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4th April, 2014

MEETING OF PARKS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman / Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the **Lavery Room (Room G05), City Hall on Thursday, 10th April, 2014 at 4.30 pm**, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

PETER McNANEY

Chief Executive

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Extract from minutes of –

PARKS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

13th March, 2014

Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council

The Director reported that a request had been received from the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council seeking financial support to assist in the costs associated with sending the Northern Ireland team to the 20th Commonwealth Games, which would be held in Glasgow in July and August. He pointed out that over seventy countries would be participating in 2014 and reminded Members of the significant achievements of Belfast competitors at previous Games.

The Director reminded the Committee that the Council had, in 2002, 2006 and 2010, agreed to provide financial assistance to the Commonwealth Games Council to offset the costs associated with bringing the team to the Games. Such expenditure had been authorised under the specialised expenditure powers as set out within Section 37 of the Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011. Accordingly, he recommended that the Committee agree to make a contribution of £5,000 to the Commonwealth games Council.

Accordingly, it was

Resolved – That the aforementioned expenditure in respect of the Council's contribution to the Commonwealth Games Council be approved under Section 37 of the Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, it being the opinion of the Council that the expenditure would be in the interest of, and would bring direct benefit to, the District and the inhabitants of the District, with the Committee being satisfied that the direct benefit so accruing would be commensurate with the payment to be made.

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Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Possible Flood Alleviation at Musgrave Park
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Stephen Walker, Departmental Portfolio and Programme Manager

1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The purpose of this report is to make members aware of the possibility of flood alleviation measures at Musgrave Park.</p> <p>Members will be aware of the recent sporadic flooding which has occurred across the city in recent years. One of the most affected areas has been Sicily Park and Marguerite Park which is located on the Upper Lisburn Road within the Balmoral Ward, in the South of the City. Members will also be aware that Northern Ireland Water (NIW) is engaged in developing a medium to long term strategy which seeks to improve the infrastructure and alleviate flooding through attenuating storm water and rationalising the existing systems.</p> <p>Officers have met with representatives from NIW regarding the Glenmachan Sewerage Scheme which is targeted at South Belfast Flood Alleviation. As a medium term measure NIW is proposing the creation of an outlet flow control pond which would effectively retain the rainwater and enable it to be safely transported away from residential accommodation.</p> <p>We have been advised that there are currently two options under consideration. One of the options involves the creation of the outlet flow control pond in Musgrave Park. The area being considered by NIW is adjacent to the existing playing fields, but it would not impact on the playing fields themselves, Appendix A is a depiction of the location.</p>

	<p>At this point no final decision has been taken by NIW on the preferred location. A decision on this is expected in the coming months. It was agreed however that a short report would be presented to Members to make them aware of the possibility of using Musgrave Park as part of this flood alleviation scheme potentially under NIW's statutory powers.</p>
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2.	Key Issues
	<p>There are a number of issues for the Council to consider.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flooding has become an issue across the city and it is important that there is a collaborative approach to seek to alleviate the problems; 2. It is also important that we minimise the disruption to the Council assets; 3. If Musgrave Park is deemed the most effective option the proposal will require the formation of a large outlet flow control pond to hold a significant volume of water; 4. All efforts will be made to provide a landscaped area which will remain attractive and will be sympathetic to the environment around it; 5. Musgrave Park was gifted to the council and there are covenants in place which require it to remain accessible. Further legal advice will be required on this matter in order to inform discussions moving forward; 6. Other park users may raise opposition to any such proposal; however this is likely to be a matter for NIW and the Planning Service; 7. Funding has been secured by NIW for this work to be undertaken. A provisional start date for the work is November 2014, however this is dependent on receiving the necessary approvals, such as planning.

2.	Resource Implications
	<p>Financial Implications</p> <p>There are no financial implications for Council.</p> <p>Human Resources</p> <p>There are no additional human resource implications at this time.</p>

3.	Equality Implications
	There are no equality implications

5.	Recommendations
	It is recommended that the Committee note that a further report will be brought to Committee as soon as a definite proposal has been received from NIW.

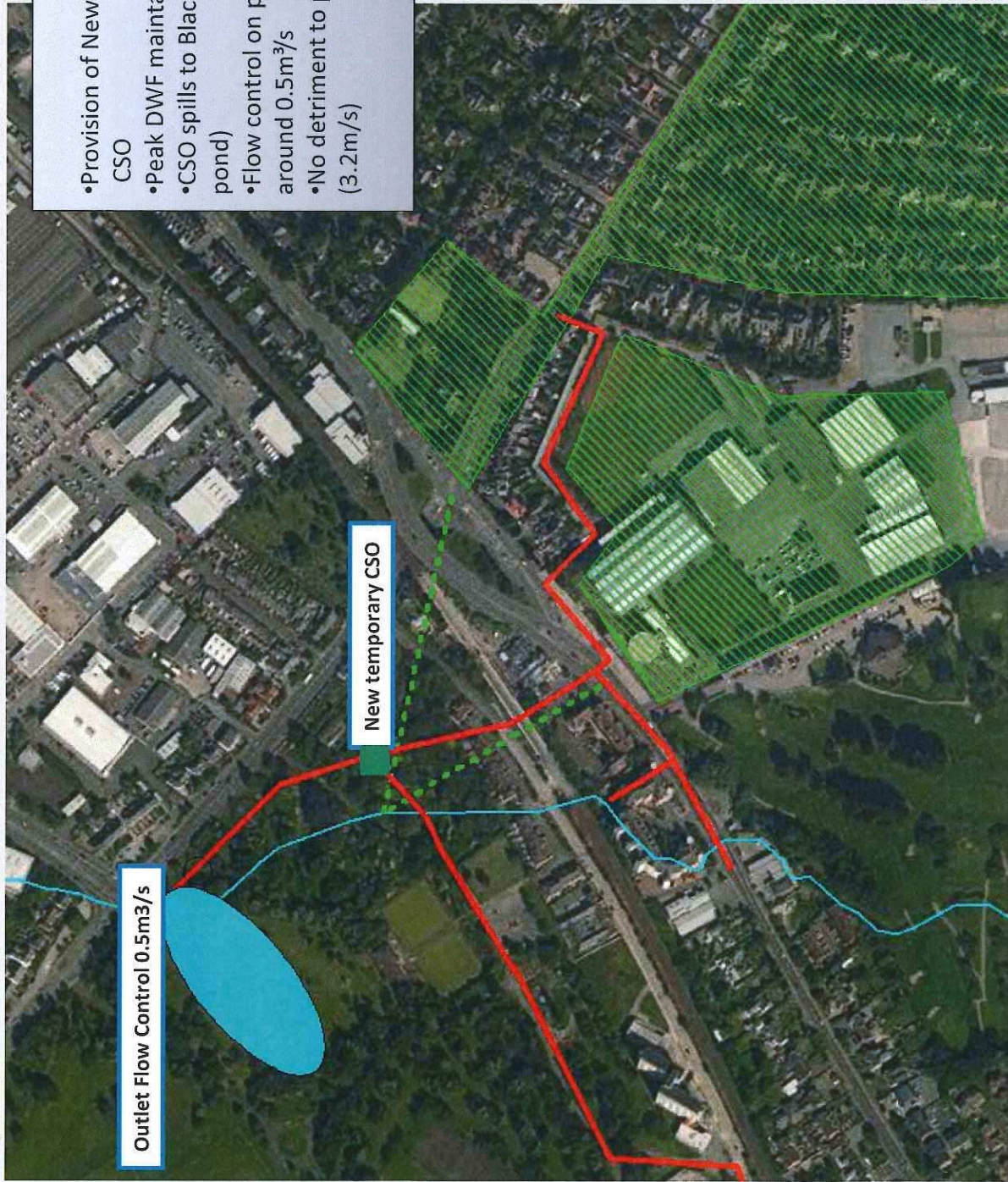
6.	Decision Tracking
	A report will be brought to the Committee at a later date.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	NIW – Northern Ireland Water

8.	Documents Attached
	Appendix A – Diagram showing possible location of flood alleviation measure in Musgrave Park

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Sicily Park & Marguerite Park Hydraulic Upgrade Proposals – Medium Term



- Provision of New Temporary CSO
- Peak DWF maintained in sewer network
- CSO spills to Blackstaff culvert (downstream of pond)
- Flow control on pond outlet restricted to around 0.5m³/s
- No detriment to peak flow in Blackstaff (3.2m/s)

Outlet Flow Control 0.5m³/s

New temporary CSO

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Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Intention to Seek Tenders for the Procurement of Supplies and Services.
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks & Leisure
Contact Officer:	Pearse McCormick, Finance & Systems Manager

Purpose

To seek delegated authority for the Director of Parks and Leisure to issue, receive, evaluate and award tenders for a number of identified procurement exercises for the financial year 2014/15.

Relevant Background Information

Members give approval, in April, annually for a list of planned procurement exercises for the department. In addition, if necessary, a supplementary report is tabled in October seeking approval for additional procurement exercises.

This report lists the identified, planned, procurement exercises for the financial year 2014/15, for which we are seeking approval. As previously reported, there may also be occasions when individual requests are tabled outside of the two main reports, but these will be by exception and reasons will be included in any such report.

Key issues / events.

Subject to approved, it is intended to initiate procurement exercises for the following contracts/tenders;

- Supply & Delivery of Fruit & Vegetables for Belfast Zoo
- Supply & Delivery of Haylage, Meadow Hay & Barley Straw
- Supply & Delivery of Ground Maintenance Plant & Machinery
- Cash Collection at Leisure Centres and Belfast Zoo, temporary extension to existing, and provision of a new contract
- Parks Education Programme
- Supply & Delivery of Topdressing Sand, Bowling Green Top Dressing, Topsoil, Screened Topsoil & a Sand/Soil Mix
- Supply & Delivery of Outdoor Seats
- Supply & Delivery of Fertilisers, Grass Seed, Pesticides, Line Marking Compound & Compost Manure
- Maintenance & Removal of Hanging Baskets

The department will ensure appropriate contract management processes are in place for each tender. At present, the anticipated duration for each is 3 years, subject to satisfactory performance and annual review

Committee is asked to note that all tenders will be evaluated on both cost and quality and tenders will be awarded to the most economically advantageous tenders.

Resource Implications

Financial

The cost / value of each tender has been provided for within the relevant Revenue Estimates for the department. Anticipated value, where known, is as follows;

Tender	Potential Annual Cost
Supply & Delivery of Fruit & Vegetables	£110k
Supply & Delivery of Haylage, Meadow Hay & Barley Straw	£40k
Supply & Delivery of Ground Maintenance Plant & Machinery	£100k
Cash Collection	£18k
Parks Education Programme	£20k
Supply & Delivery of Topdressing Sand, etc	£114k
Supply & Delivery of Outdoor Seats	£50k
Supply & Delivery of Fertilisers, Grass Seed, etc	£110k
Maintenance & Removal of Hanging Baskets	£33k

Human Resources

There are no additional human resource implications.

Asset and Other Implications

Completion of the identified procurement exercises will enable the department to continue to provide a high standard of service while still effectively managing our resources.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Members approve the proposed tendering exercises and authorise the Director, under the Scheme of Delegation, to award the successful tenders.

Decision Tracking

All tenders to be issued, evaluated and approved during the financial year 2014/15.

Key to Abbreviations

None

Documents Attached

None



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	St. Patrick's Day Operations 2014
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Pete Murray, Antisocial Behaviour Coordinator

1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The following report outlines detail of the actions and activities over the St. Patrick's weekend and bank holiday in relation to keeping our parks and leisure spaces safe and free of anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>In the last number of years the Council has been working closely with its partners to coordinate resources to effectively tackle any antisocial behaviour occurring during St. Patrick's day (and where appropriate the days around it) across the city.</p> <p>This year, as before, preparatory meetings were held with the PSNI, NIFRS, Ambulance Service, Queens University and Ulster University and a comprehensive operations plan was drawn up to support effective communications during the St. Patrick's holiday weekend.</p>

2.	Key Issues
	<p>The aims of the St. Patrick's weekend operations were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate with local communities, elected representatives and revellers about the St. Patrick's weekend operation. • Provide a safe environment for residents, communities and revellers to enjoy and partake in St. Patrick's celebrations across the city. • Tackle crime, on-street drinking and antisocial behaviour. • Enforce breaches of local bye laws and other legislation. • Improve the public image of Belfast as a safe city to socialise in.

	<p>The principal areas given attention over the period included the Holylands, the City Centre (during the St. Patricks Day parade and concert) and the parks throughout the city over the St. Patrick's bank holiday weekend.</p> <p>The Parks and Leisure Department ensured officers were contributing to the development of a city wide plan for the St. Patrick's weekend operations. The coordinated operations in parks began at 7:30am on Saturday 15 March and ended at 7:30pm on Monday 17 March 2014. The St Patrick's Weekend Operations Brief – March 2014 which outlines the operations is attached as appendix 1.</p> <p>Parks operations were based at the City Hall Emergency Co-ordinating Centre on 16 and 17 March from 7:00am and continued until 7:30pm. Hourly updates on the situation in parks were gathered and collated by two City Parks Managers. These updates were shared amongst the agencies and informed decisions on where to deploy resources were taken using this information.</p> <p>The mobile CCTV van was accompanied by a Park Manager and deployed throughout parks across the city on 15, 16 and 17 March. This resource provides a highly visible representation of authority and is very effective in identifying and quantifying antisocial behaviour at hotspots within park areas.</p> <p>Evidence collated from previous years indicated where groups would consume alcohol in parks and leisure facilities across Belfast. There were over 150 people carrying alcohol, who were denied access to parks and therefore not given an opportunity to settle, drink or attract further groups of drinkers. The early coordinated intervention of council officers was extremely effective in keeping parks free from drinkers gathering.</p> <p>Following reports from the public or Councillors, the mobile CCTV van was deployed to a number of parks to broadcast live images or provide verbal reports back to the Emergency Co-ordinating Centre in the City Hall. The CCTV resource provided an extremely versatile asset, as council officers and PSNI could make decisions on deploying a response using "real time" information and images to assess and respond to any reports of antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>As a result there were a number of successful responses which utilised the coordinated resources of Park Wardens, Safer Neighbourhood Officers, Get Home Safe Officers and the PSNI to tackle drinking across the city.</p>
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<p>3.</p>	<p>Resource Implications</p>
	<p>Finance: The mobile CCTV was supplied under a contract sourced by the Community Safety unit and jointly resourced by the Parks and Leisure departments Safer Neighbourhoods Antisocial behaviour programme budget.</p>

4.	Equality Implications
	Much of the ASB programme work spans activities related to reducing interface tensions or responding to community concerns. All of the programme work is in line with the council's equality and good relations policies and procedures.
5.	Recommendations
	Members are asked to note the contents of this report.
6.	Decision Tracking
	None.
7.	Key to Abbreviations
	PSNI: Police Service for Northern Ireland NIFRS: Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service ECC: Emergency Co-ordinating Centre CCTV: Closed Circuit Television ASB: Antisocial behaviour
8.	Documents Attached
	Appendix one: St. Patrick's Weekend Operations Brief March 2014

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Appendix one St. Patrick's Weekend Operations Brief March 2014 (abridged)**Parks and Leisure Department March 2014**

The following briefing order describes the operational and communication arrangements for the City Parks Managers, Park Managers, Park Wardens and Park Attendants when they liaise with the deployed Council and PSNI resources through the Emergency Co-ordinating Centre (ECC) in City Hall on St. Patrick's Weekend 2014. Mobile CCTV will be deployed throughout Parks on Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th and Monday 17th between the hours of 12 noon and 7pm.

Operations in 2014

St. Patrick's Day will fall on a Monday (Bank Holiday). There are concerns that the celebrations will start on Thursday 13th night and continue over the weekend. In addition there are concerns about the potential for ASB spilling into parks from the Féile Spring Festival located in Beechmount during the weekend. The Parks and Leisure Department will deploy additional staff during the following days: Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th and the Bank Holiday Monday (17th March). The standard operational staff compliment will be deployed on Friday 14th March as the perceived risks are lower.

The Parks and Leisure Department have identified a number of parks where antisocial behaviour is a concern during St. Patrick's weekend March 2014. In order to highlight these concerns about hot spot locations, staff have received a comprehensive brief, detailing a number of parks which have been graded in relation to perceived risk. We use a Red/Amber system to show where incidents could happen and to ensure the Emergency Co-ordination Centre, the PSNI, and the CCTV van are aware of higher risk locations. The risks were identified using incident reports from St. Patrick's Day 2011, 2012, 2013.

Ricky Rice will be present at Silver Command in the ECC from 9:00am until 1900hrs on Sunday 16th and Monday 17th March 2014. His role will be to collect updates from Stephen Stockman and present hourly reports to the ECC Tactical Manager. Donal Grant Stephenson will accompany the mobile CCTV van and provide hourly updates to Stephen Stockman. The Park Wardens will be mobile throughout the city during the dates 15th – 17th March. They will be deployed in response to reports collected by the ECC and/or Stephen Stockman. Should the ECC close then Stephen Stockman will liaise directly with Michael Burns BCC/PSNI Liaison Officer in Musgrave Street.

Parks Contacts

Name	Role	Telephone	Times	14 th Friday	15 th Sat	16 th Sun	17 th Mon
Ricky Rice	City Parks Manager Silver	██████████	9:00am – 7.00pm	Operationally available	-	✓	✓
S.Stockman	City Parks Manager Bronze	██████████	8:00am-7.00 pm	Operationally available	✓	✓	✓
D. G. Stephenson	CCTV	██████████	9:00 am 7.00pm	No	✓	✓	✓

Stephen Stockman will collect updates from the mobile CCTV van, Park Wardens and Park Attendants even if the report is "all clear". Their reports will describe any problems with anti-social behaviour or public drinking in Parks across the city. Any staff member of the Parks and Leisure Department staff can update Stephen Stockman at any time if the

need arises. Radios have been issued in case of dire emergency. Direct contact with park staff is available through Stephen Stockman who has details of personal mobiles.

Re-deployment of Park Wardens

The Park Wardens can be redeployed to other parts of Belfast if there are no pressing issues or need for their presence in their designated operational areas. Redeployment of Park Wardens must be agreed by Ricky Rice or Stephen Stockman. They will make the final decision whether it is appropriate to redeploy.



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Environmental Based Youth Development Camps, Summer 2014
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director, Parks and Leisure Department
Contact Officer:	Ricky Rice, City Park Manager

1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>A trial Youth Development Project was held last year in West Belfast which was based on an environmental theme for young people. The aim was to provide youths with an opportunity to learn new skills and knowledge in an outdoor environment. The project included organised visits to various Council Parks properties, River Lagan, Bog Meadows and the Colin Glen Forest. Parks staff, along with various community partners delivered 2 separate weeks of summer camps. Each camp lasted for five days and each day had a different environmental or geographical learning theme relating, for example, to the environmental aspects of the Lagan Valley Regional Park. The project was very favourably received by both parents and young people who stated it was a very enjoyable and challenging week.</p>
2.	Key Issues
	<p>Following the success of the trial project, it is proposed to provide 4 summer camps for children and young people in North, South, East and West of the City during the period July and August 2014. The camps will last for five days and will be aimed at various age groups with a maximum of 15 per camp. Each camp will have the following objectives;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop skills and knowledge of the local environment • To develop personal development skills and complete different adventurous activities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To build new relationships, both within a team environment and across the City. <p>Each camp will have different aspects and projects based both on local opportunities and options to visit and experience other parts of the City and develop and learn new skills.</p> <p>A typical day of activity may include the following; A walk through a forest or up a glen or mountain and an opportunity to learn new skills such as compass reading, basic navigation, lunch on a mountainside, learning about the local fauna and the natural local history.</p> <p>Parks Officers are keen to promote the Parks and open spaces across the whole of the city and to make our parks a focal point for leisure, education, adventure, physical and mental well-being along with youth engagement activities.</p> <p>It is intended this type of youth development camp will;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase participation in leisure activities and assist in reducing childhood obesity. • Reduce the potential of anti social/community behaviour by engaging and educating the youths of Belfast on the positives that our parks and open spaces have to offer. • Increase the awareness of our youth on the importance of enhancing biodiversity in our city and surrounding area. • Encourage young people to become “Young leaders” by developing leadership skills, decision making skills, team working skills and hazard awareness/avoidance skills. <p>The camps would be subject to the preparation of an in depth event management plan including health & safety, child protection and relevant risk assessments.</p> <p>If this project is supported by Committee, staff will engage with local schools and youth groups to devise a registration/selection process. It is anticipated that age groups may vary from 10 – 17 years old, dependent on the local area needs.</p>
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<p>3.</p>	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p><u>Financial</u> Each camp will have different requirements based on local need and availability and it is estimated each camp will cost £9,000. This cost will include the hire of buses, facilities at various sites including Belfast Activity Centre, purchase of camp uniform (clothing) food costs and the hire of specialist environmental consultant/contractor to facilitate the events. The cost of the 4 camps (£36,000) is planned for within the Parks area and outreach budgets.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> Community Parks Outreach Managers will be required to be involved in</p>
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	the camps and at times Park staff may be needed to assist with delivery of projects at parks sites.
	<u>Asset and other implications</u> None.

4.	Equality Implications
	There are no equality implications as the project is aimed at providing a positive environment for all children to enjoy and learn about their natural surroundings.

5.	Recommendations
	Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant approval for Parks Officers to proceed and organise 4 summer camps during period July and August 2014 in East, North West and south Belfast.

6.	Decision Tracking
	Ricky Rice, City Parks Manager, South West Belfast

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8.	Documents Attached
	None

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Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Alexandra Park – review of management arrangements
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Caroline Wilson, Neighbourhood and Development Manager

1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>Under the Peace III Programme, Groundwork NI was awarded funding to deliver the Reconciling Communities through Regeneration programme. In consultation with the Council and the local community, Alexandra Park was chosen as a specific project with a budget allocation of £50,000 towards physical regeneration work. Parks and Leisure Committee formally endorsed the project in June 2009.</p> <p>The formal arrangement for Groundwork NI to facilitate meetings of the Alexandra Park steering group ended in March 2013. Since then, the group has continued to meet on an interim basis with meetings chaired by Ciaran Shannon from Groundwork NI (in his role as Chair of the Duncairn Community Partnership).</p> <p>Subsequent to the end of the funding period, Committee agreed in August 2013 to undertake a review of the management arrangements. The terms of reference for the independent review are agreed as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To independently review with relevant stakeholders the successes and areas of improvement for the Alexandra Park regeneration process 2. To scope a management structure, business planning and management approach, which balances community ownership and public accountability, based on good practice elsewhere 3. To make recommendations going forward for consideration by Parks and Leisure Committee.

	Julie Harrison was appointed as an independent consultant to undertake the review.
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2.	<p>Key Issues</p> <p>In reviewing the contextual materials and a series of one to one conversations, the consultant observed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All stakeholders were supportive of the substantial work that has been delivered to date by the steering group in partnership with the Council to re-vitalise and regenerate Alexandra Park; – Steering group members indicated that Groundwork NI has provided a valuable role in chairing meetings to date and securing the initial grant-aid from SEUPB; – All participants were open and positive in their engagement with the review process, recognising that this was a useful point to review progress and plan for the next phase of development. <p>In reviewing progress, it was noted that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. While there was good involvement from local people on the steering group in its initial stages, attendance is now more from paid community workers and statutory agencies; b. There was a genuine effort in 2010 to connect with local people on proposals for the park. The response rate to the survey is in keeping with what would be expected of a neighbourhood survey of this type, but attendance at the consultation events appears to have been limited; c. Some participants expressed concern over the traditional ‘Friends of’ model as too prescriptive and needed adaption for the local context, especially to address the particular good relations issues in the locality; d. Related to this, there was a need for an intensive outreach resource to sustain the relationships around the regeneration process and to be able to respond to any good relations/community safety issues quickly; e. While elected representatives were invited to the steering group, there was less structure/regularity in the formal reporting mechanism back to the Council’s Parks and Leisure Committee. This meant that progress on the development plan did not have the visibility it deserved or needed and there is a need for greater clarity in relation to decision-making processes between the Council (as owner of the park) and local engagement mechanisms; f. On an informal basis, North Belfast Memorial Orange Hall raised issues in relation to the quality and safety of fencing between the Hall and the park which could be improved; <p>In conclusion, the consultant highlighted that every participant</p>
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demonstrated commitment from all parties to the ongoing regeneration of Alexandra Park and to adjacent communities. The issues highlighted above demonstrate the importance of a clear strategy for the park and a mechanism for ensuring a balance between local voice, community ownership and the Council's strategic role as a provider of community and leisure services across Belfast.

On the basis of the review, the consultant made the following recommendations, for the consideration of Committee:

1. Consultation and community engagement

Council may wish to consider the frequency of consultation that is appropriate for its parks and public spaces, what standards are set for community engagement work by external partners such as Groundwork NI and how this might fit with current and proposed governance arrangements.

2. Reconnecting with local residents

The steering group and elected representatives should be encouraged to reach out to local residents who no longer attend and encourage their involvement again to ensure that local experience and aspiration is fed in to planning and management of the park.

3. Improving connections with neighbouring properties

Given practical considerations such as the nature and upkeep of fencing for properties adjacent to the park, consideration should be given to extending steering group invitations to the North Belfast Memorial Orange Hall and Elim Church.

4. Involvement of elected representatives

In relation to concerns over information flow in relation to the opening of the pedestrian gate adjacent to Dunmore Avenue, it is recommended that elected representatives are invited to quarterly meetings of the steering group and that minutes of meetings are circulated by email.

5. Structure of steering group

It is recommended that Council consider working with the current Alexandra Park steering group and local residents to review the existing terms of reference and formalise a locally-appropriate 'Friends of' group. This would help to clarify relationships and could attract local people back into discussion in relation to the park. It could also facilitate external funding opportunities and begin to create greater consistency across the city.

6. Chairperson

It is recommended that consideration is given to rotating the Chair between members, perhaps on a quarterly basis, so that capacity and ownership of the process is enhanced. This may require investment by

	<p>Council for administrative support to ensure that meetings are scheduled and minutes circulated accordingly. Such a change may best be facilitated as part of discussion on the potential establishment of a 'Friends of' group for the park.</p> <p>7. Looking to the future</p> <p>It is recommended that following the establishment of a 'Friends of' structure potential funding streams for capital works in the park are identified. Future funding could be a catalyst for a refreshed structure and engagement process around the park. When thinking about the future of the park a review of relevant policies including specific initiatives by DSD and OFMFDM may offer opportunities for Alexandra Park and surrounding communities.</p> <p>8. Connecting to the formal decision-making process of Council</p> <p>As part of the structural review to create a version of a 'Friends of' group, it is important that this is within the public accountability frameworks of Council, as the asset-owner. There needs to be greater regularity in formal engagement with the Council in the planning and implementation process for the park.</p> <p>Benefits to Council</p> <p>There are a number of key benefits to the Council in continuing to work collaboratively with local stakeholders in this way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Encourages local civic stewardship in Alexandra Park, to protect the Council's asset and local biodiversity – Links the Council's programme of work to established existing networks e.g. with schools – Potentially draws down additional external funding for capital and revenue proposals – Fulfils Green Flag standard principles for 'good' community engagement – Connects to wider government good relations and regeneration priorities – Contributes to wider strategic outcomes related to promoting good relations, healthy living, protection of the environment and vibrant, safe neighbourhoods. <p>It is expected that a representative working group would present a refreshed steering group structure and a development and consultation plan to Committee by October 2015.</p>
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3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>Community engagement expenditure within revenue budgets.</p>

	<u>Human Resources</u> None <u>Asset and Other Implications</u> As asset owner, any further asset-related developments will be presented to Committee for its consideration, prior to implementation.
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4.	Equality Implications
	There are no equality and good relations implications at this stage. Screening of any emerging development proposal and annual plan will be undertaken in the future which is likely to include positive good relations impacts.

5.	Recommendations
	Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Consider the recommendations outlined above, provide any feedback and endorse the final recommendations; – Based on the recommendations, authorise officers to convene a representative working group to review the existing terms of reference, develop a locally-appropriate structure and initiate planning for the next year, for consideration by Committee in autumn 2014.

6.	Decision Tracking
	Responsible Officer: Neighbourhood and Development Manager. Actions to be completed by October 2014

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8.	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Original terms of reference for Alexandra Park Steering Group (2009)

Appendix 1: Original terms of reference for Alexandra Park steering group (2009)

Purpose:

The steering group has been established to plan and oversee the development and regeneration of Alexandra Park through a community development and cross community approach

Aims:

1. To work in partnership with Belfast City Council, PSNI, NIO Groundwork NI and other agencies regarding the regeneration of Alexandra Park.
2. To work in partnership with other agencies around issues of contested space and promoting the Park as a 'shared space' and to work towards increasing use of the park.
3. To promote peace building and develop worthwhile, long-lasting relationships at the local level with community representatives, organisations and groups who share a common interest in the regeneration of Alexandra Park.
4. To work in partnership with other groups and agencies and to actively lobby and network with relevant agencies.
5. To source, apply and secure additional funding for the regeneration of Alexandra Park and promote its sustainability.
6. To proactively involve young people in any future proposals and developments in relation to Alexandra Park.

Membership:

Membership of the steering group will be inclusive and representative of the wider community living in the surrounding environs of Alexandra Park and who share a common interest in the development and environmental regeneration of Alexandra Park as well as promoting its active usage in a positive and beneficial manner.

Meetings:

It is envisaged that the steering group will meet approximately every month and will have the opportunity to invite relevant stakeholders to attend as and when necessary. The venue of the meetings will be arranged at the end of each meeting but for the foreseeable future will be held in the Regeneration Resource Centre at Groundwork NI.

Servicing of Meeting:

The minutes of the meetings will be taken, written up and circulated by Groundwork NI.



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Willowbank / Clarendon MUGA Programme
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Stephen Walker, Departmental Portfolio and Programme Manager

1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The Committee will recall that at its meeting on 13 February 2014 it received a report outlining proposals in respect of the development of a MUGA Programme. The report outlined proposals made at Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 24 January 2014 for Phase 1 of the programme detailing the sites for refurbishment and proposed new builds. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix A.</p> <p>The report provided an operational working definition of a MUGA as being suitable for a variety of informal sports including football, netball, basketball etc and that they tended to be openly accessible and free to use. There are a number of exceptions to this, namely the North Belfast Play Forum at the Waterworks Park; Clarendon Playing Fields and Willowbank Park. Each of these facilities is currently managed locally either through a Facilities Management Agreement or a lease.</p> <p>The North Belfast Play Forum has recently secured funding to upgrade the polymeric surface to 3G artificial turf, within the terms and condition of that funding the facility was leased to the Forum for a period of 10 years.</p> <p>In relation to the proposals to upgrade the MUGA's at Clarendon Playing Fields and Willowbank Park, discussions were held with the FMA holders. It was stated that both facilities had in the past tended to be used by local football teams for training purposes and had been used to generate income which would be used to the betterment of the facilities. It was noted that clubs had been seeking alternative venues for training and were unwilling to train on a polymeric surface, preferring instead to use artificial turf (3G). In addition, the FMA holders had referred to the</p>

	<p>problem of ‘ponding’ on the surface owing to rainfall and as a consequence the need to cancel bookings at short notice.</p> <p>In both these cases it was agreed that a 3G facility would better reflect the requirements of the existing users. In relation to Willowbank, the surface has been replaced and is now operational. In relation to Clarendon Playing Fields, it will require a planning approval and detailed design and is unlikely to be completed before the end of 2015.</p> <p>In both cases, the facility is managed through a facilities management agreement. Members will be aware of the work currently ongoing regarding the development of new partnership agreements in relation to our natural turf pitch provision. However, the partnership agreements currently exclude artificial turf and a position on this is yet to be established.</p> <p>It is intended that a piece of work be completed, aligned to the partnership agreement proposal, over the summer months with a view to bringing a report to Committee in September 2014.</p> <p>In the interim it is proposed that the existing arrangements be discussed with the two FMA holders to agree any variation which may be required and subject to any future review of arrangements in relation to artificial turf pitches.</p>
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2.	Resource Implications
	<p>Financial Implications</p> <p>There are no financial implications in terms of additional costs. However, Committee will be aware that the income generation from 3G pitches is potentially greater than from MUGAs, even where a charge is levied.</p> <p>Human Resources</p> <p>There are no additional human resource implications at this time.</p>

3.	Equality Implications
	There are no equality implications

5.	Recommendations
	<p>It is recommended that the Committee note the report and agree that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Officers review management arrangements at Willowbank Park as the new facility is currently operational; 2. Officers establish a position regarding future management of 3G artificial turf pitches; and

	3. A report will be brought to September 2014 Committee.
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6.	Decision Tracking
	A report will be brought to the Committee in September 2014.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	FMA – Facilities Management Agreements

8.	Documents Attached
	Appendix A - Previous Committee Report re MUGA Programme

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Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	MUGA Programme
Date:	13 February 2014
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director Parks and Leisure

1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>Committee is asked to note that Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 24 January 2014 agreed a MUGA programme.</p> <p>A MUGA is a Multi-Use Games Area which is suitable for a variety of informal sports including football, netball and basketball etc. Due to their nature the majority of MUGAs are accessible and free to use. The Council currently has 37 MUGAs across the city.</p>

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	<p>MUGA Refurbishment Members will be aware that there is already a very successful rolling programme of improvements in place for the Council's playgrounds which is based on robust independent condition surveys. A similar process will be put in place to assess the remaining existing MUGAs and the results of this assessment will form the basis of a rolling programme of refurbishments for the Council's MUGAs going forward.</p> <p>Members will also be aware that a number of MUGAs are transferring in under the Local Government Reform (both from DSD and from Lisburn/Castlereagh) and these will be included in the inspection programme.</p> <p>New Builds It has been agreed that officers progress the development of a policy framework in relation to the provision of new MUGAs. This will be carried out in parallel to the work being progressed on the condition surveys and will be brought back to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at the same stage to allow Members to consider an overall Programme.</p> <p>Work is also ongoing on re-base lining the Pitches Strategy and looking at Facilities Management Agreements. The work on development of a rolling MUGA programme will be looked at in the context of these.</p>
3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> Phase 1A will be financed through non-recurrent underspend and the new builds will be progressed under the Capital Programme.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> Staff from Parks & Leisure and Property & Projects will deliver the MUGA programme.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> The MUGA Programme will enhance facilities for local people</p>
4.	Equality and good relations implications
	There are no equality implications.
5.	Recommendations
	Committee is asked note the report.
6.	Decision Tracking
	Director of Parks and Leisure
7.	Key to Abbreviations
	MUGA - Multi Use Games Area DSD - Department of Social Development
8.	Documents Attached
	None

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Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Knocknagoney Linear Park – Redevelopment of the Bull Ring Area into a Land Base Activity Zone
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Lynne McCreery, Community Parks Outreach Manager Cailín Lynn, Community Parks Project Coordinator

1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The Knocknagoney Area Forum (KAF) was formed as a result of the <i>Living on the Edge</i> report, undertaken in January 2011 by Belfast City Council and East Belfast Community Development Agency (see Appendix 1). This report highlighted Knocknagoney as an area with high levels of social deprivation, unemployment, low levels of self-esteem and academic achievements.</p> <p>KAF represents an initiative developed in response to the needs highlighted in the above report, drawing on several stakeholder organisations and groups with a view to positively challenging these statistics. Their committed and collective work has had a significant impact on this local community.</p> <p>The groups involved are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knocknagoney Primary School 2. Knocknagoney Community Centre 3. Knocknagoney, Orchardville and Garnerville - a community group for the area 4. Glenluce Group - set up for care of the elderly (dissolved in July 2013) 5. Residents 6. Church of Ireland 7. Aslan Centre - Church of Ireland Youth Club

8. Presbyterian Church
9. Tesco
10. Parks Management Team
11. Police Service of Northern Ireland
12. Northern Ireland Housing Executive

KAF has four key areas of focus:

- Community cohesion
- Environment
- Health and well-being
- Education and youth

Following a Green Flag quality standards inspection in 2011 Knocknagoney Linear Park was reported as being the lowest scoring park in East Belfast and in need of significant improvement.

Members may be aware that the Council has made investment in Knocknagoney Linear Park over the last two years in preparation for Greenflag:

1. Park lighting
2. Ongoing woodland thinning
3. Woodland outdoor classroom
4. Forest School Project
5. Removal of trees and shrubs in the bullring area
6. Removal of fly tipping
7. Community garden
8. Kickabout area
9. Children's cycle and skills development area
10. 12 week summer activity programme
11. Tree planting
12. Arts projects to reimagine the viewing towers
13. Ongoing community engagement

Community involvement and ownership within Knocknagoney Linear Park has been significant since the community garden opened in May 2013. Council officers have observed large numbers of young people who may have otherwise been involved in ASB engaging positively and respectfully in the community garden and newly refurbished kickabout area.

Council officers have been working closely with KAF to develop Knocknagoney Linear Park in line with the aspirations of the local community.

The parks management team have been in discussions regarding possible solutions and concepts for the disused bullring area (see Appendixes 2 & 3).

2.	Key Issues
	<p>Through discussions with park management it is envisaged that this natural amphitheatre could be transformed into a Land Base Activity Zone (LBAZ). This LBAZ would have the potential of providing challenging, enjoyable and educational recreational zones where young children, teenagers and adults can discover a variety of different activities in a cross generational environment.</p> <p>The options below may be considered when developing a concept plan for the bull ring area;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti vandal material will be used to ensure a longer life span for equipment and activity areas • Council officers would work with KAF in order to create changeable audio, visual platforms and interpretation panels • The development of a centre stage in this natural amphitheatre to encourage performances and shows. • Capacity building and skills development with the community working alongside a variety of training/ employment agencies. <p>If Committee are in support of the concept, KAF and Parks management will work to develop the scheme and together with the departments Funding and Monitoring officer identify potential funding streams.</p>

3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> It is estimated that the funding required to develop a LBAZ could be in the region of £150,000. Council officers are keen to develop the LBAZ with the community and various agencies that have capacity to provide training or employment opportunities which could reduce overall costs.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> There would be additional human resource implications attached to this report for inspection regime for this LBAZ. It is envisaged that the ROSPA team could inspect this area similar to playground inspections.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> A LBAZ within KLP represents a use of disused space as well as delivering on key Council outcomes such as helping people become healthier, active, and more involved in their local communities and neighbourhoods. Once installed, the LBAZ will form part of the departmental asset portfolio and the department will assume responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the area.</p>

4.	Equality Implications
	This LBAZ would have positive implications in terms of the promotion of equality and good relations and will be undertaken in an inclusive manner.

5.	Recommendations
	<p>It is recommended that committee grant authority for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council officers to further investigate the feasibility of this LBAZ working in partnership with Knocknagoney Area Forum • Council officers and Knocknagoney Area Forum to identify potential funding streams

6.	Decision Tracking
	<p>All actions to be carried out by Community Parks Outreach Team, Lynne McCreery and Cailín Lynn also Lisa Mackle, Funding and Monitoring Officer and the Landscape Planning and Development Unit.</p> <p>An further report will be brought to Committee following completion of community consultation and the consideration of possible funding streams.</p>

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	<p>KAF - Knocknagoney Area Forum KLP - Knocknagoney Linear Park LBAZ - Land Base Activity Zone</p>

8.	Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 - The Living on the Edge plan for Knocknagoney, Garnerville and Orchardville Appendix 2 - Photographs of the Bullring area within Knocknagoney Linear Park (Before & After photos) Appendix 3 - Knocknagoney Landscape Zoning Plan</p>



Living on the Edge

Plan for Knocknagoney, Garnerville and Orchardville

East Belfast Community Development Agency



January 2011



East Belfast Community Development Agency





FOREWORD

The strategy reflected in this document has been developed by and with people from Knocknagoney, Garnerville and Orchardville; and after extensive consultation and dialogue with the community and community organisations.

It is intended as a living document, to be reviewed and change as time goes on.

But it is also intended to provide practical direction to help improve the quality of life of people in the area.

We hope the document challenges people and organisations. We hope it challenges local people to get more involved and make a difference to their community. We hope it challenges elected representatives to be fully involved in working for the people of this area. We hope it challenges public agencies to do more to fulfil their remit and duties to the people of the area. We hope it also challenges other organisations to work constructively with us to make things better.

We commit, as individuals and through our organisations, to continue to engage in making this plan happen.

East Belfast Community Development Agency
Garnerville Presbyterian Church
Glenluce Quality Care
Knocknagoney Church of Ireland/Aslan Centre
Knocknagoney Community Centre
Knocknagoney Primary School
Tesco



INTRODUCTION

The plan has been produced by East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA) for Belfast City Council.

The process of developing the plan followed the successful development of a partnership in the Sydenham area, where a strategic plan was produced that facilitated considerable development of cohesion within the local community and the delivery of practical action on the ground that improved the quality of peoples' lives.

The process in Sydenham was supported by funding from the Department of Social Development through the Area at Risk programme but it was underpinned by an ethos of community development that helped create and sustain buy-in from the local community. It was also supported by a real commitment from Belfast City Council and support organisations such as EBCDA.

As such, a similar model has been used to produce this plan in Knocknagoney, Garnerville and Orchardville (KGO). A working group was established involving representatives from Garnerville Presbyterian Church, Glenluce Quality Care, Knocknagoney Church of Ireland/Aslan Centre, Knocknagoney Community Centre, Knocknagoney Primary School and Tesco.

The working group also included key public agencies such as Belfast City Council, NIHE, PSNI and Youth Service. It was facilitated and supported by EBCDA.

The working group has agreed this plan pending support from an open meeting to which all residents will be invited.

The plan is not intended as a final and all-encompassing document. It will organically change as further need is identified and additional ideas are incorporated. It will also support the existing work of those groups mentioned, and many others, working within the area to help those people most in need of it.

The working group hopes it will be an important step in facilitating closer community partnership and both reinforcing the many positive aspects of living in the KGO area as well as focussing on the real need that has been identified. KGO is located on the edge of Belfast City and in some ways more proximate to Holywood and North Down Borough than Belfast City. That may be why *living on the edge* of the City people in the area feel neglected, and why they hope this plan will help deliver better facilities and services.

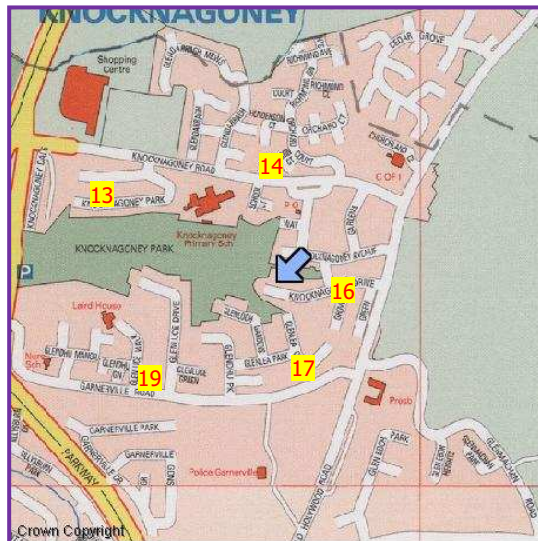


IDENTIFYING NEED – EXISTING STATISTICS

The Knocknagoney, Garnerville and Orchardville (KGO) area is located between the Old Holywood Road and Parkway. The estate is sited on the edge of Belfast City as it borders North Down Borough. Close to the estate is Belfast City Airport and one of the largest Tesco stores on the island as well as a major PSNI station and a territorial army barracks.

The estate lies within Belmont ward and five census output areas – 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19. The exact locations of these census output areas are highlighted in the map.

The analysis of the existing social, economic, health and housing needs of the estate demonstrates considerable need.



We have provided the analysis still using the categories identified by government to highlight the comparisons that are made in the language used by government. The statistics used compare the estate with the Belmont ward as a whole, East Belfast parliamentary constituency, Belfast City Council area and Northern Ireland.

Knocknagoney, Garnerville and Orchardville areas with COA's highlighted.

Demography of the Areas

There are approximately 1,200 people and 635 households within the five census output areas highlighted. The area as a whole has a higher than average older population as evidenced in the table below. It is a predominantly Protestant community. The community audit in the next section includes coverage of all of the areas.

The area demonstrates a variation in ages, with two COAs showing a much younger than average population and others a much higher than average age profile.

The younger population is in the Garnerville area and the older population in the Orchardville/Henderson Court area. There is also a higher proportion of women in this area.

**Table One: Demographic Comparisons**

Issue/%	13	14	16	17	19	Bel-mont	Bel-fast	EB	NI
People under 16	16.4	19.8	21.4	28.9	31.5	20.6	21.7	20.0	23.6
People 60 & over	23.5	30.2	21.8	19.5	15.4	22.4	19.7	24.1	17.6
Average age	40.3	42.6	37.1	33.4	34.5	39.2	36.6	40.0	35.8
Protestant	86.6	93.9	94.9	93.5	92.4	89.6	48.6	84.6	53.1
Catholic	5.0	0.0	1.4	1.2	1.0	3.9	47.2	9.9	43.8
Male	47.1	42.5	46.9	46.9	45.5	47.1	46.8	46.9	48.7
Female	52.9	57.5	53.1	53.1	54.5	52.9	53.2	53.1	51.3

2001, Census

The area has a lower than average ratio of qualifications achieved and a higher than average level of residents with low/no qualifications. Those areas where there is higher levels of people on benefits include 14, 17 and 19.

Table Two: Education, Economic Activity and Social Welfare

Issue/%	13	14	16	17	19	Bel-mont	Bel-fast	EB	NI
Adults with degree/higher	15.5	8.1	3.2	2.7	5.4	21.2	19.2	19.5	15.8
Adults no/low qualifications	65.0	76.8	84.4	81.0	82.2	53.8	56.6	56.9	58.9
Incapacity benefit	9	16	19	14	14	187	11,479	2,780	66,232
Housing benefit	19	61	37	59	58	351	33,662	6,758	127,565
Income support	9	35	20	39	29	202	24,577	4,107	94,731

2008, DSD

Table Three below highlights health and care issues, where the five census output areas are again indicating higher than average need regarding limiting long-term illness. COA 14 is marked regarding high proportions of people with a limiting long-term illness, lower proportions stating their health was good and higher levels of provision of unpaid care.

**Table Three: Health and Care**

Issue/%	13	14	16	17	19	Bel-mont	Bel-fast	EB	NI
People limiting long term illness	29.0	41.1	25.9	28.0	28.4	21.5	24.2	23.0	20.4
People stating health good	57.6	52.2	57.8	61.7	59.4	68.4	65.8	65.5	70.0
People providing unpaid care	10.1	16.4	15.3	8.6	15.5	13.1	11.8	12.9	11.0

2008, Central Services Agency

Housing and transport demonstrate need in the estate also, with a strong focus on the rented sector in COAs 14, 17 and 19. There are also higher than average lone pensioner households in COA 14 and higher than average lone parent households with dependent children in COAs 17 and 19.

Table Four: Housing and Transport

Issue/%	13	14	16	17	19	Bel-mont	Bel-fast	EB	NI
Households rented	59.5	73.1	58.5	76.1	81.8	30.5	43.9	32.7	30.4
Households owner occupied	40.5	26.9	41.5	23.4	18.2	26.8	56.1	67.3	69.6
Lone pensioner households	10.8	25.0	16.5	10.2	20.8	15.4	15.8	17.7	12.8
Lone parent households dependent children	11.7	13.2	18.1	21.9	20.8	7.9	11.0	7.4	8.1
Households access to vehicle	58.6	49.0	52.7	53.1	52.5	76.8	56.2	67.2	73.7

2001, Census and 2006, DRD



The COA's economic deprivation measures indicate some significant recognised deprivation, although economic deprivation may not reflect some social, health and housing related issues. The table below ranks the COA's by different measures. Out of 5,022 COA's in Northern Ireland, those in the worst 10% and 20% throughout the whole of Northern Ireland are highlighted.

Table Five: Deprivation

Issue/ranking	13	14	16	17	19
Multiple deprivation	1,894	791	1,151	1,242	722
Income deprivation	1,963	786	1,272	896	793
Employment deprivation	2,763	1,006	1,502	1,681	996
Proximity to services	3,089	3,553	3,391	3,181	3,157
Crime and disorder	525	1,155	320	1,969	1,895

2010, NIMDM

COAs 14 (Knocknagoney Road, Orchardville and Henderson) and 19 (Glenluce and Glendhu Park) demonstrate significant multiple deprivation and income deprivation, as does 17 (Glenloch and upwards).

Crime and disorder are in the worst 10% in Northern Ireland for 16 (Knocknagoney Way/Drive and Avenue) and close to the worst 10% for 13 (Knocknagoney Park).

The areas are now compared to Inner East Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal area. Inner East Belfast is therefore recognised by the DSD as in need of urgent intervention to stimulate the social, economic, physical and community fabric.

The table below compares Inner East Belfast with COA's 14, 17 and 19 – the COAs demonstrating greatest social and economic need from the balance of tables above.

Table Six: Comparator of IEB Neighbourhood Renewal and COA's 14, 17 & 19

Issue/ranking	14	17	19	IEB NR
People under 16 years	19.8	28.9	31.5	21.3
People 60 and over	30.2	19.5	15.4	21.5
16-74 degree higher	8.1	2.7	5.4	9.7
16-74 no/low qualifications	76.8	81.0	82.2	57.6
16-74 economically active	42.4	45.9	50.5	52.4
16-74 economically inactive	57.6	54.1	49.5	46.7
Adults 16-74 unemployed	4.0	10.8	4.3	7.9
Long term unemployed	37.5	41.7	37.5	42.7
People limiting long term illness	41.1	28.0	28.4	30.8
People stating health good	52.2	61.7	59.4	56.7
People providing unpaid care	16.4	8.6	15.5	11.1



Owner occupied	26.9	23.4	18.2	34.6
Rented	73.1	76.6	81.8	65.4
Lone pensioner households	25.0	10.2	20.8	19.2
Lone parent households dependent children	13.2	21.9	20.8	13.2
Households access to car/van	49.0	53.1	52.5	41.0

The Knocknagoney, Garnerville and Orchardville COA's indicate high levels of comparative health and well-being issues.

Summary of Key Issues

The area is of mixed age range, with parts demonstrating a high intensity of older people and lone pensioner households, and others a higher intensity of young people and single parents.

The area has a lower than average level of educational achievement and a higher than average level of health problems.

There are some areas with substantial deprivation, ranking in the worst 20% in Northern Ireland.

There are some areas with high levels of crime and disorder, ranking in the worst 10% in Northern Ireland.

In some areas there are worse socio-economic indicators than the Inner East Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal area.



IDENTIFYING NEED – COMMUNITY SURVEY

A comprehensive audit of the estate was carried out, with a positive response rate by local residents. All households in the estate were visited and asked to complete and survey outlining the understanding of the needs and priorities for the estate.

The results highlight a number of critical issues that then feature in the action plan of the strategy.

Overall 635 households were visited and 198 questionnaires completed, representing an approximate 31% response rate.

Image

Many people living in the area have a positive view of the image of the area with 39% saying it was good/very good compared to 19% suggesting poor/very poor. However, 41% of people thought the image was average reflecting both some positive comment and a significant amount of work that needs done.

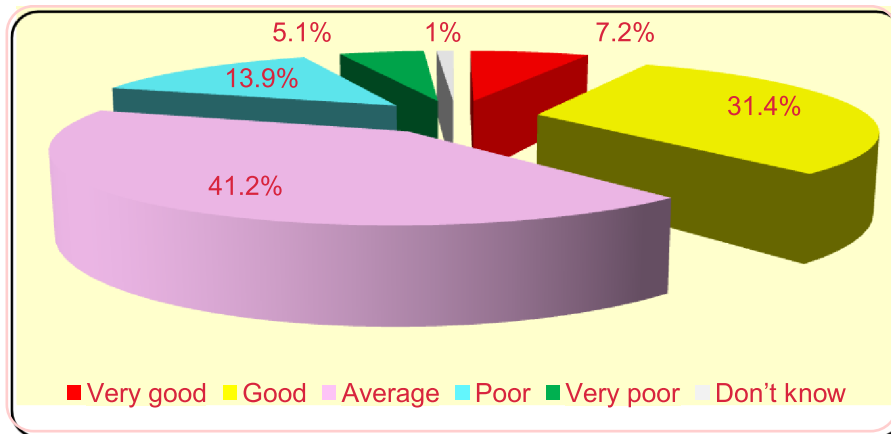
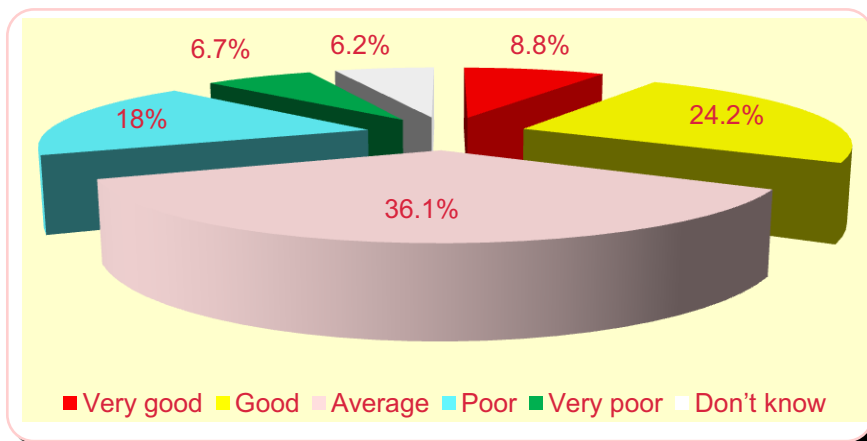


Image of the Area

Returns from the Garnerville area were worse than those from Knocknagoney with 38% of people from Garnerville thinking the image was poor/very poor.

Sense of Community

The diagram shows that while a significant number of people (33%) in the area believe the area has a good sense of community a substantial proportion (25%) believe there is a poor/very poor sense of community while over a third (36%) believe it is just average.

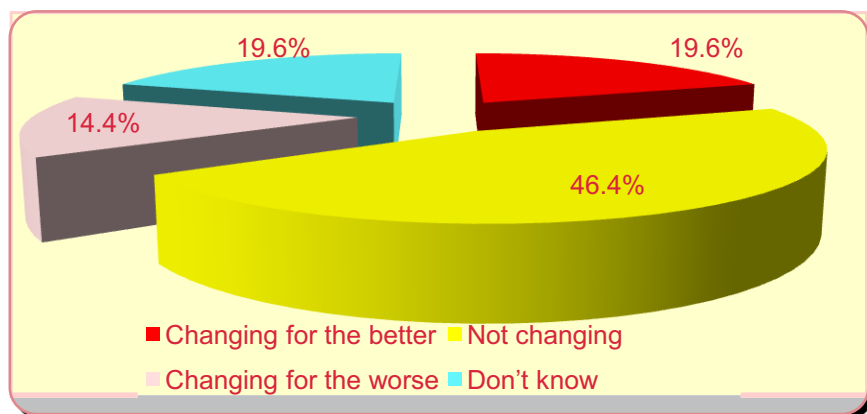


Sense of Community

The perception of a poor sense of community is most marked in Garnerville where 18% think there is a good/very good sense of community but 36% believe it is poor/very poor.

Area Changing

As the following table shows almost as many people (14%) believe the area has changed for the worse in recent years than has changed for the better (20%), while most either think the area has not changed (46%) or don't know (20%).

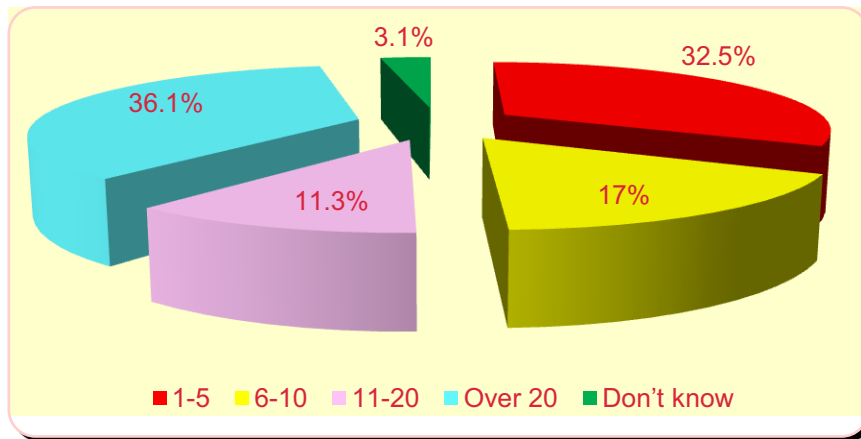


Change in Area in Last Five Years

The results reflect the views from all parts of the area, although people from Garnerville are again a little more negative than people from Knocknagoney. Women are more negative than men and younger people more negative than older.

Number of People Well Known

People were asked to indicate how many other people in the area they knew well. They were given options of ranges, and there was a real split between people who knew five or fewer (32%) and people who knew more than 20 people in the area well (36%).



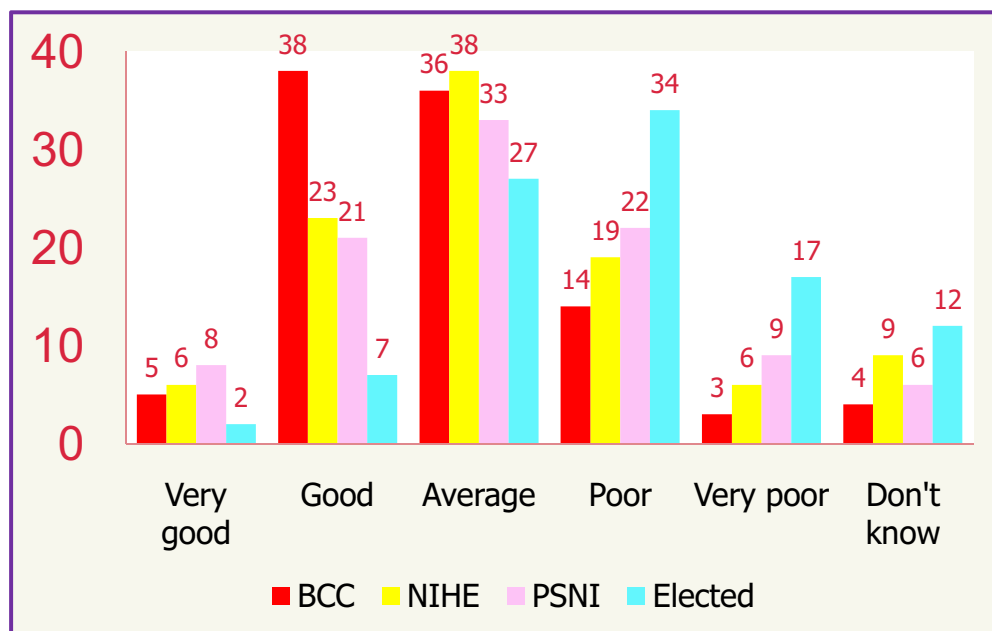
No. of People Know Well in Area

People from Garnerville knew fewer people in the area than people from Knocknagoney, while men also knew fewer other people than did women.

Public Services

The ratings for public agencies were largely positive for Belfast City Council, the PSNI and Northern Ireland Housing Executive. The City Council was especially positively regarded with 43% rating them good/very good compared to 17% poor/very poor.

Elected representatives were poorly regarded with 51% saying they were poor/very poor compared to 9% good/very good. Elected representatives also had the highest proportion of don't knows (12%). Comments related to lack of presence of elected representatives.



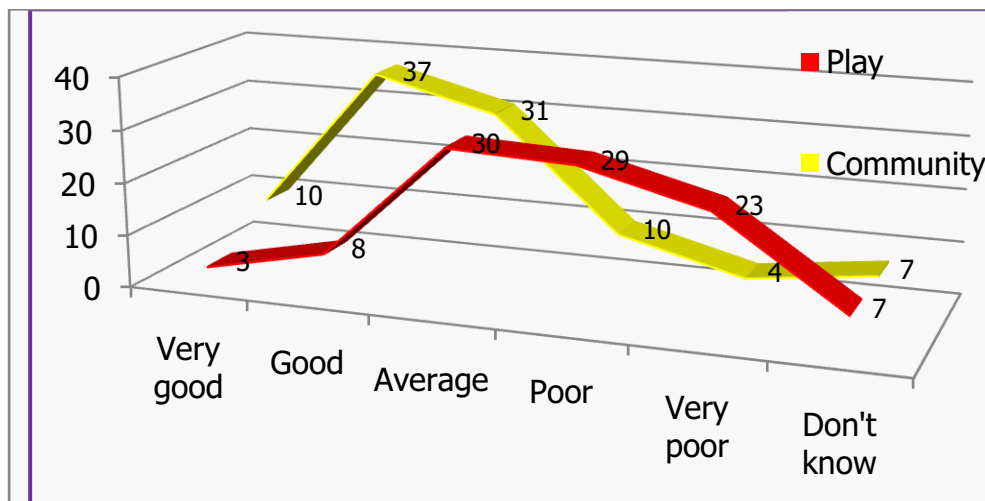
Ratings for Public Agencies

Both the PSNI and NIHE rated more poorly than well in Garnerville, again suggesting ongoing issues in that part of the area.



Services

While community facilities in the area were regarded more positively than negatively, play facilities were not. Play facilities were viewed as poor/very poor by 43% of people compared to just 11% who thought they were good/very good.



Ratings for Play and Community Facilities

Women were more likely to be critical of play facilities than men, and comments included the need for an update of facilities and for them to be better managed.

Quality of Life Issues as Major Problems

Residents were asked about 20 quality of life issues including issues. They were asked to assess them as no problem, minor problem or major problem. The table below reflects those where more than 10% of residents said they were major problems.

Issue	Major Problem %
Untidiness	39
Dog fouling	37
Speeding vehicles	35
Parking	35
Youths loitering	33
Vandalism	30
Alcohol under 18s	30
Alcohol over 18s	28
Drugs over 18s	27
Drugs under 18s	26
Graffiti	23
Dog nuisance	21
Quads/scramblers	21
Paramilitaries	16

Ratings for Major Problems



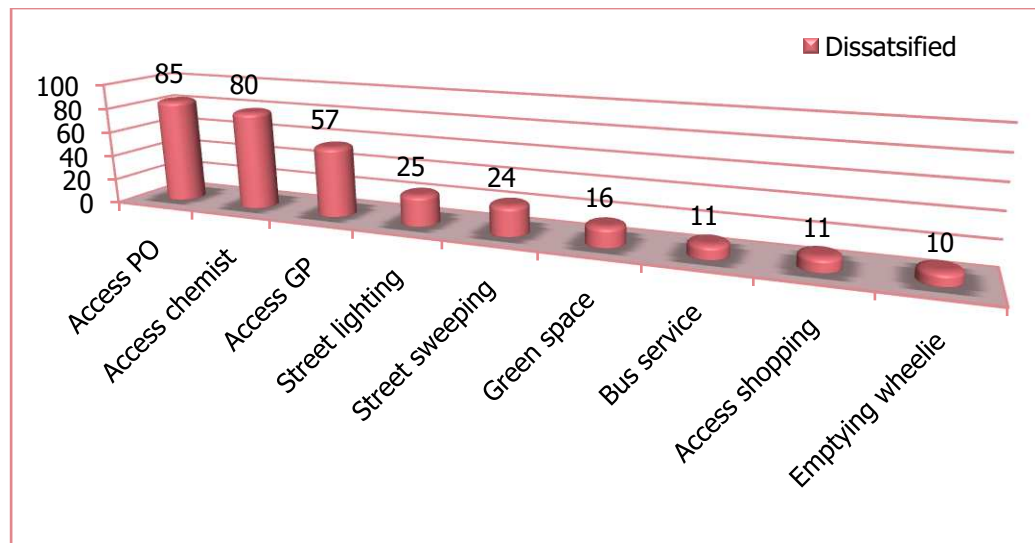
Key themes may include the local environment, through perceptions of untidiness, dog fouling and graffiti, while annoyance through vehicle usage is also a factor.

Youths loitering continues to be a major issue for many people, although young people did not perceived it as such an issue.

Garnerville demonstrated higher than average major problem returns for some anti-social behaviour aspects.

In addition, residents were dissatisfied with lack of access to a Post Office (85%), dentist (80%) and GP (57%), as demonstrated below. Access to such essential services were, through feedback, considered to be located too far away in either Holywood or Belmont.

Poor street lighting was identified as an issue, and feedback also suggested this may be linked to concerns after dark in some areas and access points.

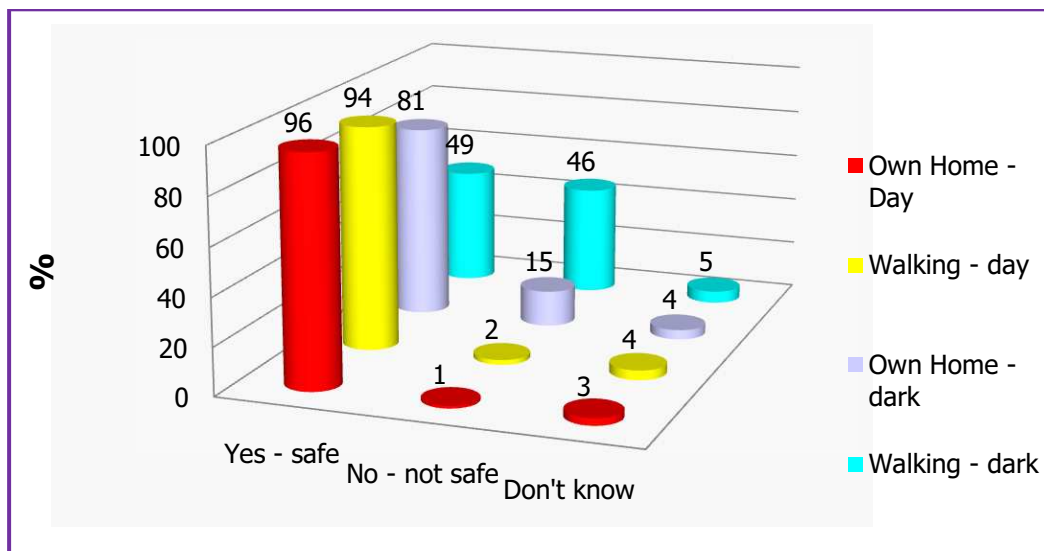


Dissatisfied Ratings for Essential Services



Feelings of Safety

Many people in the estate (46%) did not feel safe walking around outside after dark. In addition, 15% did not feel safe in their own home after dark.



Community Safety

The results were common across all ages and areas, although women scored more highly than men for feeling unsafe after dark.

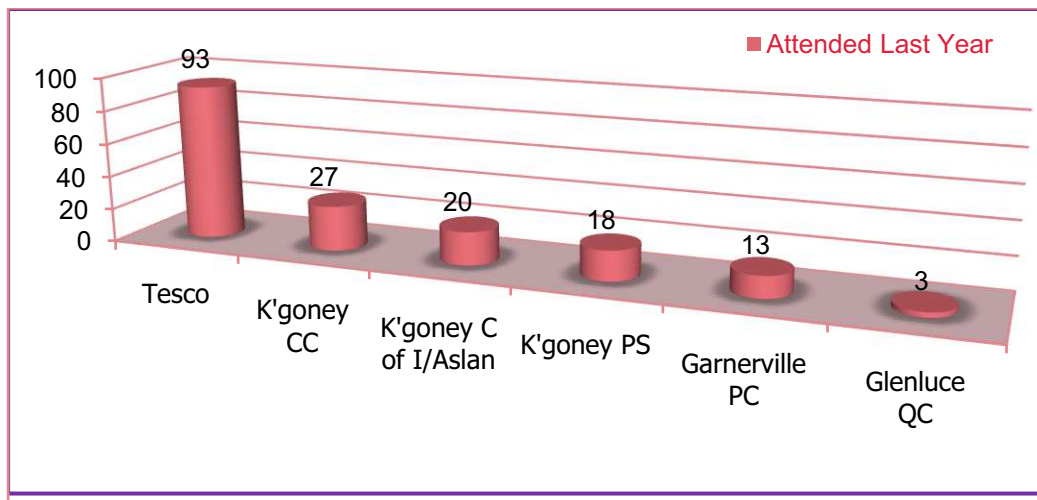
Community Participation

Attendance by residents at activities organised by community and church organisations was reasonable but with much room for improvement.

Those attending community activities in the last year at the various organisations making up the working group are highlighted in the table below.

More than a quarter of residents had attended the community centre while attendance at church related activities was also reasonable.

More than 90% of people had attended Tesco at Knocknagoney in the last 12 months.



Attendance in Last year

Church attendance tended to be from older people living in the area.

The Family Expenditure Survey for 2010 suggests that in Northern Ireland the average family spend for food and non-alcoholic drink is £55-90 per week. If 93% of the 635 households in Knocknagoney were to regularly shop in Tesco that would amount to a potential £35,496 per week or £1.884 million per annum from the area spent in Tesco on food and non-alcoholic drink.

While based on average family spend, and based also on 52-week per year spend pattern, the figures above also do not include spend by people from the area in Tesco on other items such as petrol, alcoholic drinks, clothing, newspapers and magazines. While difficult to be exact without a more detailed spend survey in the area, it is highly likely that there is considerable spend in Tesco Knocknagoney which is a principal neighbour of the area, drawing many people and cars to the area from outside.

Summary of Key Issues

While there is a reasonable sense of community and positive image of the area, there are other indicators that are of concern. These include that few believe the area is changing for the better and a significant proportion know fewer than five other people in the area well.

Garnerville demonstrates more concern around sense of community and cohesion.

While Belfast City Council rated well, and the PSNI and NIHE were reasonable, elected representatives were rated poorly, including a number of suggestions that their profile in the area was poor.

While the community facilities were regarded as good, play facilities were not. Poor quality and poor management were cited as reasons. This also linked to perceptions or reality of anti-social behaviour in Linear Park.



Problems identified in the area included untidiness dog fouling and graffiti, and youths loitering was also mentioned as a problem.

Perceptions of anti-social behaviour were especially marked in Garnerville,

A significant proportion of people did not feel safe walking in the area after dark.

While participation in community activities at the community centre and churches was reasonable, it could also be improved. People were much more likely to attend Tesco than community activities.



EXISTING WORK

The summary of existing work below is drawn from that information provided by projects, interviews and secondary research. It requires consideration, amendment and additions from those organisations represented.

There have been efforts in the past to form a united community association or partnership for the area. These efforts have included the formation of a Knocknagoney/Garnerville/Orchard (KGO) Partnership. However, the efforts have not existed for long.

The lack of community infrastructure covering the area is identified by existing community and church organisations as a weakness. The existing working group is a loose collection of representatives drawn from the community centre, a mothers and toddler's group meeting at the community centre, churches and church-related initiatives as well as the Tesco community representative.

East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA)

EBCDA has supported community development in East Belfast, in one phase of its life or another, for over 40 years. As the umbrella organisation supporting community groups in East Belfast it provides a range of services including administrative support, promotion of and advice on good practice, introduction to local networks and lobbying.

EBCDA also operates a health programme, working with lay health volunteers, to promote healthy lifestyles and health promotion in local communities.

It also provides a series of events, activities, training and development work for groups from East Belfast.

Belfast City Council

Belfast City Council manages a community support programmes that focuses on local area working. They seek, through this local area working, to ensure the services offered reflect the priorities and wishes of local people. Actions include supporting mechanisms for local communities to engage with policy makers, activity programmes corresponding to local need, youth pilot projects focussing on health, community safety and crime prevention, grant aid supporting community development.

The Council is currently supporting the development of capacity of community organisations through a community training programme that will marry skills to the management of community facilities with quality standards and practical skills development.



The Council also supports community based organisations undertake community relations, economic development and community safety work.

Council also provides a community centre in the estate which offers services including:

- After-school club (for primary 1, 2 and 3 pupils and children aged seven to nine)
- Youth clubs (for senior and juniors)
- Knocknagoney, Orchard and Garnerville (KOG) Community Action Group youth initiative (twice weekly)
- East Belfast Community Health Information Project (EBCHIP)
- Arty Crafty Club
- Over 60s
- Swifts darts
- Over 60s darts
- Glenluce Quality Care advice sessions
- Age Concern Men's Club.



Seven elected members of Belfast City Council represent the KGO area.

Church of the Annunciation (Church of Ireland) Knocknagoney – Aslan Centre

Knocknagoney Church of Ireland came into existence in 1960, being formed from the parishes of Holywood and Dundela. For some years prior to this, services had been held in Garnerville Church Hall. A temporary Church of the Annunciation was dedicated in 1960. The site for the current Church of the Annunciation was given by the May family of Maysfield. Built in 1964 and standing on the Knocknagoney Road this is the Church of Ireland centre of worship and centre of community life for a number of closely knit small housing estates which have been built in the area over the last 40 years



The Aslan Association, managed by the Church, exists to manage the Aslan Centre (located on the church grounds) and facilitate reconciliation within and across our communities. It is active in promoting community development and the building of positive community relations.

Many random community and church events are hosted in the Aslan Centre including:



- Parent and Toddlers
- Girls` Brigade
- Aslan Luncheon Club
- Aslan Bowlers
- Ticker Club - activities for those with cardio vascular problems

Garnerville Presbyterian Church

Garnerville Presbyterian Church was established in 1950 and is therefore celebrating its 60th birthday in 2010. It offers a number of activities additional to pastoral care and services. These include:

- Ramblers club;
- Mothers and toddlers;
- 10-pin bowling;
- Choir;
- SNOG youth club;
- Girls brigade;
- Bowling club;
- Book club;
- Crèche.



Knocknagoney Primary School

Knocknagoney Primary School opened on its present site in 1966 and is pleasantly situated between the Garnerville and Knocknagoney Roads, boasting extensive lawns and playgrounds. It consists of twelve large classrooms each of which has its own toilets, wash hand basins and cloak-room facilities. It has a well-equipped assembly hall, excellent kitchen and dining hall, library and resource room. Interactive whiteboards are in every classroom and we are very proud of our excellent computer suite which is used by all of our pupils. It also got a partner school in Berlin.

The School has a nursery, and a variety of after-school activities.

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

The Belfast Health and Social Care Trust assumed responsibility for services provided by Belfast City Hospital, The Royal Hospitals, The Mater Hospital, Greenpark Healthcare Trust, North and West Belfast and South and East Belfast HSS Trusts in 2007

In South and East Belfast the Trust provides a range of community services including those relating to community addiction, social care, community dental services, nursing, and mental health services.



The community support provision within the Trust is coming under increasing budgetary pressure as the public spending review impacts and with the outworking of the amalgamation of Trusts under RPA where there was less emphasis on community support in other areas and within the acute sector.

NIHE

The NIHE still has an extremely active role in the KGO area given the geography and make-up of the estate with a prevalence of rented accommodation and social housing.

The NIHE supports communities and cohesion in many social housing areas in Northern Ireland through the provision of funding, community houses and other support through its community cohesion unit.



PSNI

The PSNI puts neighbourhood policing high on its priorities, recognising the importance of developing relationships with local communities. In KGO the PSNI has a neighbourhood officer, whose area also covers other parts of Belmont.

The PSNI is keen to develop links with local groups even further, particularly those involving young people and where there is a perception of additional vulnerability such as with older people.

The PSNI is developing a number of policy documents and guidelines around the delivery of policing with the community. This has included recent commitment to PACT – Partnership with the Community Teams – and greater commitment to reduce abstraction, strengthen the neighbourhood teams and increase the longevity of a community officer's presence in particular areas.

The PSNI can provide some limited funding for community initiatives, and also works through organisations such as the community safety partnerships and district policing partnerships.

Youth Service

The Belfast Education and Library Board is charged under Article 37 of the Education and Libraries (NI) Order 1986 to secure the provision of adequate facilities for youth service activities. In Belfast Youth Service works directly with young people who attend the many youth centres and provides financial assistance and support to those centres. Youth Service provides some support to youth activities in the Knocknagoney Community Centre.





Training opportunities are provided for adults involved in youth work and courses for young people on issues such as personal development, communication skills, leadership training, drug education and community relations.

The Service has approximately sixty full time staff and two hundred part time staff paid and voluntary staff working for the benefit of young people in the city. It supports over three hundred registered groups.

Key issues

There is a number of organisations organising community based activities but without significant take-up locally due to apathy, the approach or promotion.

While efforts have been made in the past to establish a KGO wide community association or partnership, they have never been sustained.



DRIVERS FOR THE ACTION PLAN

The strategy is driven by a number of factors that provide some sense and direction to it and for those working to oversee its implementation. These include:

- Recognition that this is a long term process that requires resilience and stickability;
- The need for quick wins, demonstrating to the working group as well as the local community that positive outcomes can be achieved;
- Recognition that the quality of life issues identified also impact on the cohesion and unity of an area like Knockangoney, Garnerville and Orchardville, and that taking action now may prevent the need for greater public investment to reverse negative trends;
- There needs to be a stimulus for improvement by decision-makers, with leaders, public and voluntary and community sectors alongside elected representatives, being part of making the plan happen.



FUNDERS AND SUPPORTERS

The KGO plan does not have immediate and accessible funding to make it happen. It therefore needs to undertake activities that can:

- Be undertaken by the working group members individually or collectively without additional funding;
- Be delivered through existing duties of public agencies or by voluntary efforts;
- Attract project funding for the delivery of particular work;
- Attract more substantial programme funding.

It also needs to be mindful of creating a more sustainable community response to issues – in other words creating opportunity for more local people to get involved in community work and create a community based response to co-ordinate the work, provide mutual support and share information.

Funding

Through utilisation of funding streams linked to public bodies and other funders, and through facilitation by EBCDA and others within decision-making positions that can influence positively for the KGO area.

Some of the funders identified in the strategy for various aspects of the action plan include:

Funder	Focus
Belfast City Council	Community support Developing capacity Community safety Pilot initiatives involving young people
BIG Lottery Fund	Awards for All for project grants Strategic themes for large programmes from 2010 including older people, young people at risk, impact of alcohol, and better use of space and place. Upgrading community buildings through efficient community buildings programme
Other agencies	Project funding
Peace III	Building relationships at a local level
PSNI	Small project grants focussing on community safety, youth and diversionary work
Other	There are a number of other funders that may be appropriate for specific initiatives from central and local government, voluntary and community sector, trusts and agencies.



STRUCTURE AND THEMES

The KGO area no longer has an all-embracing community association while there are other relevant community activities taking place.

The members of the working group that met to input to the development of his plan are keen that they continue to work together while preserving the integrity and role of their existing community organisations. They are also mindful of limited time commitments by many of them which makes more problematic the establishment and ongoing co-ordination of a new KGO community association.

However, a co-ordinating role is important and while EBCDA may be able to facilitate the working group to come together in the short-term it is not a long-term answer to the local needs of getting more people involved and generating local ownership of community actions.

Recommendations

In order to continue to facilitate the process of engagement of local people EBCDA should continue to facilitate the working group to meet on a monthly basis to share information and monitor the achievements of activities in the plan. A time limit should be set on EBCDA's facilitation to ensure a real and concerted effort is made to get more local people involved in establishing a KGO community association. EBCDA could be involved in providing further administrative support to the fledging association.

The working group should work to the initial following three year plan:

Themes/Aims

- 1) ***Community Involvement and Cohesion*** such as getting people meeting and talking, increasing pride in the areas, increasing a sense of community, and getting more people involved in community activities.
- 2) ***Improving the Environment/Services and Facilities*** such as reducing dog fouling and dog nuisance, making the area tidier and cleaner, and lobbying to get more facilities and essential services.
- 3) ***Working for and with Youth*** such as improving understanding between the generations, reducing real or perceived anti-social behaviour, providing young people with a stake in the community.
- 4) ***Promoting Health and Well-being*** such as tackling isolation, promoting better health, targeting areas and groups and improving community safety.

The action plan provides more detail on suggested initiatives, lead organisations, partners and anticipated budget and funding requirements. This action plan does



not replace the work, plans and budgets/funding of existing organisations, and that work is deliberately not referenced within it.

Priorities

The working group has prioritised these activities as the focus of their work over the next three years. They acknowledge that the programme is ambitious but believe the components are essential to improving the quality of life of people in the KGO area.

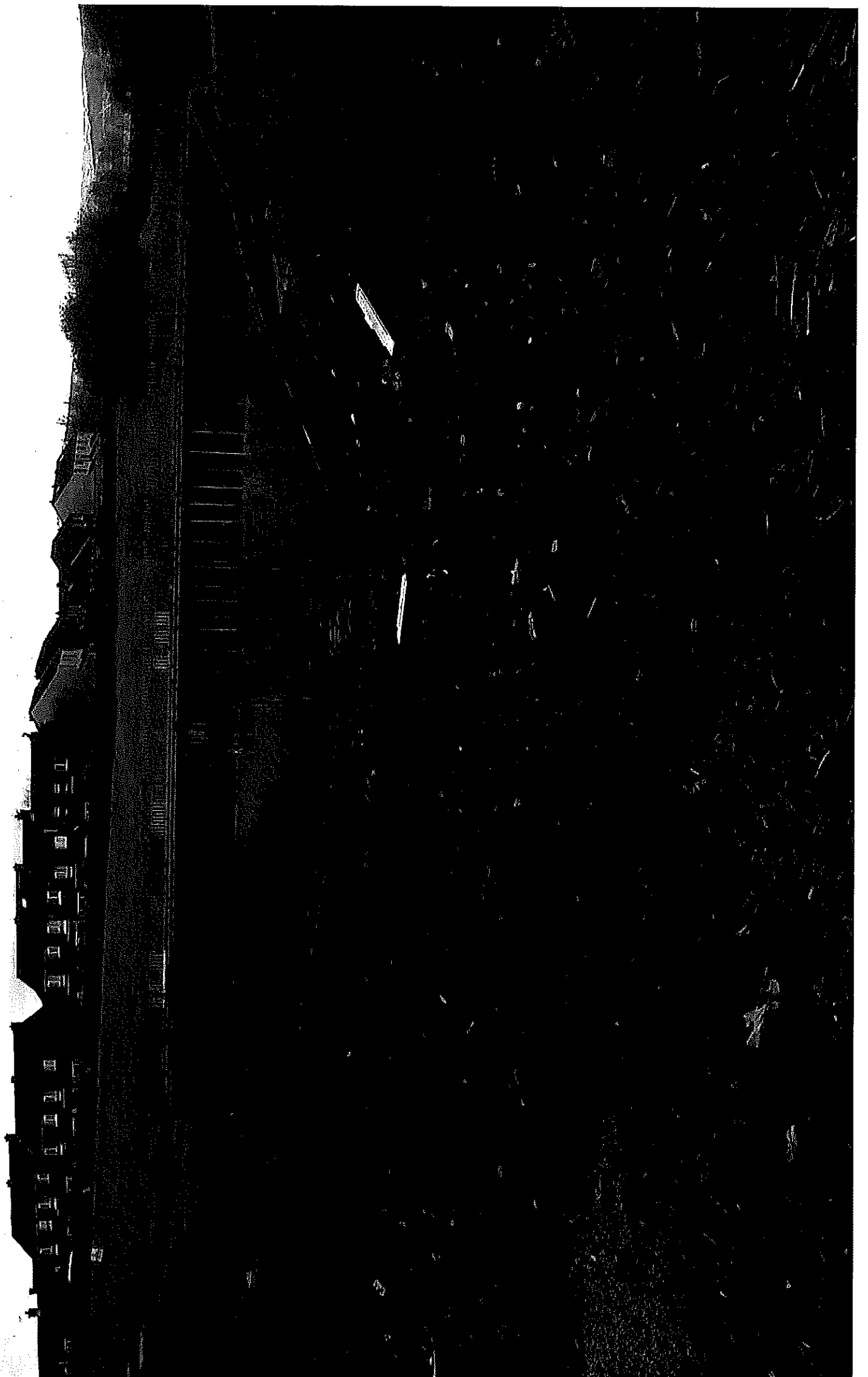
The working group also acknowledge it is not possible to them to carry out these actions alone or as individual organisations. Mutual support and collaboration is important, as is the buy-in of elected representatives and the local community.

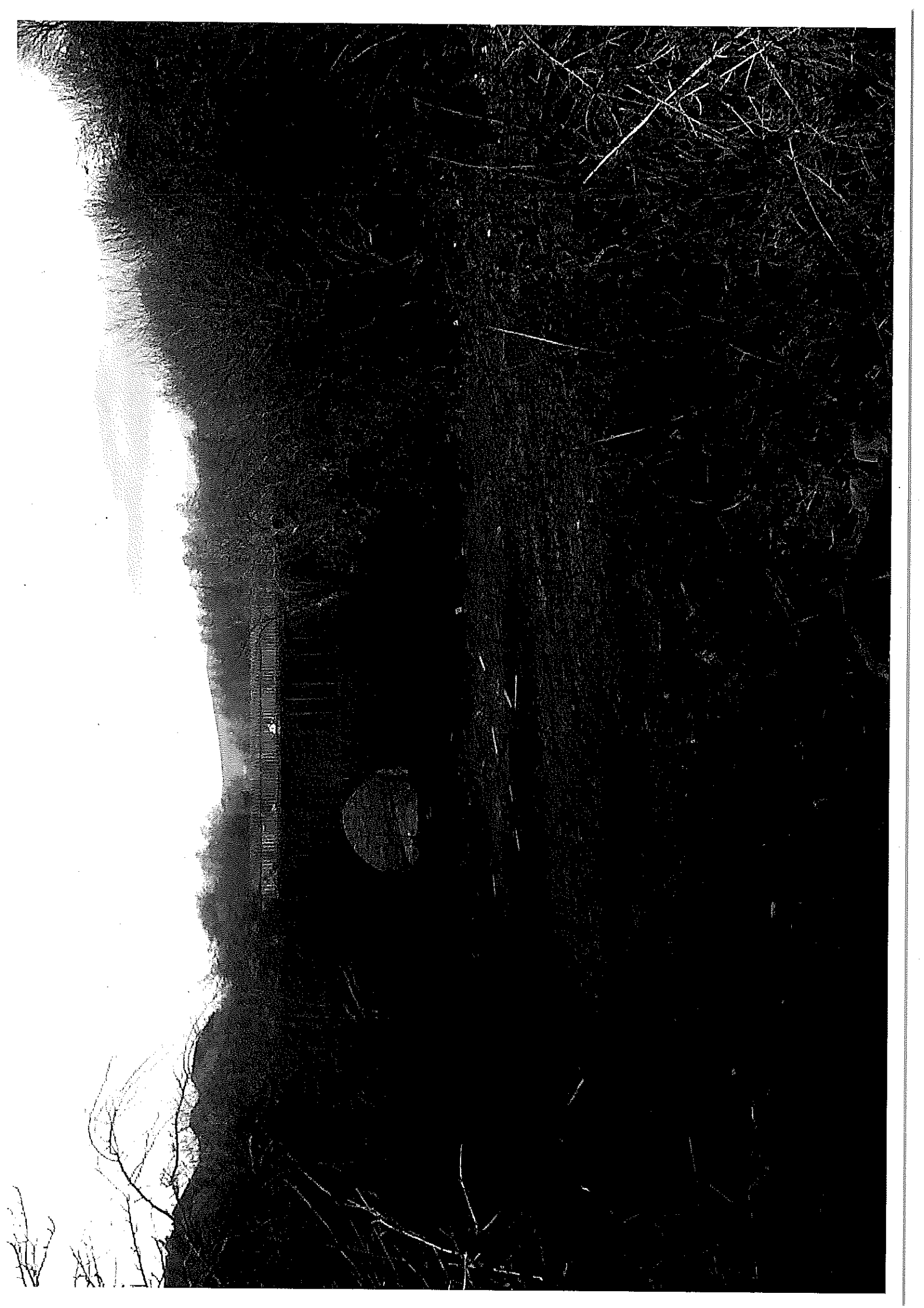
No.	Objective	Activity
Community Involvement and Cohesion		
1	Establish a sustainable structure	Monthly meetings of the working group supported initially by EBCDA as a provider of administrative support.
2	Generate greater community and stakeholder interest	Host a briefing meeting for elected representatives, and annual update.
3	Provide opportunity for people to meet and volunteer	Organise an inaugural KGO community festival linked to Knocknagoney PS celebrations and organise subsequent annual events
4	Provide opportunity for people to meet and volunteer	Continue to promote regular social events for the area
Improving the Environment and Services		
5	Make the area a more physically attractive place to live	Work with BCC develop and implement a dog fouling project promoting better education about dog management, providing more dog toilets and poop scoops, and organising an annual "zero tolerance blitz week" on an annual basis.
6	Make the area a more physically attractive place to live	Lobby for improvements to Linear Park
7	Make the area a more physically attractive place to live	Establish an inter-agency quarterly walkabout of the area to address issues such as street lighting, untidiness and graffiti.
Working for and with Young People		
8	Increase inter-generational understanding	Organise a youth programme linking young people and older people
9	Provide more facilities for young	Co-ordinate the existing youth provi-



	people	tion work in the area and help promote it between all organisations and the community
Promoting Health and Well being		
10	Promote community activity and health related initiatives for the whole area but also targeting the COAs demonstrating most need	Work with EBCDA to recruit two lay health volunteers from the local community and organise a health and benefits awareness day
11	Improve the actual and perceptions of safety in the estate	Participate in PACT and explore the establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch

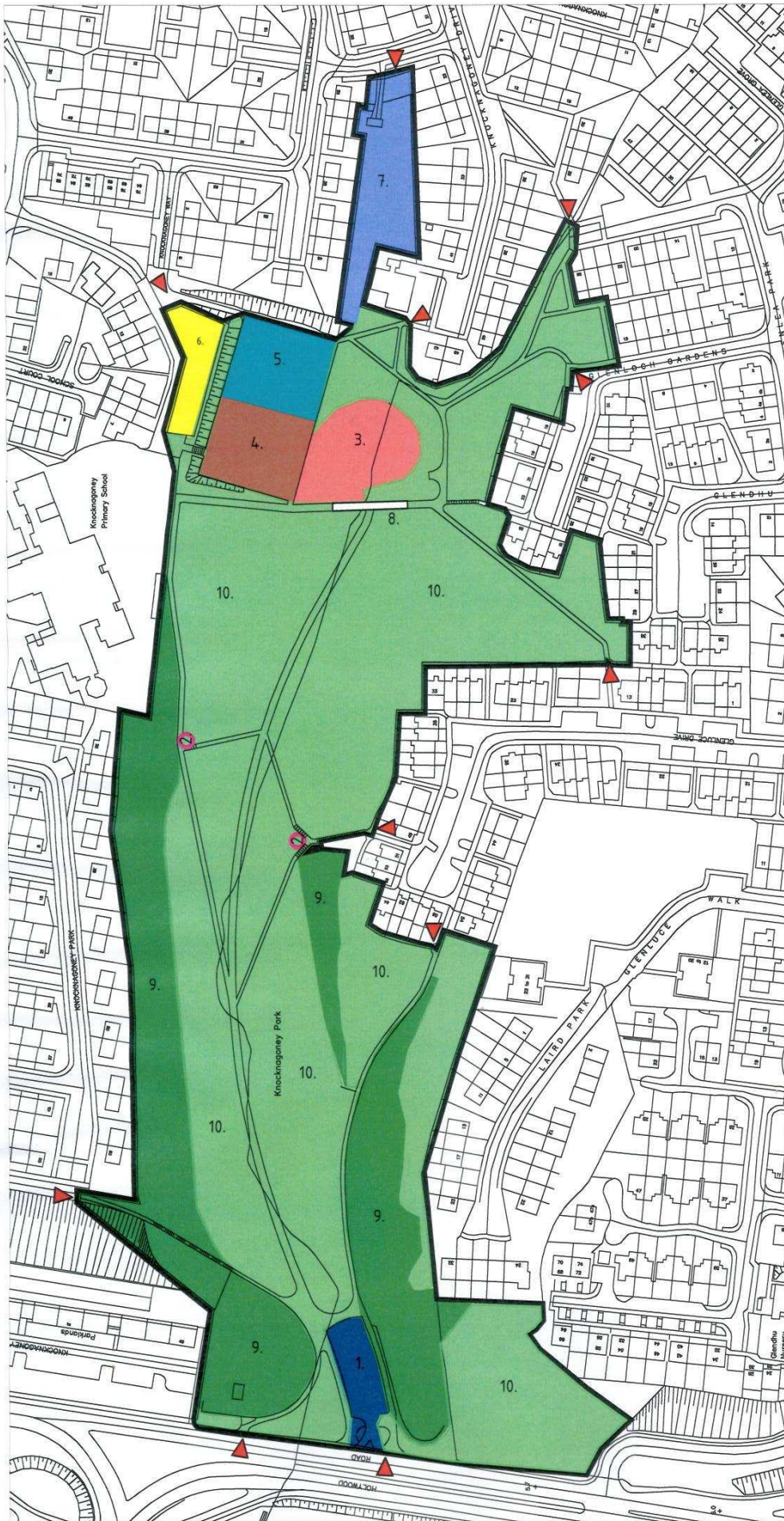








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Key	
Zone 1	Car Park
Zone 2	Viewing Towers
Zone 3	Bull Ring Area
Zone 4	Community Garden
Zone 5	Casual Sports Area
Zone 6	Children's Playground
Zone 7	Secret Garden
Zone 8	Foot bridge
Zone 9	Woodland
Zone 10	Parkland
	Boundary
▲	Access

Knocknagoney Landscape Zoning Plan

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Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Container at Waterworks
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Stephen Walker, Departmental Portfolio and Programme Manager

1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The Committee is reminded that it received a report at its meeting on 14 March 2013 which sought authority to install a container at Waterworks Park located adjacent to the upper pond. The report highlighted that the request had been initiated by the Fisherman's group, who had requested a container to be used for storage and as a dry area for the fishermen. The report further noted that funding had been sourced from Department of Culture Arts and Leisure.</p> <p>The funding was successfully drawn down and the container has been installed.</p> <p>The fishermen currently have a facilities management agreement in relation to the upper pond and this permits them to fish. The container was provided primarily to meet the needs and requirements of the fishermen. In order to permit the fishermen to use the facility, it is proposed that the existing facilities management agreement be varied to incorporate key holding and use of the facility. In return, the fishermen will be expected to retain the facility in good order and ensure it is kept clean and tidy and compliant with health and safety regulations. In return the Council will carry out any necessary maintenance to it and will incorporate public liability within its schedule, as was agreed by Committee in March 2013.</p>

2.	Key Issues
	The key issue for the committee is to consider whether or not it is content to agree to the variation of the facilities management agreement to include use of the container which has been provided primarily for their use through funding from DCAL.
3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional financial implications at this time.</p> <p><u>Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional human resource implications.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>This will help sustain the fishermen as a group and enable them to continue to make a positive contribution to the diverse range of activities in the park.</p>
4.	Equality Implications
	There are no equality implications
5.	Recommendations
	The Committee is asked to agree to the variation of the existing Facilities Management Agreement with the Fishermen's group.
6.	Decision Tracking
	Director of Parks and Leisure
7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None
8.	Documents Attached
	Appendix A – Previous Committee Report March 2013



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Proposed Container at Waterworks
Date:	14 March 2013
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Fintan Grant, City Parks Manager (North)

1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The Committee will be aware that there is a well established and vibrant fishermen's group operating within the Waterworks Park. This grouping has been in existence for several years and has cross community membership. The group has recently approached Council Officers and some elected members requesting the installation of a container at the site adjacent to the upper pond (see Appendix A). The purpose of this container would be to provide a storage facility for the equipment used by the group and also to provide a dry area. The proposal excludes the inclusion of heating, water, power and sewage.</p> <p>The proposal is for a 12m long container. To keep within the constraints under permitted development the height of the container, which will have a pitched roof, must not exceed 4m. In addition the group has asked that the container be masqued as a log cabin to provide a more sympathetic structure to the surrounding environment and in keeping with a more traditional view of fishing. Appendix B provides an illustration of the structure. Appendix C provides a more technical indicative outline.</p> <p>The estimated cost of this would be in the region of £30,000.</p> <p>The Department of Culture Arts and Leisure has intimated that it may be in a position to provide the necessary funding for this within the current financial year. A proposal has been sent to the Department and is currently under consideration.</p>

2.	Key Issues
	<p>The Committee is asked to consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The fishermen's group is well established within the park and this proposal will help sustain the group in the future; 2. There is the possibility that other interest groups in the future may approach the Council for similar accommodation; 3. The container and associated security fencing will increase the maintenance responsibility, it is anticipated that routine maintenance will be minimal; however, vandalism to the fencing and / or the container would have a more significant impact, the value of the container is estimated to be in the region of £15,000 and the fencing £7,000, the other £8,000 is the cost of preparation and installation; 4. The estimated time scale for the project to be delivered in approximately four months to allow for procurement, construction and installation; 5. The Committee is being asked to give consent to the installation of the container and fencing and accept the associated maintenance and public liability responsibility associated with it.

3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial Implication</u></p> <p>The cost of the container, fencing and installation will be in the region of £30,000 and will be met by the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure. The ongoing maintenance will be absorbed within existing budgets.</p> <p><u>Human Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional human resource implications</p> <p><u>Asset and other implications</u></p> <p>The installation of the container will help support a well established group within the park,</p>

4.	Equality Implications
	<p>There are no equality implications.</p>

5.	Recommendations
	It is recommended that the Committee consent to the request to provide and locate a container as indicated in Appendices A, B and C on the basis that the cost is met by the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure; and agree to accept the associated maintenance and public liability responsibilities.
6.	Decision Tracking
	An update report will be presented by the City Park Manager (North) to a future meeting of the Committee.
7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None
8.	Documents Attached
	Appendix A – Location map showing proposed location Appendix B – Photograph showing indicative image of the container Appendix C – Detail drawing outlining specification

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Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Marrowbone Millennium Park Update
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Stephen Walker, Departmental Portfolio and Programme Manager

1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The Committee is reminded that the Council secured funding from Department of Culture Arts and Leisure and Department for Social Development (Belfast Regeneration Office) to support the delivery of a 3rd generation artificial turf pitch at Marrowbone Millennium Park. Members will be aware that the Council has also contributed towards the project.</p> <p>The project is now complete and management arrangements are now in place.</p> <p>As recipient of the funding the asset will remain under Council ownership and will be managed by Council staff. However, Members are asked to note that within the terms and conditions of the funding from Sport NI, the Council is required to work with representatives from the Community, in this case the Ardoyne Youth Providers Forum, and to review the management model after 18 months to determine whether a more community based delivery model could be developed and an appropriate legal agreement entered into. At this time it is not clear what this arrangement would be, whether it would be in the form of a lease or some other management arrangement, the actual mechanism will be determined through the review and will require further discussion with Sport NI and the Forum.</p> <p>There are several elements to the management of a facility such as Marrowbone. These include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Routine and operational maintenance of the surface and ancillary structures such as the fencing and floodlighting;

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The opening and closing of the facility 3. The management of bookings including taking of payments; and 4. The development of a sports development programme to maximise the use and of the asset and its benefits in terms of participation levels
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<p>2.</p>	<p>Key Issues</p>
	<p>The key issues for the Committee to note is that the Council is required as part of the terms and conditions of funding from SportNI to review the management arrangements in relation to Marrowbone 3G artificial turf pitch and to work with the Ardoyne Youth Providers Forum to help support the Forum to build their capacity in relation to the potential management of the asset in the future. To meet the requirement Officers will form a small group to support the Forum over the next 18 months.</p> <p>The Parks and Leisure Department will take the lead in the management of the asset at this time.</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to outline to the Committee the approach to be taken over the next 18 months in advance of a review of the management model in relation to this facility.</p> <p>Preliminary discussions have been held with representatives from the Ardoyne Youth Providers Forum including local sports clubs from the area. It is proposed that a capacity building group comprising Council Officers; representatives from the Forum; and a representative from Sport NI will form the core of the group moving towards a review in 18 months. Local elected representatives will be invited to attend meetings. The purpose of this group will be to build the necessary capacity to enable community management of the asset.</p> <p>At this time it is anticipated that primary focus of this work will be to delivery a sports development plan as required by Sport NI within the terms and conditions of the funding agreement. Active Communities Coaches will engage with local sports clubs; youth clubs; schools and other organisations particularly those involved with under represented groups to promote the facility, encourage its use and develop the capacity within the community to deliver and sustain a wide ranging programme of activities around this new asset. The Youth providers Forum will have a key role to play in this process.</p> <p>Members are assured that the future transfer of any responsibilities associated with this particular asset must be carried out to the satisfaction of the Council and will require an appropriate legal and monitoring</p>

	framework to be in place. The Committee will receive quarterly update reports, commencing in August 2014.
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3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional financial implications at this time.</p> <p><u>Resource Implications</u></p> <p>While there are no additional human resource implications Members are asked to note that this will require ongoing Officer involvement from Parks and Leisure as well as Officers from other Departments.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>The approach outlined will promote greater responsibility for the asset within the Community and will help develop the capacity and confidence of the local community. It will also support higher levels of use of the asset from a range of groups.</p>

4.	Equality Implications
	There are no equality implication

5.	Recommendations
	The Committee is asked to note the report.

6.	Decision Tracking
	An update report will be brought to Committee in August 2014,

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8.	Documents Attached
	None

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Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Belfast Zoological Gardens – construction of bat flight and release enclosure
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Mark Challis, Zoo Manager

1.	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Belfast Zoo has worked closely with the Northern Ireland Bat Group for many years.
1.2	The Northern Ireland Bat Group, with whom the Zoo has long standing relationships, has successfully applied to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant to construct a bat rehabilitation and release enclosure in the zoo.
1.3	The Zoo site lends itself well to such an enclosure, and is envisaged that the enclosure will be a valuable addition to the Zoo's suite of native species facilities, and provide for excellent visitor information and education opportunities.
1.4	Following consultation with the HLF, once the build is complete, the NI Bat Group would like to transfer ownership of the enclosure to the City Council.
1.5	The Committee is asked to consider allowing for the construction of the bat enclosure in the zoo, and that ownership, which includes liabilities such as maintenance, insurance, and reinstatement at the end of the useful life of the enclosure, to be transferred to the Council.
1.6	The NI Bat Group attend many of the zoo's native species events, including our native species weekends, and representatives from the group lead the 'bat evenings' that take place throughout the summer. The zoo provides access to facilities for the Bat Group's committee meetings

	and for the junior Bat Group evening events.
1.7	As well as their education and community roles, the Bat Group provides a rescue and rehabilitation role that rescues bats, both displaced adults and spring/summer born infants that require hand rearing, for eventual release.
1.8	The Bat Group has identified that permanent facilities for the flight training and rehabilitation of these rescued bats is needed, usually during the late spring and summer period, and reasoned that such a facility should be on a safe site, ideally where bats are already known to live, where access is good for servicing the facilities and managing the bats, and perhaps where the enclosure might be somewhat discrete but where significant numbers of visitors might be able to learn more about bats in Northern Ireland and the work of the Bat Group.

2.	Key Issues
2.1	In discussion with the NI Bat Group, it became clear that the Zoo was uniquely positioned to provide a site for such a facility.
2.2	The enclosure will be designed for the short term holding of native species of bats, and will allow sufficient space for the rescued bats to recuperate and undergo rehabilitation prior to release. It is currently planned that the enclosure will be of weld mesh construction, approximately 8 x 4 x 3m high. It is also confirmed that planning permission is not required in this instance, as the potential build falls within permitted development.
2.3	Subsequently, the NI Bat group made a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for grant funding of a bat rehabilitation and flight enclosure.
2.4	Further, a suitable site has been identified for the enclosure within the zoo. Situated near the Lion's Den Restaurant, and near enclosures for other native species kept in the zoo, ie red squirrels and barn owls, there is space for the enclosure to be positioned a little distance from the main visitor path, but with the production of high quality signage, significant numbers of zoo visitors could learn and understand more about the Bat Group's and the Zoo's work with native species.
2.4	It is proposed that access to the enclosure for NI Bat Group members for caring for any bats kept in the enclosure will be made available during normal working hours, and access to the zoo site itself will be provided and managed via normal established procedures. The NI Bat Group will undertake all day-to-day care of the bats whilst the enclosure is in use.
2.5	The NI Bat Group have discussed ownership options of the enclosure itself with HLF, and consider that once the build is complete, ownership of the enclosure should be transferred to the Council. The specification of

	the proposed bat enclosure will be subject to approval by the Council.
2.6	It is envisaged that a form of licence will be drawn up with the NI Bat Group that will allow for the construction together with appropriate legal agreement for the subsequent transfer of ownership to the Council, and the Council will then enter a management arrangement with the NI Bat Group.
2.7	There are good indications that such a facility will be extremely useful to the valuable rescue and rehabilitation work of the NI Bat Group, and provide visitors with another example of the Zoo working closely with local wildlife and wildlife groups.

3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>There are no financial implications during the build phase, as this will be covered by the grant. If ownership of the enclosure is transferred to the City Council, there will need to be some allowance for annual maintenance, though there will be few other costs as we will not pay rates on the enclosure, and there are no utilities (electric, water, gas) in the enclosure.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u></p> <p>There are no immediate HR implications, though there will be some resource implications in the identification and preparation of legal issues and documents.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>If ownership of the new enclosure is transferred to the City Council, the enclosure will provide a further attraction for the Zoo.</p>

4.	Equality Implications
4.1	There are no Equality and Good Relations Considerations attached to this report.

5.	Recommendations
5.1	<p>The Committee is asked to note the above report and it is recommended that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permission is granted to proceed • Appropriate legal agreement is drawn up with the Northern Ireland Bat Group • Ownership will transfer to the Council once the build is complete <p>and that all of the above in accordance with standing orders and the</p>

	approval of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee is obtained.
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6.	Decision Tracking
6.1	None required.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	HLF – Heritage Lottery Fund N I – Northern Ireland

8.	Documents Attached
	none



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Feile an Phobail – request for use of Council facilities
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Ricky Rice, City Park Manager

1	Background Information
	<p>Since August 2006, Feile an Phobail has organised a number of West Belfast Festival events at Belfast City Council venues.</p> <p>Feile an Phobail has requested the use of the facilities in Falls Park during the West Belfast Festival which is due to take place from 1 August -10 August 2014, with set up beginning 28 July 2014 and take down on the 16 August 2014.</p>

2	Key Issues
	<p>The West Belfast Festival has requested permission to organise a number of events in Falls Park. They may require the use of other Council facilities as the final list of events have not yet been finalised. In previous years this has included Andersonstown Leisure Centre and the City Cemetery.</p> <p>The events would be similar to previous years which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carnival parade through Falls Park • Teddy Bears picnic in Falls Park • Feile family entertainment day in the park, music events and family entertainment. • An occasional licence will be applied for by the organisers for the sale of alcohol and an entertainment licence for the period of the event. • Guided historical tours in the City Cemetery which would be charged for appropriately by the tour provider. <p>This application will be supported by an event plan and will be subject to the organisers liaising with Council officers and meeting all statutory and legal requirements. Organisers will also be required to reinstate all Council property to its original condition after use.</p>

3	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> Charges for use of any Council facilities will be applied in line with the council's pricing policy and will include any additional staffing costs incurred.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> Staff may be required to work additional hours to cover the events outside normal hours and this will be charged to the hirer, in line with the process adopted in previous years.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> Council officers will liaise with organisers in relation to the potential environmental impact of this event.</p>

4	Equality Implications
	None.

5	Recommendations
	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the Feile an Phobail application for the use and hire of the facilities at Falls Park and other possible Council facilities, and approve the use of the City Cemetery for guided tours with an appropriate charge. This will be subject to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The event organisers providing an event management plan and resolving all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction. (ii) An appropriate legal agreement being completed, to be prepared by the Assistant Chief Executive and Town Solicitor; (iii) The event organisers providing and meeting all statutory requirements including entertainments licensing.

6	Decision Tracking
	Officers Responsible: Ricky Rice, City Park Manager (South/West). Project to be completed by the end of August 2012.

7	Key to abbreviations
	None.

8	Documents Attached
	None



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee.
Subject:	Leisure Centre Activity Price - Active Travel
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Adrian Walker, Acting Leisure Operations Manager

1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The purpose of this report is to advise members of a proposal to reduce the price attributed to shower / changing within our leisure facilities in order to promote increased usage for cyclists, joggers and walkers under an 'Active Travel' initiative.</p>

2	Key Issues
	<p>Presently the price of showering / changing within our facilities is £2.20 full price and £1 concession. During 2013-14 the revenue raised was £3205 across 10 facilities giving an average of £320 per site. This represents an income of less than £1 per centre per day.</p> <p>Following representations from a local business owner and with a view to the forthcoming Giro d'Italia it is intended to offer a more attractive shower / changing price which will be intended to coincide with the Giro and represent a contribution towards the legacy of the race.</p> <p>It is further intended that the new pricing initiative entitled 'Active Travel' will be promoted to attract customers who wish to utilise Council shower / change facilities on their way to / from work. The intention is to offer cyclists, joggers and customers who may walk into work a more affordable option within their daily commute. Whilst the new pricing option would be available to all customers our approach would be to focus on the above groups.</p> <p>Leisure Services are attempting to offer a more attractive price in order to promote healthy living and react to commuting patterns as they evolve. The new prices of £1 full payers and £0.50 for concession customers would</p>

	require a 100% increase from our casual customers in the usage of the shower / change facilities. It is however intended that promotional information will coincide with the Giro d'Italia and will be available within our leisure facilities and on the Council website. With the cycling impetus generated from the Giro and effective advertising it is expected that the relatively low number of casual customers within this area could be doubled.
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3	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>2013-14 income £3205 across 10 leisure facilities. At a rate of £2.20 full payer and £1 concession. At a rate of £1 full payer and £0.50 concession it is anticipated that envisaged usage will mean the service will be cost neutral 2014-15.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u></p> <p>All affected staff to be briefed accordingly.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>n/a</p>

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
	No equality / good relations implications.

5	Recommendations
	It is recommended that members agree to the implementation of a new Active Travel price for Leisure Centre shower and changing for a trial period to be reviewed in October 2014.

6	Decision Tracking
	Adrian Walker, Acting Leisure Operations Manager will monitor and feedback following a review after six months.

7	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8	Documents Attached
	None

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Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Proposed Event –IFA Junior Football coaching sessions.
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Brian McKinley, Events Officer

1.	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Committee is asked to note that the Council received a request from the Irish Football Association (IFA) to hold Junior Football Coaching sessions at Cherryvale Playing Fields between Monday 18 and Friday 22 August 2014, 10.30 am to 1.30pm each day. The IFA has requested use of a grass pitch or the “neutral training” area. The event will have approximately 35 participants at each session. The participants will be between 5 and 12 years of age, and bookings will be made online via the IFA website. The IFA will provide qualified coaches to deliver the sessions.

2.	Key Issues
	<p>The booking for the grass pitch cannot be taken as the pitches will be under renovation for the following football season, however the “neutral training” area is available. There is no charge to use the “neutral training” area but the committee is asked to note that the IFA intend to charge £35 per participant for the week.</p> <p>The IFA will complete an event management plan. It will address all relevant issues including health and safety to the satisfaction of Council Officers.</p>

3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> None</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u></p>

	<p>The event will not require any additional members of staff as the event will take place during normal working hours.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
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4.	Equality and good relations implications
	There are no known associated equality considerations associated with this request.

5.	Recommendations
	<p>The Committee is asked to approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the IFA Junior Football coaching sessions are held on the “neutral training” area at Cherryvale Playing Fields subject to the completion of an appropriate event management plan to the satisfaction of Council Officers. 2. That the event organisers are allowed to charge participants who will take part in the coaching sessions on the “neutral training” area.

6.	Decision Tracking
	All actions will be completed by Brian McKinley, Events Office

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	IFA – Irish Football Association

8.	Documents Attached
	None



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Attendance at Cremation and Burial Conference
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Fiona Holdsworth, Principal Parks and Cemeteries Operational Manager

1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>Belfast City Council is a corporate member of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management. The Institute is the only organisation within bereavement services to provide fully accredited and externally validated education and training opportunities for cemetery and crematorium staff at all levels. It promotes the development and advancement of its members to facilitate the better provision, operation, administration and management of cemeteries, crematoria and bereavement related services.</p> <p>The annual Cremation and Burial conference is organised in partnership with the Cremation Society of Great Britain, the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities and the Association of Private Crematoria and Cemeteries. The Conference will take place from 7th – 9th July 2014 at the Holiday Inn, Stratford-upon-Avon.</p> <p>Attendance at this event will allow Councillors and officers to keep up to date with developments in the funeral services industry and make contacts with other authorities and service providers, learning from their expert knowledge and experience. The exhibitions attached to the event offer excellent opportunities to see the range of products and services that are on offer to help officers provide the best possible service to bereaved people.</p>
2	Key Issues
	This year's Conference and Convention will be of particular interest to representatives from Cremation and Burial authorities who wish to keep

	<p>abreast of the latest developments affecting their service and facilities.</p> <p>Through a series of papers and via the exhibitions, information will be provided that delegates can take back and utilize in their workplaces. As the providers of the only cremation service in Northern Ireland and providers/operators of the largest and busiest cemetery in N Ireland, it is important to keep up to date with developments in the industry and changes in legislation. Attendance at these events will enable the Council to do this and to also make contacts with other local authorities and private sector providers to ensure that appropriate standards and working practices are being applied in Belfast. It is also an excellent opportunity to build up a supportive network of colleagues, fellow professionals and suppliers from the contacts they make at these important events. A copy of the event flyer is attached at Appendix 1.</p>
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3	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>The Cremation and Burial Conference and Exhibition fee including three nights' accommodation is £495 per delegate. The flights and transport to the venue will be approximately £180 per delegate. Day packages are available at £140 per day. These costs are provided for within the services budgets.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u></p> <p>A member of staff will be away from site for up to three days; however they will be bringing back updated information and knowledge to provide appropriate briefings.</p>

4	Equality Implications
	None

5	Recommendations
	It is recommended that the Chairman and Deputy Chair of Parks & Leisure Committee or their nominees and the Director of Parks & Leisure and Assistant Director or their nominees attend the Cremation and Burial Conference and Exhibition from 7 th – 9 th July 2014 .

6	Decision Tracking
	Actions to be completed by the Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure.

7	Key to Abbreviations
	None.

8	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Cremation and Burial Conference and Exhibition 2014 Flyer

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Cremation & Burial Conference & Exhibition 2014

Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th July 2014 – Holiday Inn, Stratford-upon-Avon

We are pleased to announce details of this now well-established and highly regarded event on the annual conference calendar. It has again been organised in partnership with the Cremation Society of Great Britain, the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities and the Association of Private Crematoria and Cemeteries.

Continuing the on-going co-operation of like-minded organisations the programme will contain presentations on important issues to all those in the death care industry. It will be of particular interest to representatives from cremation and burial authorities who wish to keep abreast of the latest developments affecting their services and facilities.

The Conference Organisers are pleased to confirm that the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Certification Service has granted accreditation for this year's event. This will allow delegates to demonstrate to their employers that attendance at the event contributes to their professional development and in some cases helps employees to satisfy their contractual obligation.



Cremation & Burial
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The Federation of Burial and
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Crematoria and Cemeteries



Event: **Cremation & Burial Conference & Exhibition 2014**

Conference and **Holiday Inn Stratford-upon-Avon, Bridgefoot**

Exhibition Venue: **Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6YR**

Dates: **Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th July 2014**

We are delighted to be returning to the recently refurbished Holiday Inn Stratford-upon-Avon. Situated on the River Avon and set in beautiful landscaped gardens, the Holiday Inn Stratford-upon-Avon is the perfect location for discovering the delights of Shakespeare's birthplace, while other local attractions and historical sites are within walking distance. The hotel is within easy reach of J15 off the M40 and 20 miles from Birmingham airport and the NEC and only a short drive from the amazing Warwick Castle.

Costs

Conscious of the continuing difficult economic climate in which all sectors are having to operate, we have negotiated an extremely competitive delegate fee which is inclusive of THREE nights' accommodation. This fee is extremely competitive and provides excellent value when compared to single and multi-day events in the UK. If you've never been to a CBCE event before, or you've had a limited choice of conferences to attend, CBCE is not to be missed. Free car parking is provided for conference delegates throughout the duration of their stay.

Overseas Delegates

This is an opportunity to mix business with pleasure and have the opportunity to experience the beautiful and historic town of Stratford-upon-Avon:

NOTE: The Cremation Society of Great Britain is the founder and pioneer of the cremation movement in the United Kingdom. It established the first crematorium in the UK and is a

founder member of the International Cremation Federation. 2014 marks the 140th anniversary of the founding declaration of the Society.

The Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities formed in 1924, represents approximately 90% of all cremation authorities in the United Kingdom and some years ago widened its scope to allow full membership of the FBCA to burial authorities.

The Association of Private Crematoria and Cemeteries represents private crematoria in the UK. Nearly all new crematoria are being established by the private sector.

For any event information or queries please contact the CBCE Administration Office on
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Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Glasgow Rose Trials 21 and 22 August 2014
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure.
Contact Officers:	Fiona Holdsworth, Principal Parks and Cemeteries Officer.

1 Relevant Background Information

The City of Glasgow International Rose Trials will take place on 21 and 22 August 2014. The event is acknowledged as a premier event within the international rose trial circuit. Belfast City Council has attended this event regularly over the years and is anticipating being invited this year by Glasgow City Council to participate in trial judging.

Representatives from Glasgow City Council have reciprocated each year, by supporting the Council's Rose Trial event at Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park. Attendance at the trials has helped to promote links between the two Councils in the provision of judges enabling joint learning and discussion of future developments.

2 Key Issues

Attendance at the City of Glasgow International Rose Trials would provide an opportunity to promote Belfast to the many delegates who attend. It is proposed the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Parks and Leisure Committee and the Director of Parks and Leisure or their nominees attend the Glasgow Rose Trials on 21 and 22 August 2014.

3	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Human Resources</u> There are no Human Resource issues other than officer time.</p> <p><u>Financial Implications</u> Attendance at the Glasgow Rose Trials, including flights and accommodation for 1 night will cost approximately £325 per attendee.</p>
4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
	There is no known equality issues associated with this request.
5	Recommendations
	It is recommended that approval is given for the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Parks and Leisure Committee and the Director of Parks and Leisure or their nominees to attend the International Rose Trials in Glasgow from 21 to 22 August 2014.
6	Decision Tracking
	Responsible Officer: Fiona Holdsworth, Principal Parks and Cemeteries Officer
7	Abbreviations
	None.
8	Documents Attached
	None.



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Belfast Zoological Gardens – request for filming
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Mark Challis, Zoo Manager

1.	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Belfast Zoo has been approached by DNS Five Film Productions Ltd who are currently scouting locations for the fifth series of RTE crime series, Love/Hate, with a request to film scenes at Belfast Zoo.
1.2	Television. The show premièred on 3 October 2010 at 21:30 on RTE One and on RTE Player. The show depicts fictional characters in Dublin's criminal underworld. The show is mostly filmed in and around Dublin. Initial viewer reaction towards early episodes was mixed; with some critics hailing it as a major shift in programming production by RTE, with others criticising it for its strong scenes of violence and also for glorifying such acts of criminality.
1.3	Love/Hate is an Irish crime drama series broadcast on RTE. Series four of Love/Hate attracted between 750,000 and 950,000 viewers per episode. The season finale averaged over a million viewers for RTE which is a 54% share of the available audience. The show has been sold to a number of countries and will be available to increased audiences. The DVD box set is also extremely successfully and is placed in the charts every year.
1.4	Producers of the show have forwarded a copy of the script intended for use during the requested filming at the Belfast Zoo.

2.	Key Issues
2.1	The request for filming involves some scenes in a zoo. These scenes involve four actors meeting and chatting.
2.2	The filming would take place at Belfast Zoo's chimpanzee enclosure, with a crew of approximately 40 people (which could be limited and diluted to essential crew of 20 people). The RTE team would not need exclusive access to the zoo while filming and are happy to work around the general public/visitors. The zoo would organise relevant communications to ensure that visitors are aware of the onsite film crew.
2.3	Previous episodes of the programme have achieved good viewing numbers and a significant audience share on airing on RTE, it thus has the ability to generate increased marketing opportunities and awareness of Belfast Zoo in the RTE region.
2.4	Such requests are usually permitted. Members should note that the presented script, whilst in keeping with the premise and context of the show, uses coarse language and swearing and alludes to criminal activity.

3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>If permitted, filming will generate some income using the approved Parks and Leisure pricing structure for filming on BCC sites, ie £123.60 for a 5 hour booking, and £40.20 for each additional hour.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u></p> <p>There are no immediate resource HR implications, liaison with the production company and operational considerations on the day of filming can be accommodated by zoo staff.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>There are few other implications, filming can take place with little disruption to zoo visitors on the day. The series has achieved good viewing numbers and a significant audience share on airing on RTE, it thus has the ability to generate increased marketing opportunities and awareness of Belfast Zoo in the RTE region.</p>

4.	Equality Implications
4.1	While the programme will use a BCC site for filming, as this is not a BCC activity, and the programme is clearly fictional, it is considered that there are no equality or good relations implications.

5.	Recommendations
5.1	The committee is asked to note the above report and consider whether

	permission should be granted for the filming to take place.
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6.	Decision Tracking
6.1	None required.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	RTE = Raidió Teilifís Éireann = public service broadcaster of Ireland

8.	Documents Attached
	None

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Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Use of Wedderburn Park Playing Fields for Youth Football Tournament
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Playing fields
Contact Officer:	Ricky Rice, City Parks Manager, South and West

1.	Relevant Background Information
	Parks Officers have received a request from Taughmonagh Youth Football Club to use one pitch at Wedderburn Park Playing Fields for a football coaching session during the period 14 th – 18 th April 2014.
2.	Key Issues
	Taughmonagh Youth Club have been successful in securing an agreement with Glasgow Rangers Football club to send football coaches to Belfast during this period to coach approximately 70 young people. The costs associated with arranging the coaching sessions have been significant for the club. In order to reduce the cost of attending this coaching session for the young people in the area, Taughmonagh Youth Football Club have requested that Belfast City Council waive the cost of hiring the pitch.
3.	Resource Implications
	<u>Financial</u> The cost of hiring one pitch for four days would be £248.00.
	<u>Human Resources</u> There are no additional costs other than officer time.
4.	Equality Implications
	None

5.	Recommendations
	Committee is requested to waive the booking fee of £248 for the coaching event taking place in Wedderburn Park during the period 14 th – 18 April 2014.
6.	Decision Tracking
	Ricky Rice , City Parks Manager, South and West
7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None
8.	Documents Attached
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