

**Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>24 January 2017</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Shared Access Approach - Telecoms Apparatus</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Graham Hunt, Town Clerk</b>

**Purpose of this Report**

1. To provide a verbal / written update on the commercial approach from Shared Access to install telecoms apparatus at Church Meadow Cricket Ground.

**Background**

2. It was agreed at Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee on 25 October 2016, that given the potential revenue opportunity, that a meeting should be arranged with Shared Access to gain further information.
3. The meeting was held on 7 November 2016 where Southern Road Recreation Ground was additionally identified as a potential site. An update was provided by e-mail to all Councillors.
4. The revenues being received by various other organisations in similar circumstances were established to assist our negotiations.
5. Further negotiations resulted in some limited movement by Shared Access, but only to a position they had previously stated and still a long way off what has been paid in the past.
6. The terms demanded for the cricket ground site proved too much and concentration now is just at Southern Road Recreation Ground.
7. Further negotiations specifically related to Southern Road Recreation Ground resulted in no improved offer, but a willingness to discuss further.
8. Further updates have been provided to all Councillors throughout and further advice provided on potential negotiating positions. Further facts are now being established from other more comparable Town Councils, before re-opening negotiations.

**Action Required**

9. To note the report, and while preserving relevant commercial confidentiality, to consider any other appropriate next steps.