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Belfast City Council  
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30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

## **MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

Please find below To Follow/Additional reports relating to the meeting of the above-mentioned Committee taking place at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th December, 2017.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

### **AGENDA:**

#### **TO FOLLOW ITEMS**

3. Restricted Items
  - (a) Community Development Grants Programme 2018/2019 (Pages 1 - 4)
4. Committee/Strategic Issues
  - (b) Department for Communities Letter of Variance for Council Community Support Programme 2017/2018 (Pages 5 - 8)
5. Physical Programme and Asset Management
  - (b) Playground Maintenance and Inspections (Pages 9 - 26)
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#### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

9. **Notices of Motion**
  - (a) Motion – Not-For-Profit Energy Company (Pages 31 - 32)
  - (b) Motion - Homelessness (Pages 33 - 34)



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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Department for Communities Letter of Variance for Council Community Support Programme 2017/2018</b>
<b>Date:</b>	5 December 2017
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nigel Grimshaw, Director of City and Neighbourhood Services, ext 3260
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Cate Taggart, Community Development Manager, ext 3525

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• note correspondence received from the Department for Communities (DfC) November 2017, regarding Welfare Reform;</li> <li>• seek Members agreement to accept the subsequent offer of additional in-year funding under the Community Support Programme (CSP) from DfC; and</li> <li>• in line with contract conditions, to consider and agree the allocation of the additional grant of £61,103 towards provision of the City-Wide Tribunal Service to the end of March 2018.</li> </ul>

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	<p>The Committee is requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• accept the additional in-year grant as outlined in the Letter of Variance; and</li> <li>• consider and agree the allocation of the in-year grant of £61,103 to the request made by the Belfast Advice Group, endorsed by the five Advice Consortia members, for the provision of the City Wide Tribunal Service to the end of March 2018.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>3.1 In preparation for the introduction and roll-out of Welfare Reform DfC has supported front-line advice organisations via grant-aid and capacity development. Council currently administer an annual grant programme of £931,765, with levered income via the DfC's Community Support Programme, to five Advice Consortia covering east, north, south, west and central Belfast for generalist advice services.</p> <p>3.2 In addition to this annual grant, SP&amp;R Committee (February 2017) agreed the <b>allocation of £100,000</b> to the Belfast Advice Group towards the provision of a city-wide tribunal service for 2017/18. To date Council has been the <b>sole provider</b> of Grant-aid in support of the tribunal service. The £100,000 allocation was just under half of the projected total costs to provide the service in 2017/2018.</p> <p>3.3 Belfast Advice Group haS indicated that this funding is due to <b>run out in December</b>, and that they will no longer be in a position to provide the service if they do not attract additional funding. At their meeting in November the Belfast Advice Groups endorsed a proposal that should funding become available via in-year allocation the priority for this investment is the provision of the tribunal service.</p> <p>3.4 The cost for the provision of the tribunal service for the period December 2017 to March 2018 is estimated at £59,900.</p> <p>3.5 The in-year allocation as per the Council's Letter of Variance is £61,103.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>3.6 The in-year allocation does not require BCC to match funds. All expenditure relating to the project must be incurred before the end of the 2017/18 financial period.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>3.7 The programme is Citywide and open and accessible to all sections of the community.</p>

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	<p>None</p> <p>(The Letter of Variance has yet to be received by the Council. It will be sent to members for consideration in a separate email as soon as it is received.)</p>

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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Playground Maintenance and Inspections</b>
<b>Date:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department, ext 3260
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director, City & Neighbourhood Services Department, ext 3460 Alan McHaffie, Senior Woodland/Recreation Manager

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the improvements made in the inspection/maintenance and management of playgrounds and how the Council is striving to make all playgrounds as inclusive and accessible as reasonably practicable.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consider the update set out in the report and to note the positive collaborative work between C&amp;NS and Legal Services to address risks associated with a growing culture of litigation related to our parks.</li> </ul>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p>The Council’s playground portfolio has increased significantly over the past number of years to 99 playgrounds and this has occurred primarily as the result of Local Government Reform in 2015 when the Council took on the ownership and maintenance of an additional 15 playgrounds from Lisburn and Castlereagh Council. In addition to this, other new playgrounds have been added to our playground portfolio as part of environmental improvement projects such as the Connswater Community Greenway scheme.</p>
	<p><b>Playground Inspections</b></p>
3.2	<p>City and Neighbourhood Services has been reviewing the way in which the Council’s playgrounds are inspected. Previously the Council recorded playground checks by way of a paper inspection sheet for each individual playground, each day of the year however this method of recording playground inspections proved to be very labour intensive, but yet the Council is legally obligated to archive this information for up to 21 years from the inspection dates.</p>
3.3	<p>Our Department has since introduced a digital system for playground inspections which has been operating for the last two years. The new hand held digital system allows Playground Inspectors to undertake checks on every individual piece of playground apparatus along with the ability to attach multiple photographs. This new paperless inspection system has proven to be very successful and has removed the cumbersome task of archiving paper inspection sheets. In addition to this, the new digital inspection system allows our Playground Inspectors to electronically send Priority one repair requests directly to Facilities Management along with photographs of the defective equipment. This new method on inspecting playgrounds and generating instant repair requests has greatly increased the turnaround time for the more urgent repairs.</p>
3.4	<p>In addition to our own in-house playground inspections, our Department employs an independent Playground Inspector to inspect all our playgrounds on an annual basis, ensuring that all our playgrounds comply with the European safety standards BS EN 1176 &amp; 1177. The independent inspection reports are also used to identify and award an overall ‘<i>Quality Score</i>’ for each individual playground which assists when deciding where we recommend allocating the annual capital budget for the following year’s playground refurbishment programme.</p>

3.5	<p><b>Playground Repairs</b></p> <p>Our Playground Inspectors have been equipped to undertake their own small scale minor repairs and maintenance operations which has reduced the amount of work requests going to our colleagues in Facilities Management and helps maintain the quality of service. Monthly meetings continue to be held between C&amp;NS and Facilities Management which allow us to review and monitor on-going/outstanding repairs.</p>
3.6	<p><b>Playground signage/Frequency of Inspections &amp; Accessibility</b></p> <p>We have recently reviewed the playground inspection programme. To inform this, over a period of time we reviewed playground usage and repairs and developed a risk profile for each playground. We undertook a benchmarking exercise with Birmingham City Council, as they had devised a specific risk assessment criteria for playgrounds which looked at the size of the Park and where the playground was situated as well as any history of previous vandalism etc. (See Appendix 1 – risk assessment used by Birmingham City Council to categorise frequency of playground inspections). We undertook a similar exercise in collaboration with our Park Managers and Playground Inspectors using the Birmingham City Council’s model and established our own recommended frequency of playground inspections (See Appendix 2 – BCC proposed frequency of playground inspections).</p>
3.7	<p>As part of this process Legal Services carried out a vital challenge role and endorsed the approach as one which would help defend future public liability cases. Legal Services also asked us as part of our ongoing review to look at <i>playground signage</i>, in particular how we communicate the appropriate age range for items of equipment to parents and users. It would be our intention to roll out the new signage and revised inspection frequencies by the end of March 2018.</p>
3.8	<p><b>Accessible playground equipment</b></p> <p>We currently have an ever increasing element of accessible playground equipment in all of our playgrounds, however we acknowledge there is much more work to do to make them even more inclusive. That said we continue to install playground equipment that is challenging, fun to use and inclusive for everyone (See Appendix 3 – some examples of inclusive playground equipment)</p>
3.9	<p><b><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>

3.10	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>The process in this report will be subject to the Council’s existing equality screening process.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	<p>Appendix 1 - Playground risk assessment format used by Birmingham City Council</p> <p>Appendix 2 - BCC proposed frequency of playground inspections</p> <p>Appendix 3 - Examples of ‘Inclusive’ playground equipment installed in BCC playgrounds</p>

**PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS ASSESSMENT SHEET**

**Appendix 1**

<b>SITE:</b>	<b>SITE REF:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
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ITEM	MEASURE	RISK	YES/NO	COMMENTS / OBSERVATIONS	WEIGHTING
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1	STRATEGIC LEVEL 1 PARK SITE / MULTI ATTRACTION	HIGH			
2	NEWLY INSTALLED/ PRIMARY PLAY AREA	HIGH			
3	HIGH USE WITH ADJACENT CHILDREN'S SERVICES - IE PLAY CENTRE	HIGH			
4	HIGH LEVEL OF RECORDED VANDALISM / DAMAGE IN PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS	HIGH			

1	LEVEL 2 SITE	MEDIUM			
2	NEWLY INSTALLED SECONDARY / TERTIARY PLAY AREA	MEDIUM			
3	MEDIUM USE WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS	MEDIUM			
4	MODERATE LEVEL OF VANDALISM / DAMAGE IN PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS	MEDIUM			

1	LEVEL 3 - 5 SITE	LOW			
2	PLAY AREA 10 YEARS OLD OR MORE	LOW			
3	LOW USE/ISOLATED LOCATION	LOW			
4	LITTLE OR NO VANDALISM / DAMAGE IN PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS	LOW			

SIGNED BY PSM:	DATE:	AGREED BY POM:	DATE:
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High attracts 3  
Medium 2 and  
Low 1.

**SCORE WEIGHTING**  
 Cat A - 11 to 12  
 Cat B - 7 to 10  
 Cat C - 0 to 6

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<b>Parks Manager</b>	<b>Playground</b>	<b>Category</b>
1. Jackie Turkington	The Mount Play Zone	C
2. Jackie Turkington	Duncairn	B
3. Jackie Turkington	Alexandra lower	B
4. Jackie Turkington	Castleton	B
5. Jackie Turkington	Loughside Park	B
6. Jackie Turkington	Navarra	B
7. Jackie Turkington	Tynedale	B
8. Jackie Turkington	Grove	B
9. Michael Grant	Adventurous	A
10. Michael Grant	Alloa Street	B
11. Michael Grant	Ballysillan	B
12. Michael Grant	Blackmountain	B
13. Michael Grant	Browns Square	B
14. Michael Grant	Dover Street	B
15. Michael Grant	Glenbank	B
16. Michael Grant	Glencairn	B
17. Michael Grant	Hammer	B
18. Michael Grant	Highfield	B
19. Michael Grant	Michelle Baird	B
20. Michael Grant	Ohio St	C
21. Michael Grant	Tynedale	C
22. Michael Grant	Woodvale Park	A
23. Michael Largey	Ballymacarrett	B
24. Michael Largey	Roddens Crescent	B
25. Michael Largey	Grampian Avenue	B
26. Michael Largey	Skippers Street	B
27. Michael Largey	Belmount	A
28. Michael Largey	Knocknagony	B
29. Michael Largey	Tullycarnet	B
30. Michael Largey	Carema Allen	B
31. Michael Largey	Grampian Avenue	A
32. Michael Largey	Tommy Patton Park	B
33. Michael Largey	Victoria Park	B
34. Michael Largey	Erin Thompson	B

35. Michael Largey	Finvoy Street	B
36. Michael Largey	Hanwood	B
37. Anthony Conway	Finlay Park	B
38. Anthony Conway	Zoo Playground	B
39. Anthony Conway	Ardoyne Pitch and Mitch	C
40. Anthony Conway	Ardoyne CC	C
41. Anthony Conway	Marrowbone	B
42. Anthony Conway	Westland	C
43. Anthony Conway	Queen Mary	B
44. Anthony Conway	Alex upper	B
45. Anthony Conway	New Lodge	B
46. Anthony Conway	Tir na nog	B
47. Anthony Conway	North Queen Street	B
48. Stanton Martin	Ormeau 2000	A
49. Stanton Martin	Ravenhill	B
50. Stanton Martin	Bridgend	C
51. Stanton Martin	Eversleigh St	C
52. Stanton Martin	Clara Street	B
53. Stanton Martin	Mountforde Rd	B
54. Stanton Martin	Stewart Street	B
55. Stanton Martin	Balfour Ave	B
56. Stanton Martin	Cherryvale	B
57. Stanton Martin	Clarawood Millenium	B
58. Stanton Martin	Orangefield	A
59. Stanton Martin	Clonduff	B
60. Stanton Martin	Cregagh	B
61. Stanton Martin	Flora St Walkway	B
62. Stanton Martin	Dr Pitt	B
63. Stanton Martin	Loop River	B
64. Patrick Smyth	Mount Eagles	B
65. Patrick Smyth	Brook Activity	B
66. Patrick Smyth	Sally Gardens	B
67. Patrick Smyth	Areema Play Area	C
68. Patrick Smyth	Jubilee Park	C
69. Patrick Smyth	Fullerton Park	C
70. Patrick Smyth	Carnamore Playground	C
71. Patrick Smyth	Musgrave Playground	C



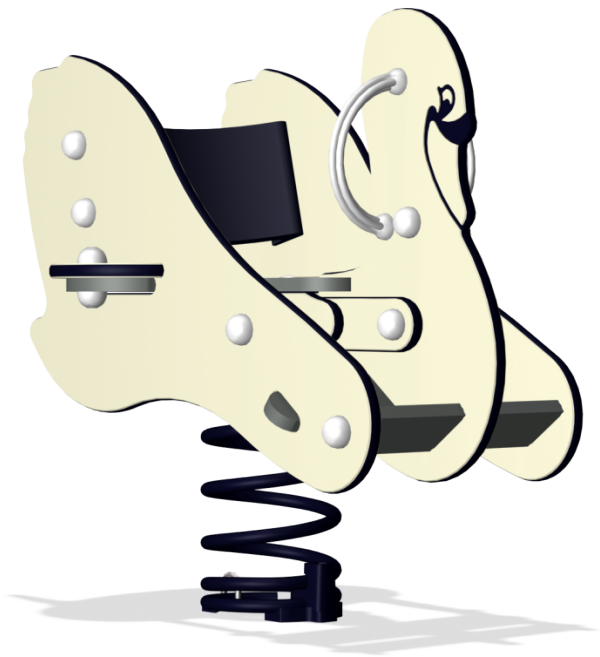
72. Patrick Smyth	Olympia Playground	B
73. Patrick Smyth	White Rise	B
74. Patrick Smyth	Poleglass	B
75. Stephen Quinn	Sir Thomas and lady Dixon park	B
76. Stephen Quinn	Wedderburn	B
77. Stephen Quinn	Geragh CC	C
78. Stephen Quinn	Taughmonagh	B
79. Stephen Quinn	Barnetts	B
80. Stephen Quinn	Edenderry	C
81. Stephen Quinn	Belvoir	B
82. Stephen Quinn	Drumglass	A
83. Stephen Quinn	Nubia Street	B
84. Stephen Quinn	Lemberg Street	B
85. Stephen Quinn	Blythefield	B
86. Stephen Quinn	Robert Bradford	B
87. Stephen Quinn	McClure Street	C
88. Darren Armstrong	Dunville Park	A
89. Darren Armstrong	Falls Park	A
90. Darren Armstrong	Lenadoon Millennium Park	A
91. Darren Armstrong	Moyard	CLOSED
92. Darren Armstrong	North Link	B
93. Darren Armstrong	Pat O'Hare	A
94. Darren Armstrong	Whiterock	B
95. Darren Armstrong	Slievegallion	B
96. Darren Armstrong	Springfield Ave	B
97. Darren Armstrong	Springhill Millennium	B
98. Darren Armstrong	Willowbank	B
99. Darren Armstrong	Lamderg	C
100. Alex McNeil	Botanic Gardens	B

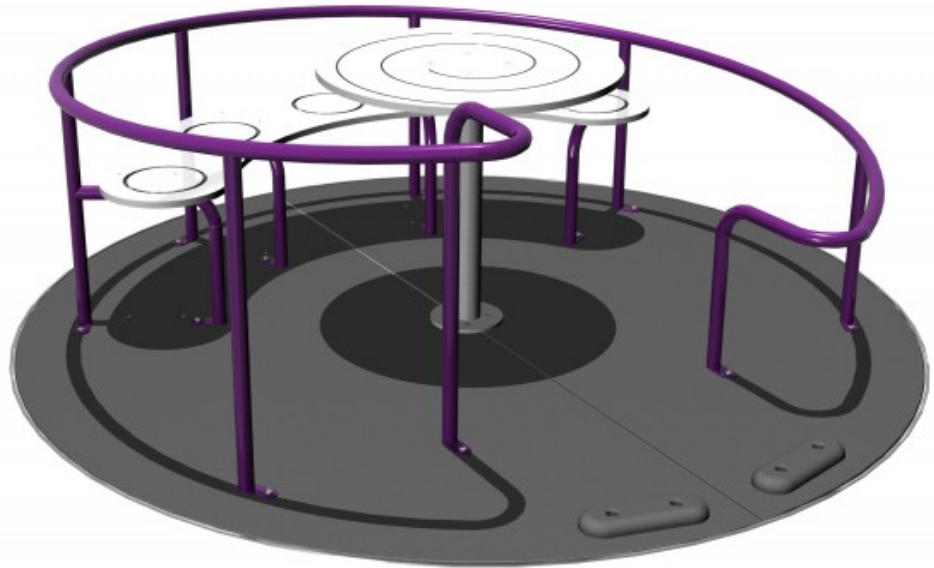
Key	
Category A	Playgrounds to be inspected twice a day in the summer and inspected once a day in the winter
Category B	Playgrounds to be inspected once a day in the summer and three times a week in the winter
Category C	Playgrounds to be inspected three times a week in the summer and once a week in the winter

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### Appendix 3 – BCC Inclusive Playground Equipment

















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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Update on Public Access Defibrillator Pilot Programme</b>
<b>Date:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nigel Grimshaw, Director of City and Neighbourhood Services ext.3260
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of City and Neighbourhood Services 3xt. 3460 Carol Ann McCrory, Health and Safety Compliance Manager, City and Neighbourhood Services

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of the report is to provide further update to the Committee on the progress OF the public access defibrillator pilot programme.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• note the update on the pilot programme; and</li> <li>• approve the proposed locations for the third phase of the public access defibrillator programme – Ormeau Park (depot area), Orangefield Park, Shore Road Playing Fields, Suffolk Playing Fields, Strangford Playing Fields, Loughshore Playing Fields,</li> </ul>

	Musgrave Park and Ulidia Playing Fields. This is subject to the identification of a suitable location with an electrical supply and confirmation with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) that there are no other public access defibrillators within a short distance;
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><b><u>Update on first and second phase of public access defibrillator provision</u></b></p> <p>Members will be aware the Council has been undertaking a public access defibrillator pilot programme. As part of this programme defibrillators were initially installed in 6 parks in May 2016, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Victoria Park</li> <li>▪ Waterworks Park</li> <li>▪ Fullerton Park</li> <li>▪ Tullycarnet Park</li> <li>▪ Boucher Road Playing Fields</li> <li>▪ Falls Park</li> </ul>
3.2	<p>A second phase of installation took place in September 2017 across a further 7 Council sites, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grove Playing Fields</li> <li>▪ Cherryvale Playing Fields</li> <li>▪ Blanchflower Stadium</li> <li>▪ Wedderburn Playing Fields</li> <li>▪ Woodvale Playing Fields</li> <li>▪ Henry Jones Playing Fields</li> <li>▪ Woodlands Playing Fields</li> </ul>
3.3	<p>Installation at Botanic Park and City of Belfast Playing Fields is also due to take place as part of the second phase. The installation at Botanic Park has been delayed due to the ongoing project at the Tropical Ravine. The installation at City of Belfast Playing Fields has been delayed due to vandalism of the defibrillator cabinet (see below).</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Deployment</u></b></p> <p>To date there are no records of any of the installed defibrillators having actually been used since the beginning of the pilot programme.</p>

### **Damage/vandalism to Defibrillators**

- 3.5 There have been a number of vandalism incidents to the Council's public access defibrillators during this pilot programme.
- 3.6 An incident involving the defibrillator at Waterworks Park resulted in the unit's paediatric pads having to be replaced, in addition to ancillary equipment (towel, razor etc). A number of incidents in Fullerton Park have resulted in the defibrillator being retrieved from the local PSNI station and on another occasion being damaged beyond repair (the defibrillator has since been replaced free of charge by the local manufacturer). The City of Belfast Playing Fields cabinet was damaged beyond repair before the defibrillator could be installed. A decision has now been taken to relocate the cabinet and defibrillator within the Pavilion building, which is accessible to the public while the park is open.
- 3.7 An additional two defibrillators have had to be temporarily withdrawn from service at Woodvale Playing Fields and Falls Park due to issues with the cabinet opening mechanisms. Discussions are ongoing with the Supplier to have these cabinets repaired or replaced and the defibrillators re-instated at the earliest opportunity.

### **Management**

- 3.8 A number of local staff have been trained in the use of the defibrillators and further training is planned. Staff have also been trained and appointed to monitor the condition of the equipment on a regular basis.

### **Third phase of public access Defibrillator Provision**

- 3.9 At the People and Communities Committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017, the Committee was informed of a donation of £5,408 from the family of the late Mark Murphy.
- 3.10 The Committee agreed to a third phase of installation across a further 8 Council sites, using the donation to cover the cost of buying the 8 defibrillators. The Committee was informed at the same meeting that the Murphy family had requested that one of the defibrillators was installed in Cherryvale Playing Fields as it is located close to the family home and is extensively used by many of the friends and families who have supported them in their fundraising. As Cherryvale Playing Fields was one of the agreed sites for the second phase this request and the erection of a plaque at the defibrillator in Cherryvale Playing Fields to acknowledge the donation was agreed at this meeting. The plaque was unveiled and received positive media coverage on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

3.11	<p>During this pilot programme, the focus for public access defibrillators on Council sites has been on recreational facilities and those sites with significant public access or high footfall. Continuing with this focus on recreational facilities and recognising the specific reference to sports facilities within the Community Resuscitation Strategy and the Murphy family's wishes, the next phase of provision would be proposed for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ormeau Park (depot area)</li> <li>▪ Orangefield Park</li> <li>▪ Shore Road Playing Fields</li> <li>▪ Suffolk Playing Fields</li> <li>▪ Strangford Playing Fields</li> <li>▪ Loughshore Playing Fields</li> <li>▪ Musgrave Park</li> <li>▪ Ulidia Playing Fields</li> </ul>
3.12	<p>The provision of defibrillators at these sites would be subject to the identification of a suitable location with an electrical supply and confirmation with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) that there are no other public access defibrillators within a short distance.</p>
3.13	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>The cost of 8 defibrillators for the third phase of the programme will be covered by the donation from the Murphy family. It was anticipated that costs associated with the cabinets and installation of the defibrillators would be covered by the funding already allocated to the second phase of defibrillator installation, however all funding allocated to the second phase has been used. The costs associated with cabinets and installation for the third phase of the programme and ongoing vandalism will be met by the 2017/2018 Parks Service budget.</p>
3.14	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>The Council's Good Relation Unit have advised that proposals for extending the deployment of defibrillators will have a positive effect on the Health and Wellbeing of people who work, live and visit Belfast and that this is a positive equality action.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>None</p>



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Motion – Not-For-Profit Energy Company</b>
<b>Date:</b>	5th December, 2017
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer, ext. 6301
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer, ext. 6301

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To bring to the Committee's attention a Motion on a Not-For-Profit Energy Company which is due to be presented to the Council at its meeting on 4th December.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to consider the Motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b>
3.1	The following motion on a Not-For-Profit Energy Company, which will be proposed by Councillor Attwood and seconded by Councillor Milne, is due to be presented to the Council at its meeting on 4th December:

3.2	<p>“This Council notes that the Scottish Government and a number of local authorities have established not-for-profit energy firms in search of new revenue, to restore faith in public services and tackle fuel poverty.</p> <p>The Council notes that the first and best-known publicly owned energy companies, Robin Hood Energy in Nottingham and Bristol Energy, have given consumers, particularly those on low incomes, more choice and the option of a supplier whose only job is to secure the lowest price for consumers.</p> <p>The Council agrees to explore the potential benefits of establishing a Belfast City Council owned not-for-profit energy company to tackle fuel poverty in Belfast.”</p> <p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion will be referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>3.3 None.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>3.4 None.</p>
4.0	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None





<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Motion - Homelessness</b>
<b>Date:</b>	5th December, 2017
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer, ext. 6301
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer, ext. 6301

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1.1	To bring to the Committee's attention a Motion on Homelessness which is due to be presented to the Council at its meeting on 4th December.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to consider the Motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b>
3.1	The following motion on Homelessness, which will be proposed by Councillor MCusker and seconded by Councillor O'Neill, is due to be presented to the Council at its meeting on 4th December:

	<p>“This Council notes the concerns around the lack of suitable provision for families and individuals who present as homeless, requiring temporary accommodation. With an increase of 32% in the number of people presenting as homeless in the past five years and a recent report that the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) strategy at reducing homelessness has had limited success, the Council calls on NIHE to undertake an urgent review of the current provision. The Council also notes that we still have rough sleepers in the city and calls on all organisations, including the Council and NIHE, to meet urgently to ensure their needs are being met as the weather conditions continue to decline.”</p>
3.2	<p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion will be referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.</p>
	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p>
3.3	<p>None.</p>
	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p>
3.4	<p>None.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	<p>None</p>