

## **6.2. MM02: Waiving of sportsfield ground hire fees**

During the last winter sports season, COVID-19 pandemic restrictions resulted in significant disruptions to the season. At that time the Council waived ground hire fees for not-for-profit community sporting clubs for a two-month period to assist the Clubs financially impacted.

Twelve months on and the current Covid-19 pandemic lock down and restrictions on community movement is again impacting on the winter sports season as local community sport cannot be conducted.

Whilst it is hoped that we can overcome the current infection outbreak and current necessary restrictions on the community will come to an end in the not-too-distant future, our community sports clubs that are very important to the health and social vitality of our community are again suffering financially.

### **I therefore recommend:**

**1. THAT** all not-for-profit community sporting clubs that have paid for their bookings for the use of Council facilities in advance are provided a refund of ground hire fees for the period that they have been unable to use our sports field facilities.

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