



<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>To consider a proposal to extend the free period of usage of Newton Leys Pavilion by Ping Pong Social at a cost of up to £2,574</b>		
Council/Committee	Full Council		
Meeting Date	25 April 2023	Report Writer	John Fairclough – Support Services Manager
Summary	<p>As a not-for-profit club, affiliated to Table Tennis England, they provide an affordable activity in Newton Leys, that provides a safe non-judgmental welcoming space to have a Bat and chat. The club is run by 3 main volunteers, but the members to help regularly with the putting away of equipment. Participants pay a small fee (£1 per child. £2 per adult).</p> <p>The space has been provided free of charge for 15 weeks to allow them to establish the group in the area. They have been running sessions 6pm – 9m on a Wednesday evening. (This would cost £66 per week). The sessions are only run during term time.</p> <p>The aim is to help with mental health and keeping people active. It also provides a welcoming safe space for the local growing community to enjoy an affordable activity.</p> <p>Equipment is owned by the town council and getting well used by the Ping Pong Social group.</p>		
Strategic Priorities	<p><b>Closer to our community:</b></p> <p>We will support the development of local community groups/social enterprises and initiatives which promote community resilience</p>		
Equality/Inclusion Implications	All Welcome		
Supporting Documentation (if any)	n/a		