider public interest.

Ward No(s): Ward 19 – Shettleston Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes √ No ☐ consulted: Yes √ No ☐

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to enter into discussions with Shettleston Community Sports Trust SCIO SC050638, regarding it taking a lease of Greenfield Football Centre.

1.2 The People Make Glasgow Communities programme is a mechanism by which local people, community groups, third sector and other organisations can express an interest in having a greater involvement in the management of local venues.

2.0 The Subjects

2.1 The facilities at Greenfield Football Centre (the Club) extend to 11.58 hectares (28.61 acres) overall as shown in the black line boundary on the attached plan and comprise of an outdoor floodlit 11 a side 3G synthetic pitch, 7 x 9 a side grass football pitches (4 adult sized grass pitches) and single storey pavilion including toilets and changing facilities.

2.2 The Club is accessed off Duror Street and includes car parking.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Club is owned by Glasgow City Council and leased to Glasgow Life.

3.2 The Football Centre is currently operated via Shettleston Community Sports Trust SCIO (the Trust) in partnership with Glasgow Life as part of the Community Activation Pilot. Under the Pilot, the Trust continues to provide access for a number of groups and organisations that used the facilities prior to the Covid 19 pandemic.

3.4 The Trust was established and incorporated as a SCIO in December 2020, (SC050638) with the specific purpose of operating the Club. The organisation's purposes are:

- The advancement of health through the identification and provision of activity sessions and information.
- The advancement of public participation in sport through structured sessions and events facilitated by qualified coaches.
- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended, through the management of a local centre of excellence.

3.5 Glasgow Utd (formerly Shettleston Juniors) was founded in 1903 and falls under the umbrella of the Trust. They currently play in the West of Scotland Football League Conference B but have ambitions to scale the Scottish FA

pyramid system. In addition to the first team, Glasgow Utd have a thriving Kids Academy, now registered as a charity. They are firmly established in the community and have worked in a partnership in the development and delivery of various community initiatives including: a community food bank; community shop; learning programmes for local youths who are not in education, training, or employment; day activities for local elderly groups; walking football project for local males in the age range 50 years plus, and soccer camps for local primary school children.

3.6 The Trust has been managing facilities at Greenfield since January 2022 as part of a Glasgow Life Community Activation Pilot. This included managing bookings, maintenance, and communications and marketing. The Trust also manages and maintains its stadium on Old Shettleston Road and a Social Club, and it is envisaged that the venue will provide a base for the Trust to expand its services and support to the local community. It also intends to maintain access to other groups and schools.

3.7 The Trust intends to secure any capital costs required through grant funding and is currently working with advisors in terms of their business planning and funding strategies.

4.0 Evaluation of Application

4.1 The Trust's application has been assessed by the PMGC project working group as well as the Community Asset Working Group consisting of officers from GCC and Glasgow Life. As part of the assessment of the application, a number of points have been identified on which the organisation will work with the PMGC working group prior to progressing to negotiations around Heads of Terms. Both groups recommend for this proposal to proceed to the Development Phase of the PMGC process subject to the risks being addressed.

5.0 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial:	None
Legal:	A Common Good assessment will be undertaken prior to a lease being entered into.
Personnel:	No implications.
Procurement:	No implications.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify	The Club will be open to all irrespective of background or origin and will therefore contribute to equality.
What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?	No impact.
Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.	Positive impact towards reinstating and likely extending community use and services.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:	No impact.
What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?	No impact.
Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?	No impact.

Privacy and Data Protection impacts:	No impact.

6.0 Recommendations

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