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## **SPECIAL MEETING OF PARKS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE**

**(\*To which all Members of the Council are invited to attend)**

Dear Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room (Room G05), City Hall on Monday, 6th September, 2010 at 4.30 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

PETER McNANEY

Chief Executive

### **AGENDA:**

1. Routine Matters
  - (a) Apologies
2. Greater Shankill Community Greenway (Pages 1 - 2)
3. Refurbishment of the Floral Hall (Pages 3 - 4)
4. Ligoniel Environment and Heritage Project (Pages 5 - 6)

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**Belfast City Council**

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Proposed Shankill Community Greenway</b>
<b>Date:</b>	6th September, 2010
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure, ext 3400
<b>Contact Officers:</b>	Stephen Walker, Principal Parks and Cemeteries Development Manager, ext 3510

**Purpose of report**

The purpose of this report is to introduce the presentation from the Greater Shankill Partnership Board regarding proposals for the creation of the Greater Shankill Greenway.

**Relevant Background Information**

The Committee is reminded that, at its meeting on 12th June, it agreed to receive a presentation from the Greater Shankill Partnership Board in respect of proposals to create a Greater Shankill Greenway.

The Partnership Board has commissioned work regarding a greenway following the publication of the Strategic Regeneration Framework for the Greater Shankill Area. This work has focused on realising the potential natural assets which surround and run through the Greater Shankill, such as Belfast Hills, the Ballygomartin and Forth rivers.

The proposed greenway would link the Belfast Hills and the City Centre, by travelling up the Shankill Road and then branching towards (1) Woodvale Park and its adjacent lands around Paisley Park and Springvale towards the Springfield Road and (2) to follow the courses of the Ballygomartin and Forth Rivers towards the Belfast Hills.

The initial feasibility study has been completed by the Paul Hogarth Company, who also carried out the work on the Connswater Community Greenway project. The Partnership Boards wishes to present the findings to the Committee and to seek to commence engagement with the Council.

<b>Resource Implications</b>
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None
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<b>Recommendation</b>
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The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and agree to a further report being presented to the Committee in October 2010 which will consider the potential implications for the Council.
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<b>Decision Tracking</b>
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Further report to be brought to October Committee by the Director of Parks and Leisure.
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<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
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None.
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<b>Documents Attached</b>
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None
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**Belfast City Council**

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Refurbishment of Floral Hall</b>
<b>Date:</b>	6th September, 2010
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure, ext 3400
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Stephen Walker, Principal Parks and Cemeteries Development Manager, ext 3510

**Purpose of report**

The purpose of this report is to introduce the presentation by Consarc consultants regarding the feasibility study of options for refurbishment of the Floral Hall.

**Relevant Background Information**

The Committee is reminded that, at its meeting on 12th August, it agreed to receive a presentation from Consarc Consultants regarding the future of the Floral Hall. The Committee is further reminded that, following discussions between the Council, the NI Tourist Board and the Belfast Building Preservation Trust, it was agreed to revisit the 2004 business case in respect of the Floral Hall.

To bring the project up to date Consarc was appointed to undertake a review of the original 2004 business case and to consider the feasibility of restoring the Floral Hall in a sustainable way. This initial piece of work has now been completed and it is proposed that the Committee receive a presentation outlining the conclusions of the report and be given an opportunity to ask questions and comment upon it.

It is intended that a further report will be brought in October outlining recommendations as to future actions and next steps in respect of the Floral Hall.

**Resource Implications****Financial**

There are no additional financial implications at this time.

**Human Resources**

There are no additional human resource implications at this time.

**Asset and Other Implications**

The refurbishment of the Floral Hall would add significantly to reputation of the Council and would reinstate and preserve an important element of our modern heritage.

**Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and agree to a further report being presented to the Committee in October, 2010.

**Decision Tracking**

Further report to be brought to October Committee by the Principal Parks and Cemeteries Development Manager.

**Key to Abbreviations**

None

**Documents Attached**

None



### Belfast City Council

**Report to:** Parks and Leisure Committee

**Subject:** **Ligoniel Environment and Heritage Project**

**Date:** 6th September, 2010

**Reporting Officer:** Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure, ext 3400

**Contact Officers:** Stephen Walker, Principal Parks and Cemeteries  
Development Manager, ext 3510

#### **Purpose of report**

The purpose of the report is to introduce the presentation by the Ligoniel Development Association regarding the work of the Association; its proposals for environmental improvement in the area and the relationship with the Council.

#### **Relevant Background Information**

The Committee is reminded that, at its meeting on 10th June, it agreed to act as a third party partner and to provide funding of £5,122.57 to support Phase II of the Ligoniel Environment and Heritage Project. The focus of Phase II of the project is the creation of a community asset which will provide natural access to the hills. The total cost of the project is £51,225.67 and the Association has made an application to Biffaward for funding. The Committee also agreed to receive a presentation from the Association regarding its work, its plans and its relationship with Belfast City Council.

The Association wishes to open up the area to the general public as a major community recreational resource and been involved in a series of projects over the years, working with the Council and others to:

1. raise environmental awareness;
2. build stronger community cohesion;
3. increase the potential for social economy enterprise (e.g. eco tourism);  
and
4. increase individual capacity (volunteering).

**Resource Implications**

**Financial**

There are no additional implications at this time.

**Human Resources**

There are no additional human resource implications.

**Asset and Other Implications**

This project will help to protect and enhance the natural environment in the area and provide an important resource to the wider community.

**Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report. It is further recommended that the Committee receive a report at its October meeting regarding the implications for the Council.

**Decision Tracking**

Further report to be submitted to October Committee by the Principal Parks and Cemeteries Development Manager.

**Key to Abbreviations**

None

**Documents Attached**

None