

## Appendix 9

<b>Project/Item</b>	Weekend supervision of sports facilities
<b>Date</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
<b>Brief Description</b>	<p>As part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, the current service provision whereby some parks and open spaces staff supervise sports activities at weekends is being reviewed. This is to assess if there is the possibility to achieve savings by the sports clubs themselves carrying out this function.</p> <p>The current costs of providing this service is £9000 per annum in overtime payments:</p> <p>The sites affected by this function are Marl Pits Sports Centre, Rawtenstall, and Maden Recreation Ground, Bacup. Supervision is required on Saturdays and some Sundays depending on game fixtures.</p> <p>Duties carried out include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening, closing and cleaning changing rooms and toilets.</li> <li>• Checking and advising on pitch condition and removing litter and dog faeces prior to matches starting.</li> <li>• Overseeing traffic movements to ensure key access points are not blocked.</li> </ul> <p>Staff also informally control entry to the changing rooms, for example ensuring that adults do not enter whilst junior teams are getting changed. However parks staff are not formal supervisors for young people and are not CRB checked or trained accordingly.</p> <p>With regards to the Marl Pits site, we have engaged with Rossendale Leisure Trust who would be able to utilise existing pool staff to manage traffic and hold changing room keys. Maden Rec is not under the control of RLT, so this wouldn't be possible for that site.</p> <p>However, it would be possible for the clubs using the facilities to take ownership for the management of the pitch, changing rooms and traffic movements. Arrangements would be put in place for key holding responsibility and accountability for the condition of the facilities. Clubs would be expected to leave the facilities in the condition they found them.</p>

	<p>Parks staff would continue to clean and maintain facilities throughout the course of the regular working week, as they do at the moment.</p>
<b>Recommendation</b>	<p>Rossendale Leisure Trust to fulfil weekend duties as specified for Marl Pits and a service level agreement to be agreed with local clubs for the Maden Centre Site.</p>
<b>Identify Risk</b>	<p>Clubs may not be aware of the duties required but this would be mitigated through engagement with them and a handover period where staff could show club representatives what needs to be done.</p> <p>Given that clubs currently pay to use the facilities, they may not want to take responsibility for managing those facilities at the weekend. However the rates we charge for the use of our facilities are extremely competitive and some clubs come from other Boroughs to use them. It is considered that with the appropriate level of engagement with the clubs, they would understand the position and would continue to use the facilities.</p>