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**Belfast
City Council**

30th November, 2022

MEETING OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will be a hybrid meeting (both remote and in person) in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Tuesday, 6th December, 2022 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. Routine Matters

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes
- (c) Declarations of Interest

2. Restricted

- (a) Pitch Partner Agreement - Alderman Tommy Patton Memorial Park
- (b) Proposed structural review for the Crematorium and a proposal to increase the fees and charges (Pages 1 - 6)
- (c) Financial Reporting - Quarter 2 2022/23 (Pages 7 - 14)
- (d) GLL Annual Schedule of Charges proposal for 2023/24 (Pages 15 - 30)
- (e) Late night hot food premises opening hours on Ormeau Road (Pages 31 - 34)
- (f) Installation of Gates at Crescent Park

(g) Capacity and Revenue Funding 2023/26

3. **Matters referred back from the Council/Motions**

(a) Notice of Motion - Belfast Cycle Network (Pages 35 - 36)

(b) Notice of Motion - Corey Jack Aughey Memorial Park (Pages 37 - 38)

(c) Notice of Motion - Inclusive Leisure Services (Pages 39 - 42)

(d) Notice of Motion - Imagination Library (Pages 43 - 44)

4. **Committee/Strategic Issues**

(a) Social Supermarket Funding - Update (Pages 45 - 50)

(b) Stadia Community Benefits Initiative 2022-2023 Quarter 2 Update (Pages 51 - 58)

(c) Belfast Boxing Strategy 2022-2023 Quarter 2 Update (Pages 59 - 66)

(d) Belfast City Youth Council Update (Pages 67 - 68)

(e) Leisure Contract Compliance and Performance Reporting Schedule

(f) Belfast City Airport Request - Bird Strike Management at Victoria Park: Implications to Air Safety (Pages 69 - 72)

5. **Physical Programme and Asset Management**

(a) Quarterly update on Pitch Partnership Agreements

(b) Cherryvale Gate Update (Pages 73 - 84)

(c) Requests for containerised storage at Falls Park and Sally Gardens (Pages 85 - 90)

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6. **Operational Issues**

(a) Proposal for Dual Language street signs (Pages 97 - 100)

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| Subject: | Notice of Motion: Belfast Cycle Network |
| Date: | 6th December, 2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer |
| Contact Officer: | Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | To consider a motion in relation to Belfast Cycle Network, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 24th November. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The Members of the Committee are asked to consider the motion and the appropriate action to be taken. |

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| 3.0 | Main report |
| 3.1 | <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 24th November, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Harvey and seconded by Councillor Nelson, was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p> |
| 3.2 | <p>“That this Council, along with the PSNI and Department for Infrastructure, should develop a long-term, comprehensive strategy to ensure that the Belfast cycle network is kept clean and free from obstructions, such as parked cars and commercial bins.”</p> |
| 3.3 | <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p> |
| 3.4 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.</p> |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
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| Subject: | Notice of Motion: Corey Jack Aughey Memorial Park |
| Date: | 6th December, 2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer |
| Contact Officer: | Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | To consider a motion in relation to Corey Jack Aughey Memorial Park, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 24th November. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The Members of the Committee are asked to consider the motion and, if the proposal is agreed, to agree that a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back. |

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| 3.0 | Main report |
| 3.1 | <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 24th November, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Pankhurst and seconded by Councillor McCullough, was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p> |
| 3.2 | <p>“This Council notes with deep sadness the passing of Corey Aughey on holiday in June 2022. We also note that Corey was a well known and loving character within the Glenbryn area of North Belfast.</p> <p>As such, this Council will move to rename “Glenbryn Playpark” as the “Corey Jack Aughey Memorial Park” as a fitting tribute in his memory. The Council will also agree to install a memory bench in his name within the park.”</p> |
| 3.3 | <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p> |
| 3.4 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.</p> |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
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| Subject: | Notice of Motion: Inclusive Leisure Services |
| Date: | 6th December, 2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer |
| Contact Officer: | Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | To consider a motion in relation to Inclusive Leisure Services, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 24th November. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The Members of the Committee are asked to consider the motion and, if the proposal is agreed, to agree that a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back. |

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| 3.0 | Main report |
| 3.1 | <p data-bbox="272 226 421 255"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 275 1469 405">At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 24th November, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Michael Collins and seconded by Councillor Ferguson, was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p> |
| 3.2 | <p data-bbox="320 461 1394 591">“This Council recognises the shortage of services available for people with disabilities. The Council will seek to engage with BETTER to expand and promote inclusive services within our leisure centres to ensure an accessible and welcoming environment for everyone.</p> <p data-bbox="320 629 1394 759">The Council will seek the input of service users, engage with autism support networks, BETTER and Disability Sport NI to bring inclusion and community to our leisure centres by improving accessibility for people with autism and other disabilities in a number of key areas including:</p> <ul data-bbox="320 797 1362 1816" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="320 797 1362 898">• Belfast’s 12 leisure centre to promote inclusive sessions for people with disabilities as is the case with Lagan Valley Complex and Dundonald Ice Bowl in Lisburn <li data-bbox="320 936 1362 1037">• These sessions should include but not be limited to swimming pools, and should be at an accessible hour for children and parents to make best use of them <li data-bbox="320 1075 1362 1176">• The Council will work with BETTER to ascertain which other services: such as trampolining, Inflatable Park facilities and any other leisure facilities which may be included in these inclusive sessions <li data-bbox="320 1214 1362 1375">• The Council will strive to ensure all amenities inside leisure centres are fully inclusive for people with disabilities. This includes improving advertising and continuing to promote the use of WAP cards, as well as ensuring staff are adequately trained to support children, families and carers to provide fully inclusive services to people with autism and other abilities <li data-bbox="320 1413 1362 1574">• The Council will continue its pioneering work with Swimming Buddies in Brooke Leisure Centre and explore ways to expand this across all 12 leisure centres in Belfast, to ensure the life skill of swimming lessons are readily accessible for children at a local level offering a supportive space for families and provided in an inclusive manner <li data-bbox="320 1612 1362 1682">• The Council will engage with BETTER to explore the permanent installation of a Sensory Room in one or more of our leisure centres in Belfast <li data-bbox="320 1720 1362 1816">• The Council will strive to better promote and advertise inclusive services in our leisure centres across all of our social media platforms and publications with the overall aim of being leaders in the area of inclusive leisure services.” |
| 3.3 | <p data-bbox="272 1888 748 1917"><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1955 352 1984">None.</p> |

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| 3.4 | <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate. |
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| Subject: | Notice of Motion: Imagination Library |
| Date: | 6th December, 2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer |
| Contact Officer: | Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | To consider a motion in relation to Support for Parents, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 24th November. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The Members of the Committee are asked to consider the motion and, if the proposal is agreed, to agree that a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back. |

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| 3.0 | Main report |
| <p data-bbox="164 277 209 309">3.1</p> <p data-bbox="164 472 209 504">3.2</p> <p data-bbox="164 1178 209 1209">3.3</p> <p data-bbox="164 1312 209 1344">3.4</p> | <p data-bbox="272 226 421 257"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 277 1469 405">At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 24th November, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor de Faoite and seconded by Councillor Howard, was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p> <p data-bbox="272 461 549 492">“Belfast City Council:</p> <ul data-bbox="323 528 1369 1104" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="323 528 1369 629">• Acknowledges that the majority of physical brain development occurs in the first three years of life, when children form over 1 million new neural connections per second; <li data-bbox="323 667 1369 831">• Recognises the benefits of reading, and reading aloud, to young children which can promote the development of basic literacy and vocabulary skills, establish strong inter-personal relationships between children and parents/guardians, as well as improving longer term educational, health, social and economic outcomes; <li data-bbox="323 869 1369 936">• Is concerned about the rising cost of living which will limit the ability of families to pay for essential educational resources like books for young children; <li data-bbox="323 974 1369 1104">• Agrees to investigate and establish a pilot of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in the City to provide a new book each month for children aged 0-5, working with any interested partners to secure the success and sustainable funding of the scheme.” <p data-bbox="272 1178 751 1209"><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1245 352 1276">None.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1312 1134 1344"><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1379 1469 1458">This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.</p> |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
| | None. |



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| Subject: | Social Supermarket Fund - Update |
| Date: | 6 th December 2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | David Sales, Director Neighbourhood Services |
| Contact Officer: | Kelly Gilliland, Neighbourhood Services Manager Margaret Higgins, Lead Officer – Community Provision |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | <p>Following P&C and Council approval in August/September 2022 to take forward the design and delivery of the Social Supermarket Fund (DfC allocation) in-year, officers have spent the intervening months liaising with area-based Strategic and Thematic partners to identify and then liaise with potential delivery partners, assessing capacity to deliver and to what level of resource and to seek their views on how the additional funding could best be used within their service delivery models whilst ensuring that the high level social supermarket principles set by DfC are met.</p> <p>The paper outlines officer recommendations following these meetings/ discussions and seeks member agreement for the proposed approach outlined for 22/23 allocation and delivery.</p> |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the outcomes of engagement and co-design processes undertaken with strategic and thematic partners in support of implementing the Social Supermarket Fund (SSF) 2022-23. • Note and agree the allocations to nominated area-based delivery partners (outlined in Appendix 1) following discussions with Strategic Partners. • Note and agree the allocations to nominated city centre and thematic-based delivery partners (also outlined in Appendix 1) following discussions with Thematic Partners. • Grant delegated authority to the Director of Neighbourhood Services to enhance awards to delivery partners in-year (dependent on budget and capacity) in order to ensure in-year spend. |
| 3.0 | Main report |
| | <p>Background</p> <p><u>Social Supermarket Fund</u></p> <p>3.1 In September Council approved acceptance of £228,342.42 for delivery of a social supermarket fund (SSF) for 22/23 in the Belfast area. The social supermarket model aims to offer a sustainable response to food insecurity by seeking to help address the root causes of poverty rather than simply provide food. This is achieved through the provision of a referral network for wraparound support.</p> <p>3.2 The objective of administering this fund is to support the co-design of a social supermarket model in Belfast council area and in-year implementation of same. The Department for Communities have stated that they will also consider requests to support projects that meet the high-level social supermarket principles to enable actions to address food insecurity to be delivered in 2022/23.</p> <p>3.3 Members gave approval for officers to engage with existing Strategic and Thematic Partners to agree participating partners ensuring coverage for all areas. It was agreed that 60% of the overall allocation (£137,005) was to be made to area partners based on population and deprivation figures. A summary of the area allocations is provided in Appendix 1.</p> <p>3.4 The overall aim of the co-design process has been to support delivery by organisations who have the capacity to deliver a social supermarket model through enhancement of their existing service provision. In a small number of cases, for example where the area/partner financial allocation is relatively low, partners have stated that they wish to provide food vouchers to those in extreme need that they identify through other wrap around services they are already providing (as noted in 3.1 second paragraph DfC have confirmed they would be content with this).</p> |

£91,336.97 was then allocated to support organisations who work with key communities across the city, on a thematic basis. However, follow up engagement with thematic partners has identified that most individuals who are members of communities of interest/Section 75 groups should be able to access provision on an area basis as part of the community in which they live.

3.5 Nonetheless, there was recognition that some people experience barriers in accessing services at an area level and that, for these individuals, ability to access a form of city centre-based provision might be beneficial. It was also noted that there are currently particular pressures meeting the needs of refugees and asylum seekers, and those with complex needs, in accessing food alongside wrap around service provision.

3.6 Two organisations have been identified as having a model that could be adapted to meet the Social Supermarket approach on a city centre basis to meet the needs of those identified above, namely:

- Storehouse – City centre based – long established foodbank (15 years) with a wide range of relevant partners who refer into their services including for example the Welcome Organisation, Extern, Womens Aid.
- Homeplus – University area – already provide support to refugees and asylum seekers and are seeking to extend their operations to enable weekend provision.

3.7 Making an equal allocation to each of these organisations would equate to an award of £45,668.48 which may prove challenging to spend within the financial year 22/23 (3 months remaining). It is therefore recommended that a maximum allocation of £21,000 is made to each of these two organisations.

3.8 Whilst other thematic partners have indicated they are not in a position to establish a social supermarket type model some have expressed an interest in using a smaller allocation to provide food vouchers to those in extreme need that they identify through other wrap around services. As noted previously, as long as this food is provided within the high-level social supermarket principles, then this would be considered eligible spend. Appendix 1 outlines recommended allocations to thematic partners made on this basis.

3.9 Some of the area-based partners have also indicated that they could accept a higher level of funding to deliver activity in support of the SSM fund; members therefore may wish to consider making additional allocations available to area partners, based on identified slippage and their capacity to spend in year. However, members should note that many of these area-based organisations have since been recommended by committee as delivery partners for the recently

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| | approved Council Fuel Hardship Fund. The additional work associated with administration of this fund may have an impact on their capacity to deliver enhanced activity supported by the Social Supermarket Fund. |
| 3.10 | Members are asked to grant delegated authority to the Director of Neighbourhood Services to consider and approve any allocation of identified slippage so that timely allocations can be made, and external funding can be maximised. NB Delegated authority for the Director was approved in 21/22 to ensure that external funding was maximised. |
| 3.11 | All organisations identified in this report will be required to submit a project proposal, which will be assessed by officers through an agreed process, to ensure that activity meets the aims of the funding programme, is eligible, presents value for money, and can be delivered within timescales. The same process will be used for the allocation of any identified slippage. |
| | <u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> |
| 3.12 | All activity outlined in this report can be delivered within existing resources – via the allocation from DfC. |
| | <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications and Rural Needs Assessment</u> |
| 3.13 | This will be considered throughout and any appropriate issues highlighted to Members. |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
| | Appendix 1 – Social Supermarket Fund Update – proposed area and thematic allocations |

Appendix 1
People & Communities Committee 06.12.22
Social Supermarket Update

Area Allocations

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| North | |
| North Belfast Advice Partnership | £11,323.33 |
| Loughview Community Action Project | £11,323.33 |
| Ashton Community Trust | £11,323.33 |
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| South | |
| LORAG | £7,896.67 |
| Southcity | £7,896.67 |
| Forward South | £7,896.67 |
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| East | |
| In this Together | £16,432.50 |
| Larder | £16,432.50 |
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| West | |
| Blackie River Centre | £36,700.00 |
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| Shankill | |
| Greater Shankill Partnership | £9,780.00 |
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| TOTAL | £137,005 |

Recommended Thematic allocations

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| Storehouse | £21,000.00 |
| Homeplus | £21,000.00 |
| Belfast and Lisburn Womens Aid | £7,337.00 |
| Mens Advisory Partnership | £7,000.00 |
| Here NI | £7,000.00 |
| CaraFRiend | £7,000.00 |
| Transgender NI | £7,000.00 |
| Disability Action | £7,000.00 |
| Parent Rooms | £7,000.00 |
| TOTAL | £91,337 |

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| Subject: | Stadia Community Benefits Initiative 2022-2023 Quarter 2 Update |
| Date: | 6 December 2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | David Sales, Director, City and Neighbourhood Services |
| Contact Officer: | Catherine Taggart, Neighbourhood Services Manager |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | To advise Committee of progress with the Stadia Community Benefits Initiative (SCBI) for 2022/2023 and update on the action plan. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note progress to date |
| 3.0 | Main report |
| 3.1 | The Council has been undertaking the Leisure Transformation Programme to renew its Leisure facilities across the City. This Programme has been influenced by the Partnership opportunities presented by the NI Executive Stadia Programme. |

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| 3.2 | <p>The Council, Department for Communities (DfC) and the Irish Football Association (IFA) have recognised the opportunities presented by the Stadia Programme, have committed to work together to maximise these benefits, and have agreed to establish a Stadium Community Benefits Initiative as part of the Belfast Community Benefits Initiative ('the Project') to implement and deliver agreed objectives including promoting equality, tackling poverty, and tackling social exclusion within the Belfast area.</p> |
| 3.3 | <p>In March 2016 the Council, DfC and IFA signed an agreement which sets out their respective commitments to the project. As other major stadia are developed in Belfast it is anticipated that other sports governing bodies shall become parties to the agreement. At its April 2018 meeting People and Communities committee agreed that Council would work with the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) within the Stadia Community Benefits Initiative and recognised their significant planned investment in Gaelic Games in the city to support their Gaelfast strategy. GAA activities became fully incorporated into the action plan at the start of financial year 2019-2020, with Gaelfast staff imbedded into the governance structure at the Delivery Board and the Policy and Performance Group.</p> |
| 3.4 | <p>The agreement is for a period of ten years with financial commitment from Council and IFA in place to the end of March 2026. Delivery is managed through monthly meetings of the Delivery Board, which reports quarterly to the Policy and Performance Board. Financial and performance reports will be presented to Council and other partners' Boards as necessary.</p> |
| 3.5 | <p>The Policy & Performance Group is responsible for agreeing the Benefits Realisation Plan and associated annual targets. Work was undertaken to ensure the end benefits/outcomes are aligned to partners' strategies. To measure the progress of this the Council and the IFA have developed a range of indicators/intermediate benefits which are monitored through programme delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Number of coaching sessions provided b. Number of coaches engaged in delivering coaching c. Number of sessions improving club governance d. Number of volunteering opportunities e. Participation opportunities for under 16s f. Female participation rates g. Number of people completing skills development programme i. Number of sessions for under-represented groups j. Number of sessions for school and youth groups k. Community group usage of stadia |

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| | <p>l. Number of clubs attaining club-mark</p> <p>m. Educational opportunities</p> <p>o. Number of programmes targeting ASB</p> <p>q. Improved collaborative working</p> <p>r. Number of disabled participants</p> <p>s. Number of older people participating</p> |
| 3.6 | The policy and performance group held their meeting on Friday 4 November to review performance to date and to be updated in terms of the programme for Q3 and Q4 |
| 3.7 | <p>Following the completion of a baseline assessment in early 2017, annual workplans are developed each year. The Action Plan for 2022-2023 has been produced by the partners and includes a mixture of sports specific programmes including National Governing Body specific coach education courses and some joint collaborative initiatives delivered by both sporting codes such as information webinars which continue to prove popular. A joint conference will take place in January 2023.</p> <p><u>Performance</u></p> |
| 3.8 | <p>Delivery to date in Q1 and Q2 of year 6 (financial year 2022/2023) has started strongly and details of the IFA and GAA specific activities are included at appendix (i) and appendix (ii)</p> <p>A number of joint initiatives are planned for Q3 and Q4</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> |
| 3.9 | <p>In accordance with the Council's obligations under its DfC Funding Agreement for the Olympia Regeneration Project, the Council has committed a sum of £100,000 per annum for a minimum of ten years, so that a minimum of £1,000,000 is contributed in total to the Project.</p> <p>In relation to 2022/23 Q2 spend partners have reported a normal level of spend in line with programmes delivered. Partners have projected full utilisation of the budget across both joint and individual work programmes by the end of March 2023.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> |
| 3.10 | There are no additional impacts related to this report. |

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| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
| | Appendix 1 - IFA Performance Report Quarter 2 2022/2023 Appendix 2 - GAA Performance Report Quarter 2 2022/2023 |

| IFA Actual Quarter 2 2022-2023 | | |
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| Intermediate Benefits | Q2 Total | Commentary |
| a. Number of coaching sessions provided | 120 | |
| b. Number of coaches engaged in delivering coaching | 67 | National Coaching Certificate for adults is arranged and to be run in new year |
| c. Number of sessions improving club governance | 9 | |
| d. Number of volunteering opportunities | 186 | |
| e. Participation opportunities for under 16s | 565 | Halloween camp and street soccer programme |
| f. Female participation rates | 553 | Numbers have increased with success over the summer as well as with the easter camp numbers |
| g. Number of people completing skills development programme | 118 | National Coaching Certificate Amateur finally underway and will be rolled out this financial year |
| h. Number of sessions for under-represented groups | 167 | |
| i. Number of sessions for school and youth groups | 8 | |
| j. Community group usage of stadia | 4 | |
| k. Number of clubs attaining club-mark | 0 | New Clubmark Programme launched |
| l. Educational opportunities | 30 | |
| m. Number of programmes targeting ASB | 121 | |
| n. Improved collaborative working | 116 | |
| o. Number of disabled participants | 16 | |
| p. Number of older people participating | 16 | |

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| Gael Fast ACTUAL Q2 2022 | | |
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| Intermediate Benefits | Q2 TOTAL | Commentary |
| a.Number of coaching sessions provided | 171 | Summer Camps (4 sessions a day for 5 days) Inclusive camps, Feile Go Games |
| b.Number of coaches engaged in delivering coaching sessions | 108 | Summer Camps, inclusive camps, Antrim cup |
| c.Number of sessions improving club governance | 0 | |
| d.Number of volunteering opportunities | 228 | Summer Camps (8 coaches per camp), Feile Go Games, 12 Talent ID, Antrim Cup |
| e.Participation numbers for Under 16s | 3460 | Summer Camps, Antrim cup (Super games) |
| f.Female Participation Rates | 657 | Summer Camps, Feile Go Games |
| g.Number of people completing skills development programme | | |
| h.Number of sessions for underrepresented groups | 153 | Summer Camps, Feile Go Games, Inclusion |
| i.Number of sessions for school and youth groups | 52 | Super games sessions at 13 venues city wide for 4 weeks. |
| j.Community Group usage of the stadium | n/a | |
| k.Number of clubs attaining clubmark | | |
| l.Educational opportunities | 80 | Coach Education Foundation Level Qualification and Coaching participants with Autism workshop |
| m.Number of programmes targeting ASB | 0 | |
| n.Improved collaborative working | 7 | Deliver of summer camps involving GAA, Handball, Camogie, LGFA Feile, Antrim GAA, Ulster GAA |
| o.number of disabled participants | 120 | Inclusive Camps, Summer Camps (12), Super Games programme and Antrim cup |
| p.Number of older people participating | 18 | Inclusion sessions and Super games programme |

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| Subject: | Belfast Boxing Strategy 2022-2023 Quarter 2 Update |
| Date: | 6 December 2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | David Sales Director of Neighbourhood Services |
| Contact Officer: | Catherine Taggart, Neighbourhood Services Manager |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | This report is to provide an update on progress on implementation of Belfast Boxing Strategy for July to September 2022 (Quarter 2). |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the progress to date of the Strategy Work Plan for 2022-23. |
| 3.0 | Main report |
| 3.1 | <u>Background</u> Council agreed, through the January 2018 Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, to provide £200,000 to the Irish Athletic Boxing Association Ulster Branch (IABA) for delivery of an agreed annual action plan supporting the Belfast Boxing Strategy. The current strategy is scheduled to finish on 31 March 2023 |

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| 3.2 | The IABA provided SP&R with a detailed breakdown of programmes to be delivered under six main areas. Salary – Development Officer and Coaches, Pathways, Events, Coach Education, Club Support, Governance. |
| 3.3 | Following this decision the Belfast Boxing Strategy Steering Group has met quarterly, with the most recent meeting on held online due to Covid-19 and associated regulations. The most recent meeting took place on 3 November 2022. This Steering Group is chaired by the Director of Neighbourhood Services with Council Officers, IABA Officers and Officials and Co. Antrim Board Officials attending. Small variations to the budget across the six areas have been agreed to assist prioritisation in line with the agreed annual action plan. |
| | <u>Monitoring</u> |
| 3.4 | The Leisure Development Unit works directly with IABA officials to verify reporting on performance and finance and provides detailed reports for discussion at the Steering Group. |
| | <u>Performance</u> |
| 3.5 | Council agreed a total of 37 Indicators with IABA to monitor delivery of the programmes. IABA have complied with reporting requirements and their performance report for 22/23 Quarter 2 is at Appendix (i) along with their overall performance to date for 22/23 at Appendix (ii). IABA have provided narrative against each of the KPIs to describe progress against each indicator and have advised that they anticipate that all KPIs will be achieved by the end of 22/23 |
| 3.6 | Much of the focus in terms of method of delivery has returned to normal following the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions however some delivery of training courses remains online. |
| | <u>22/23 Action Plan</u> |
| 3.7 | In line with normal process the IABA have developed their programme action plan relating to 22/23. This plan was approved by Committee on 8 March 2022 |
| | <u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> |
| 3.8 | A total of £200,000 is available within the current financial year to support the Action Plan. It is likely that the full budget will be expended. |
| | Subject to the completion of the rate setting process and the agreement of departmental cash limits, £200,000 is included with the estimates for 2023/2024. This is with a view to extending support for the Strategy and related action plan for a further year pending the production of |

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| | <p>the new Belfast Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy. Any request will be formally presented to committee.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> |
| 3.9 | <p>The strategy was equality screened in line with the Council’s equality process. The screening showed that there were potential adverse impacts on a number of groups including females and people with a disability and mitigating actions were added to the strategy. Members agreed that an equality screening be undertaken prior to a decision being made in relation to funding for 19/20. Officers have finalised this screening and the initial findings show that progress has been made in increasing the participation of underrepresented groups and this has been reported separately through the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee. The IABA continue to target underrepresented groups in its delivery of the 22/23 programme with particular focus on the events, club based sessions and the non-contact boxing programme.</p> |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
| | Appendix 1 - IABA 2022-2023 Quarter 2 Performance Report |

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| Boxing Strategy KPI Report 22-23 Q2 | | | | | |
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| To have an effective efficient Pathway to engage and nurture talent within Belfast | | | | | |
| KPI | Description | Female | Male | Total | Commentary |
| 1.1 | Run 3 talent squads in Belfast (2 Male 1 Female) | 0 | 0 | 0 | Likely to Start in Q3 with new season beginning in September |
| 1.2 | To Run competitive opportunities for Belfast talent squads (2/3) | 0 | 0 | 0 | Likely to Start in Q3 with new season beginning in September |
| 1.3 | Number of boxers getting Elite Gym Membershi | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 Boxers in received GLL funding and Gym membership opportunities |
| 1.5 | Number of boxers obtaining support for sport funding or outside funding | 0 | 0 | 0 | Completed |
| 2.1 | To run 1 volunteer education event with 32 clubs represented and 40 participants | 0 | 0 | 0 | This is in planning and will happened before end of this years funding. |
| 2.2 | To run 1 Volunteer recognition event with a minimum of 30 participants from clubs present | 0 | 0 | 0 | This is in planning and will happened before end of this years funding. |
| 3.1 | To run 1 Scoring/Event Official Course per year with 10 newly trained officials | 0 | 0 | 0 | Planned for October / November ahead of Ulster Elites |
| 3.2 | To run 1 Referee and Judging Course per year with 20 newly trained officials | 0 | 0 | 0 | Planned for the start new year |
| 3.3 | Delivery of a minimum of 2 Committee training courses throughout the year to improve club governance | 12 | 20 | 32 | 2 Safeguarding Course took place with clubs from Belfast present (Ormeau Road, Holy Trinity, Emerald, Midland, Cairnlodge, St John Bosco, Mc Cullaghs, Gleann, Saints, St Agnes, St Georges). 5 clubs attend Support for Sport Workshop (Star, Holy Family, Oliver Plunkett, City of Belfast, Cairnlodge) |
| | To recruit, train and sustain active coaches within Belfast | | | | |

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| 4.1 | 5 coaches receive talent coach training and mentoring | 1 | 4 | 5 | Coach Development coaches continue to work closely with Ulster High Performance with 2 new coaches nominated from St John Bosco & Ledley Hall. |
| 4.2 | 20 new grassroots coaches trained | 0 | 0 | 0 | Date planned in November for new roll out of coaching courses. |
| 4.3 | 50 new people accessing online resources | 0 | 0 | 0 | ongoing through website, social media, blocworx and online learning. |
| 4.4 | Increase the number of female coaches | 0 | | 0 | Date planned in November for new roll out of coaching courses. |
| 4.5 | To work with mental health training providers to design a toolkit for every club and to deliver training and webinars. To encourage clubs to appoint a Mental Health and Wellbeing Champion. 10 Clubs to be involved | 3 | 14 | 17 | St Michaels Boxing Club took part in a mental health workshop with our partners TAMHI after the sad loss of one of their members. We have rolled out to all clubs should they want to get involved. |
| 4.6 | 5 clubs trained on inclusive boxing module | | | 0 | IABA currently working with Disability Sport NI to introduce inclusive boxing aspect to new coaching courses. |
| | To grow and sustain club membership within Belfast | | | | |
| 5.1 | 160 participants at come and try it event | 0 | 0 | 0 | Planned for Q3 |
| 5.2 | 1600 pupils taking part in non contact boxing sessions | 378 | 684 | 1062 | Summer Schemes included: Glenparent YC, Andersontown LC, Grove LC, Olympia LC, Lisnasharragh LC, Whiterock LC, Shankill LC, Ballysillan LC, Falls Lc, Brook LC). Schools included: Christ the Redeemer, St Josephs, Clarawood, Oliver Plunkett, Hazelwood, Scoil Na Fuisseoige, Holy Evangelist). |
| 5.3 | 160 participants at Belfast Day of Boxing | 0 | 0 | 0 | Planned for Q3 |
| 5.4.1 | 2 new clubs established and availing of seeding grant | | | 0 | Planned for Q3 and Q4 |
| 5.4.2 | 4 clubs obtaining equipment grants | | | 0 | This has went out for Halloween midterm break |

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| 5.4.3 | 27 clubs obtaining membership development grants | | | 0 | This has went out for Halloween midterm break |
| 5.5 | 50 new members in Belfast clubs | 16 | 64 | 80 | 13 new Adult members and 67 new junior members attended the 2 county antrim medical days. |
| 5.6 | 15 clubs receiving for support for sport grants | | | 0 | Need info from BCC |
| 5.7 | 180 participants in holiday camps | 0 | 0 | 0 | This has went out for Halloween midterm break |
| | To promote and sustain good governance standards within Belfast clubs | | | | |
| 6.1.1 | 2 clubs to attain clubmark accreditation | | | 1 | Sacred Heart BA |
| 6.1.2 | 8 clubs to attain reaccreditation | | | 0 | ongoing |
| 6.2 | 180 participants in good relations programme | 0 | 0 | 0 | This has went out for Halloween midterm break |
| | Funding to support competitive local and international events in Belfast | | | | |
| 7.1 | Deliver 8 local events | | | 0 | Events for new season planned October 22 to March 23 |
| 7.2 | Deliver 2 international events | | | 0 | Events for new season planned October 22 to March 24 |
| 7.3 | 150 male competitors | | 0 | 0 | Events for new season planned October 22 to March 25 |
| 7.4 | 50 female competitors | | 0 | 0 | Events for new season planned October 22 to March 26 |
| 7.5 | 50 visiting competitors | | 0 | 0 | Events for new season planned October 22 to March 27 |
| 7.6 | 150 Belfast competitors | | 0 | 0 | Events for new season planned October 22 to March 28 |
| 7.7 | 5 visiting officials | | 0 | 0 | Events for new season planned October 22 to March 29 |
| 7.8 | 15 Belfast officials | | 0 | 0 | Events for new season planned October 22 to March 30 |

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| Subject: | Belfast City Youth Council Update |
| Date: | 6 th December 2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | David Sales, Director Neighbourhood Services, CNS |
| Contact Officer: | Kelly Gilliland, Neighbourhood Services Manager Margaret Higgins, Lead Officer – Community Provision |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on the Belfast City Youth Council (BCYC) and recommend that the next scheduled special meeting of People and Communities committee with the youth council is postponed until February/March 2023. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the update on the Belfast City Youth Council and approve the recommendation that the next scheduled special meeting of People and Communities committee with the youth council is postponed until February/March 2023. |
| 3.0 | Main report |
| 3.1 | In September, members were provided with an update in relation to the recruitment of the Council's Children & Young People's Co-ordinator (C&YP Co-ordinator) and the impact that this vacancy had had on the operation of the Belfast City Youth Council (BCYC). Members approved an officer request to postpone the special committee meeting with BCYC from October until 20 th December 2022. |

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| 3.2 | The current cohort of BCYC have not had the opportunity to meet consistently and identify their priorities for the incoming term. Officers highlighted in the September report that the BCYC would need to have the dedicated support of the C&YP Co-ordinator in order to prepare them for the Special committee meeting. |
| 3.3 | Unfortunately, due to the requirement for pre-employment checks to be completed prior to taking up post, the newly appointed co-ordinator did not commence employment with Council until the beginning of November. Since then, he has been engaging with the Youth Council membership, but they are currently not in a position to take part in the special Committee meeting in December. |
| 3.4 | The next scheduled meeting between the youth council and committee is not until Monday 26th June 2023. If members are content, officers will arrange a special committee meeting in late February/early March and will also arrange a meeting with the Youth Champions of each party and the youth council before that meeting takes place. This will allow the co-ordinator ample time to rebuild relationships with youth council members, identify their needs and priorities for the incoming year, and prepare and support them to be able to actively participate in the rearranged meeting. |
| | Financial & Resource Implications |
| 3.5 | There are no financial or resource implications |
| | Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment |
| 3.6 | There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications of this report. |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
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| Subject: | Belfast City Airport Request – Bird Strike Management at Victoria Park: Implications to Air Safety |
| Date: | 6 th December 2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services |
| Contact Officer: | Stephen Leonard, Neighbourhood Services Manager |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | The purpose of the report is for Members to consider a request from The George Best Belfast City Airport (GBBCA) to gain access to Victoria Park to continue habitat modifications to mitigate the risk of bird strike. This is part of an ongoing control programme in line with their Wildlife Hazard Assessment and the Civil Aviation Authority licensing requirements. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to agree to the request from George Best Belfast City Airport to grant them access under licence to Victoria Park to facilitate rookery management in particular further winter nest removal and nest site discouragement in Mid-January 2023. If agreed the licence will permit works to commence in early January and end on 31st January 2023 and permit GBBCA thereafter to carry out monitoring until 31st March 2023 (subject to the terms and conditions). |

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| | Members are advised that any decision to grant this permission is subject to legal agreement that would be developed by the Councils Legal Services Department and will include a requirement to ensure that any works are permissible and the required NIEA licence and consents are in place. |
| 3.0 | Main report |
| | <u>Key Issues</u> |
| 3.1 | Members should be aware that control of birds in the flight path to the airport is a requirement of the airport's Civil Aviation Authority licence. In line with GBBCA's national aerodrome license requirements and associated guidance material presented in CAP772: Wildlife Hazard Management at Aerodromes, the airport is required to identify sources of risk and to reduce and maintain risk to an acceptable level in compliance with the Civil Aviation Authority licensing requirements. |
| | <u>Rooks</u> |
| 3.2 | Members will recall granting a similar request for rookery management at the December 2021 meeting of this committee. GBBCA report that post breeding rookery management conducted last year seen a further reduction in nesting rooks the following spring and a redistribution of nests to another location within Victoria Park. With progress made and still potential for the rookery to expand, the airport has identified the need to follow up with another session of winter nest removal and nest site discouragement. The proposed works to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The removal of old rook nests to take place during the Works Period; 2. Any necessary thinning of sheltering pines, structural pruning of preferred nesting trees, and reducing shelter from ivy. |
| 3.3 | GBBCA will appoint a suitable contractor with previous experience to undertake the work. |
| 3.4 | If members are content, officers will review the submitted risk assessment and insurance certificates in line with procedure and work with Legal Services to issue the requested licence. The licence will include relevant conditions to ensure that the airport confirm that all work is permissible, and any required licences are in place to allow work to take place within the required timescales. The licence will also place an onus on the airport to ensure that health and safety measures are implemented, essential signage is assembled, one-way systems are established where necessary. |
| | <u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> |
| 3.5 | GBBCA will be responsible for any costs associated with the request. |

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| | <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> |
| 3.6 | None |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
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| Subject: | Cherryvale Gate Anti-Social Behaviour Measures update |
| Date: | 6 December 2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services |
| Contact Officer: | Stephen Leonard Neighbourhood Services Manager Colin Willetts OSS Area Manager (East) Kathy Watters Neighbourhood Integration Manager (East) |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | <p>The purpose of the report is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update members on the Cherryvale gate opening resident/member engagement meetings. • Present mitigations for approval and completion. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | <p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the detail discussed at the resident/member engagement meetings. • Consider the mitigations discussed and grant approval for officers to move ahead with the works. • Note ongoing engagement with DFI in reference to the crossing. |

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| 3.0 | Main report |
| 3.1 | Following a decision at Council on 3 rd October 2022, officers and members from the Lisnasharragh DEA have completed a number of engagement meetings with residents interested in the opening of the gate at Cherryvale Playing Fields from Knockbreda Park and the proposed anti social behaviour mitigations. |
| 3.2 | Meetings were held on 21st October and 17 th November to accommodate residents and members attendance. Residents from 8 surrounding properties who were opposed to the gate opening were invited and 11 residents attended the discussions. A combined note of the meetings is attached at Appendix 1 for information. An updated timeline of committee decisions and engagement with residents has been attached as Appendix 2. |
| 3.3 | <p>Measures and key issues discussed are outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing –Additional fencing and the replacement of the inner gate was discussed and officers agreed to a site meeting with residents before installation. • It was communicated to residents that CCTV would not be installed but the Council is currently considering a CCTV policy which will inform any future decision in relation to this. • Lighting – this is not seen by council as a necessary mitigation. It is too costly and the gate will be closed at dusk in line with our parks opening hours. • Additional dog litter bins will be installed to facilitate increased dog walkers in the area. • Tree pruning carried out around the sub-station. • Increased park warden patrols following the opening of the gate and this would kept under review. Numbers would also be provided to residents to contact when they witnessed ASB. |
| 3.4 | <p>If such measures detailed above were implemented in order to manage anti-social behaviour concerns, the costs would be as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Litter bins - £800 • Erection of fencing around substation and rear of houses at Rosetta Park - £13,000 • Resurfacing of the triangle if land outside the current gate £4000. |
| 3.5 | At September Committee it was agreed that a letter would be sent to DFI (Appendix 3) requesting an update on the installation of the pedestrian crossing. A reply was received and a copy is attached at Appendix 4. Since receiving this letter, council officers have further engaged with DFI on the timeline for installation of the crossing. Initial feedback from DFI |

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| | officers confirms that a recent survey confirms that due to the busy nature of the road, this crossing will be installed regardless of the gate opening. Council have agreed that this work should be completed before the opening of the gate. |
| 3.6 | When this matter was considered by members at its September meeting, officers were requested to produce a report on ASB in parks across the city and this information is currently being collated. Members should also note that following the opening of the gate that it was agreed that the area would be kept under review for a period of 6 months. |
| 3.7 | The committee is asked to note the engagement with residents and consider the reduced antisocial behaviour mitigations recommended for installation. |
| | Finance and Resource Implications |
| 3.8 | Operational arrangements can be accommodated within existing budgets. |
| | Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment |
| 3.9 | An Equality & Rural Needs impact assessment of the proposal has been completed and no implications have been identified. |
| | Legal Services |
| 3.10 | A triangle of land exists between the gate and the footpath which officers had not yet been able to identify ownership of. The issue had been referred to Legal Services and is subject to further investigation in relation to title. |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
| | Appendix 1 – Notes from the two resident/member engagement session Appendix 2 – Updated timeline of decisions and engagements Appendix 3- Letter to DFI Appendix 4 – Response from DFI |

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Cherryvale Gate Opening – Resident and Elected member discussions

Two meetings were held to discuss and agree the final remedial measures to mitigate against antisocial behaviour arising from the reopening of the gate at Cherryvale Playing Fields.

The meetings were held on 21st October and 17th November 2022.

The following points were discussed and agreed and will be circulated to attendees.

- The decision has been made to reopen the gate at Cherryvale Playing Fields. Council want to work with residents to agree mitigations that will be put in place to help address their concerns.
- The gate will not be opened until the crossing (DFI) and the agreed mitigations are put in place. This includes establishing the tenure of the unadopted section of land.
- The gate will be open from dawn to dusk in line with our parks opening hours.
- Lighting is not considered a necessary mitigation as the gate will be closed at dusk.
- Fencing has been agreed and will be discussed at a site meeting with residents.
- Issues with the gate which was installed in June this year will be investigated, and a second gate will be installed.
- Trees will be pruned back at the sub station.
- There will be increased park warden patrols following the opening of the gate and this will be kept under review.
- CCTV – Council is currently considering a CCTV policy which will inform any future decision in relation to this.
- Should Belfast City Council decide on 24hours opening for their parks, it will be a member decision if playing fields are included in this.
- Residents have been given elected member and council contact numbers (028 9032 0202) and advised to ring 101 to report incidents of concern.
- Park Warden teams cannot issue fines for dogs off leads.
- Noted that other councils have introduced legal exclusions where dogs are unallowed in playgrounds and playing fields. (Derry/Strabane and Lisburn/Castlereagh)
- If there is damage to property, it will be investigated on an individual basis. BCC cannot agree to pay for damages.
- Council officers have agreed to site visits with residents where necessary and continued engagement re timelines.
- Agreed site visit to residents property to agree on materials alongside the boundary on Knockbreda road side of gate.
- BCC Health and Safety personnel will carry out a risk assessment prior to opening.
- Belfast Agenda – Council is working to make our parks and open spaces safe, welcoming and accessible places that can be enjoyed by all.
- BCC officers will engage with DFI in reference to the crossing.
- Agreement that the gate opening will be kept under review.

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Timeline of Committee decisions and engagement - November 2022

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| P&C Committee | 3rd March 2020 | P&C agreement to commence consultation for opening of gate with immediate neighbours |
| P&C Committee | 11th August 2020 | Members agree to conduct a site visit at request of Councillor De Faoite to meet with various user groups to discuss any relevant issues regarding the playing fields. |
| Site Visit | 3rd September 2020 | Members were advised at the site visit that a survey had been sent to 100 neighbours within the immediate vicinity requesting their views |
| P&C Committee | 8th September 2020 | Councillor Kelly requested the survey be widened to incorporate additional residents. Following discussion, it was subsequently decided to extend the survey scope to a 400 metre radius (i.e. approximately within a 5 minute walk) from the gate. |
| P&C Committee | 9th March 2021 | Results of the survey presented to members. Members agree in principle to gate reopening, subject to DfI road crossing being installed. The Committee, in reviewing the findings, asked that in an attempt to address the anti-social behaviour concerns , that an assessment be carried out in consultation with adjacent residents who might be affected on the possible options to prevent anti-social behaviour including new lighting options, anti-graffiti paint and anti-climb paint and additional fencing. |
| ASB face to face Survey | May 2021 | 61 were offered opportunity to engage in consultation. (18 responded and three dropped out). Subsequently face to face surveys took place with 15 residents. The results of this survey were included in the draft report December 2021 – this has not been re-submitted to P&C Committee. |
| Most recent DfI engagement | November 2021 | The Department for Infrastructure had identified three potential options for a traffic light system on Knockbreda Road, and in a discussion between council officers and DfI officers in mid-November, DfI notified Council that final plans relating to the second option. |
| EAWG | May 2022 | Noted the update on engagement and requested a more comprehensive asb profile for the park to be provided. Agreed that, subject to committee approval, fencing should be installed before the gate is |

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| | | opened. Agreed that further engagement with residents take place. |
| P&C Committee | 22nd September 2022 | Results of the engagement surveys and site visits presented along with options for anti social behaviour mitigations and associated costs. Members noted the high costs associated with preventing asb in an area where asb levels are very low. |
| Full Council | 3rd October 2022 | Members agreed that further engagement should take place between residents and elected members from the Lisnasharragh DEA as a matter of urgency. |
| Member and resident engagement meeting | 21st October 2022 | Discussions took place with residents on the gate opening and asb mitigations. |
| Member and resident engagement meeting | 17th November 2022 | Discussions took place with residents on the gate opening and asb mitigations. |

Legal and Civic Services Department

Democratic Services Section



Your reference

Being dealt with by Mrs Sara Steele

Our reference SS. P&C 22.09.2022

Ext. 6301

Date 17th October, 2022

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Corporate Policy Unit
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Dear Minister,

Cherryvale Gate Anti-Social Behaviour Measures Consultation

At a meeting of the People and Communities Committee, held on 22nd September, the Committee discussed the reopening of the gate at Cherryvale Park and the agreed installation of the pedestrian crossing.

The Committee was advised that the installation of the pedestrian crossing was not scheduled to take place until after the gate had been reopened. This was discussed that the meeting and the Committee agreed, due to health and safety concerns, to write to the Department for Infrastructure seeking it to proceed with the installation of the pedestrian crossing prior to the gate being reopened.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

Sara Steele

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Democratic Services Officer

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Date 2 November 2022

CHERRYVALE GATE – KNOCKREDA ROAD

Thank you for your email dated 17 October 2022 to Infrastructure Minister, John O'Dowd, regarding the installation of a controlled pedestrian crossing on Knockbreda Road outside the back gate of Cherryvale Playing fields. As this is an operational matter I have been asked to respond.

I can advise that officials within the Department had previously been asked to look at the possible provision of a controlled crossing on Knockbreda Road in association with the Council's desire to open a back entrance onto Cherryvale playing fields.

The Department commissioned a study of the site and a preferred location was identified outside no 30 Knockbreda Road.

The detailed design of the crossing is underway and a safety audit has recently been commissioned to inform the design process.

However, I can confirm that residents living adjacent to the site of the proposed crossing have expressed considerable opposition to the proposal. As such the Department has been asked to liaise with the Council on if, and how, these objections might be satisfactorily overcome.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

DES MCFARLANE
Divisional Roads Manager

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| Subject: | Requests for containerised storage at Falls Park and Sally Gardens |
| Date: | 6 th December 2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | David Sales, director Neighbourhood Services |
| Contact Officer: | Stephen Leonard, Neighbourhood Services Manager, CNS Jacqui Stewart, Assets Co-ordinator, CNS |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | To advise and seek member support in dealing with two requests from soccer clubs for installation of containers on council land. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That members support the application for installation of a storage container by Belfast Celtic at Falls Park for their own use. This recommendation is based on the recent incidents of vandalism resulting in damage to the Club's equipment. • That members do not support the request from Celtic Boys for installation of a container for their exclusive use at Sally Gardens on the basis that the requirements for storage at the wider site and the expectations of the broad range of users are not fully understood at this time. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That members make recommendations as appropriate to Strategic Policy and Resources committee regarding the agreements required to govern the installations approved. • That officers will recommence work on development of a policy to govern the use of containerised storage at CNS sites and whilst this is in development no further requests will be considered. |
| 3.0 | Main report |
| | <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>3.1 Members may recall that in April of 2017 the committee received and approved a report from the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services establishing a management position in respect of the provision of containers and other storage accommodation on land owned and managed by Belfast City Council. The management position was adopted in the absence of any formal policy.</p> <p>3.2 The Committee agreed that where it can be established that containers are required by a sports club for storage of essential equipment the Council will consider granting permission. Factors influencing decision making include consideration of proposed use, regularity of the use; appearance, size and access; in addition the sports club would be responsible for maintenance; obtaining appropriate public liability and building/content insurance and for installation and subsequent removal as well as the cost of any reinstatement required at the site.</p> <p>3.3 A key factor in support of any approval is a pre-existing formal relationship between the club and the council at the site. Where existing relationships, governed by a legal agreement such as an FMA a lease or a partner agreement, are in place they provide a surety and leverage should the Terms and Conditions of use of any containerised facility be broken. It was agreed that where permission is to be granted it would be limited to the period of the existing agreement or would be for a period deemed reasonable by the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood services but not initially to exceed 2 years.</p> <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>3.4 In the absence of a formal policy, City and Neighbourhood services departmental asset board have been managing containerised storage requests on this basis. Two requests have now come forward simultaneously which warrant consideration by members as they</p> |

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| | <p>sit outside the normal circumstances, ie. there is no existing agreement with the club at the site.</p> |
| 3.5 | <p>The first is a request from Belfast Celtic FC who are seeking permission to install at their expense, a storage container near the 3G pitch in Falls Park. The request comes because goalposts owned by the club but stored at the pitch, have been repeatedly broken and vandalised. There have been at least seven recorded incidents of antisocial behaviour leading to damage of the club's property and costing the club several hundreds of pounds in repair and replacement costs. Despite the efforts of council officers to curb the anti-social behaviours at the site the risk to the club's equipment remains. The council is not currently in a position to provide storage for the club's equipment and the club therefore are requesting permission to purchase and to house a storage container on council land to be able to safely store this equipment.</p> |
| 3.6 | <p>The club have no formal facility management or partner agreement for use of this site but, in common with other users, book the site through the normal council booking process. Belfast Celtic are the most frequent user of these pitches, their recent bookings amount to 43% of the total with the other 57% split across nine other users.</p> |
| 3.7 | <p>The second request has been made by Celtic Boys FC who have asked for permission to install a container at their own expense to house equipment on land in the car park adjacent to the pitch at Sally Gardens Community Centre. This club has no formal agreement with the council for use of the site other than through the standard booking process.</p> |
| 3.8 | <p>The pitch at Sally Gardens is subject to an agreement governed by the GAA joint management board. The board submit block booking requirements twice yearly and only once they have been put on the system can other sports including soccer make bookings on the site. Celtic Boys FC are one of 10 regular customers and their bookings represent 28% of the total with Oliver Plunkett FC being the most frequent user with bookings representing 32%.</p> |
| 3.9 | <p>In considering both of these requests the requirements and expectations of the broad range of site users need to be given consideration particularly in relation to any perceived opportunity for other users to request additional containers for their exclusive use.</p> |

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| | <p>The CNS assets board is recommending that members support the application for installation of a storage container by Belfast Celtic at Falls Park for their own use. This recommendation is based on the recent incidents of vandalism resulting in damage to the Club's equipment. If supported the agreement would run for a maximum period of 2 years and align to the management position established by the 2017 committee decision as outlined in paragraph 3.2 of this report.</p> |
| 3.10 | <p>In considering the request by Celtic Boys FC at Sally Gardens the CNS asset board could find no immediately evident reason to warrant the installation of storage at the site for the exclusive use of this one club. On the basis that supporting the request may not best serve the requirements and expectations of the broad range of site users the board is recommending members do not grant the club's request at this time. However, given the significant physical changes ongoing at Sally Gardens in developing The Colin Healthy Living Centre officers propose a comprehensive review of storage requirements at the site to highlight any gaps in supply and identify solutions to best serve the needs of users across sports and community programming.</p> |
| 3.11 | <p>In considering these requests for containers and the nature of the equipment the clubs are seeking to store at council sites, officers have identified what may be a gap in provision. Some further work is required to fully understand the extent to which large non portable equipment, over and above that provided by council as a standard part of the booking, is required to support pitch use. Officers propose to review equipment provision and, if a gap exists, how such equipment might best be supplied and stored.</p> |
| 3.12 | <p>The current and other recent requests have also highlighted the weaknesses of operating under a management position and reinforce the need for development of a formal policy on provision of containers at council sites. Work on development of this policy, begun pre pandemic by the CNS policy and business development unit, had identified at least thirty five CNS sites utilising containers for storage, most sites with more than one container and the majority owned by site users rather than by council. Officers propose that this work, having been paused to allow CNS to focus on other priorities, is recommenced. Whilst this work is ongoing no further requests for installation of containerised storage by site users will be considered.</p> |

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| 3.13 | <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>In line with the position agreed in 2017 those clubs being authorised to place containerised storage on council land will be responsible for all costs associated with supply of the container, obtaining any necessary planning permission, obtaining appropriate public liability and contents insurance and for installation, maintenance and subsequent removal as well as the cost of any reinstatement required.</p> <p>Whilst both requests indicate that the clubs would meet all installation and operational costs and would be governed by a suitable agreement drafted with support of officers from the estates and legal team, it should be noted that compliance failures in the past have resulted in council being forced to remove facilities of this nature from sites and as a result council has incurred significant cost.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> |
| 3.14 | None |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
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| Subject: | Public Right of Way at Floral Park |
| Date: | 6 th December 2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services |
| Contact Officer: | Cate Taggart, Neighbourhood Services Manage Duane Fitzsimons, Outdoor Recreation & Education Officer |

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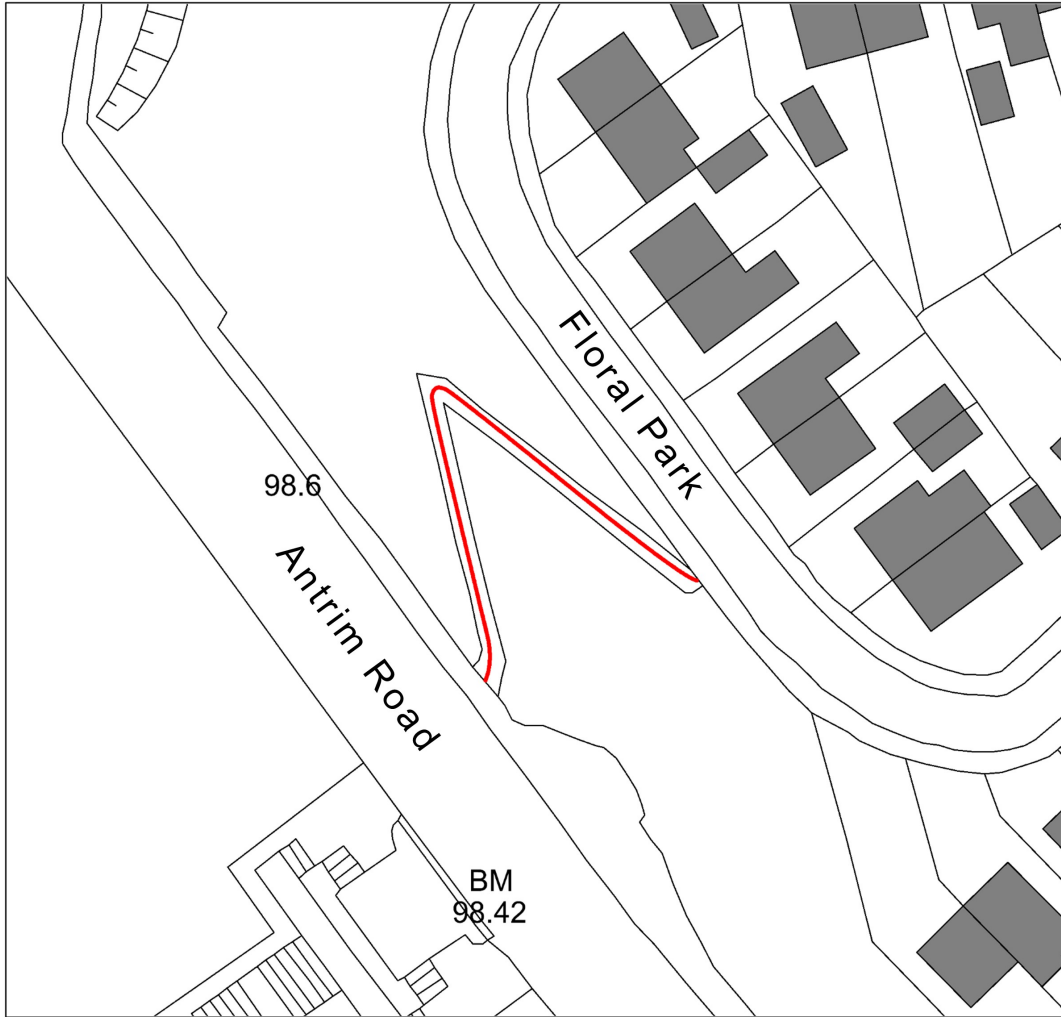
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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issue |
| 1.1 | Under the Article 3 of the Access to the Countryside Order (NI) 1983 all Local Councils have a duty to <i>...assert, protect and keep open and free from obstruction or encroachment any Public Right of Way.</i> |
| 1.2 | Application LA04/2021/0743/F received by Planning proposes to divert a public right of way from Floral Park to the Antrim Road. This route was investigated by Council in 2005 and was deemed to be a public right of way. However, at that time the proposed development |

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| | <p>did not proceed, and the assertion of the route did not take place. The Council have written to DAERA and been advised that the route can only be diverted to facilitate development after it has been asserted. Legal Services have been contacted and have advised that the route can be asserted using historic information.</p> |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | <p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give approval to assert the Public Right of Way from Floral Park to Antrim Road. |
| 3.0 | Main report |
| | <u>Key Issues</u> |
| 3.1 | <p>The Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 places a duty on District Councils to 'assert, protect and keep open and free from obstruction or encroachment any public right of way'.</p> |
| 3.2 | <p>In 2021 an application was received by the Council to develop land which a route, deemed by Legal Services as a public right of way, crosses. This route was previously investigated in 2005. However, despite a grant of planning permission being given, the development of the land did not proceed and the assertion was not undertaken by the Council. The current proposal includes a diversion of the existing route. The land in question has previously been granted planning permission and Planning is likely to be granted again.</p> |
| 3.3 | <p>Article 16 of the Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 gives the Department power to divert any public right of way where this is needed to enable compliance with a planning permission. The Council wrote to DAERA and were advised that the route can only be diverted after it has been asserted. Legal Services are satisfied that previous evidence supports the case for the route being a public right of way and that status cannot have changed since that time.</p> |
| 3.4 | <p>For a Public Right of Way to exist at Common Law there are two essential elements,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Dedication by the owner of the soil b) Acceptance of the Right of Way by the public |

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| 3.5 | Dedication by the Landowner can be either express or presumed. The vast majority of cases will turn on presumed dedication by the Landowner, as only very rarely will a Landowner expressly dedicate his lands as a Public Right of Way. |
| 3.6 | <p>The following evidence shows presumed dedication by the landowner;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The path was constructed through the amenity space by the developer providing a pedestrian link between Floral Park and Antrim Road. b) The route in question has been used 'as of right' by the general public. c) the use continued for a sufficient period to imply the owner intended to dedicate a Public Right of Way. d) The route connects two public places or places to which the public regularly resort e) That use has followed a more or less consistent line. |
| 3.7 | <p>Given the above assessment, members are asked to assert the route from Floral Park to Antrim Road as a Public Right of Way on foot.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> |
| 3.8 | <p>There are no Financial or Resource implications.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments</u></p> |
| 3.9 | <p>There are no Equality, Good Relations or Rural Needs Implications identified.</p> |
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| | Appendix 1: Map of the route |

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Floral Park to Antrim Road

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Public right of way —

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| Subject: | Proposal for dual language street signs |
| Date: | 6 th December, 2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | Ian Harper, Building Control Manager |
| Contact Officer: | Roisin Adams, Property and Legal Coordinator |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | To consider an application for the erection of dual language street signs for an existing street within the City. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | This application was received prior to the implementation of the new dual language street signs policy and was considered under the old policy following consultation with the applicant. Under the old policy two thirds of the persons surveyed were required to support the proposal for a second street sign in a second language. As at least two thirds of the total numbers of persons surveyed in the street are in favour of the proposal to erect a second street nameplate in Irish at John Street, the Committee is recommended to approve the application. |

| 3.0 | Main report | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 3.1 | <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The power for the Council to consider applications to erect a second street nameplate in a language other than English is contained in Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.2 | <p>Members are asked to consider the following application to erect a second street nameplate showing the name of the street expressed in a language other than English. The second language is Irish. This application was received by Building Control prior to the new dual language policy being implemented and was progressed under the old policy.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 3.4 | <p>The translation was authenticated by Queens University, the approved translator for Belfast City Council.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.5 | <p>In accordance with the Council’s policy for the erection of dual language street signs surveys of all persons appearing on the Electoral Register plus owners or tenants in actual possession of commercial premises, for the above street were carried out and the following responses were received.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.6 | <p>John Street, BT12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 occupiers (66.67%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 2 occupiers (4.76%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 12 occupiers (28.57%) did not respond to the survey | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.7 | <p>The Council’s old policy on the erection of a second street nameplate requires that at least two thirds (66.6%) of the occupiers surveyed must be in favour of the proposal to erect a second street sign in a language other than English.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 3.8 | <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £100 to cover the cost of the manufacturing and erection of the dual language street signs. The cost for these street signs has been allowed for in the current budget.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> |
| 3.9 | <p>There are no direct equality/rural needs implications.</p> |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
| | None |

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