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Chief Executive's Department
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10th February, 2014

MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room (Room G05), City Hall on Friday, 13th February, 2015 at 10.00 am, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. **Routine Matters**
 - (a) Apologies
 - (b) Minutes
 - (c) Declarations of Interest
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 - (a) Belfast Investment Fund (Pages 3 - 8)
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To: The Chairman and Members of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee



Belfast District Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
Subject:	BIF
Date:	13 February 2015
Reporting Officer:	Gerry Millar, Director of Property & Projects, Ext: 6217
Contact Officers:	Sinead Grimes, Programme Manager, Ext: 6203

1.0	Relevant Background Information																				
1.1	<p>Current objectives and criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIF support was designed to support partnership projects across the city which will have a substantial regenerative impact and will bring major benefit to the city The objectives of the Belfast Investment Fund are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> create a focal point for the Council to play a leading role in the development of the city create a 'can do' attitude amongst its citizens and create a sense of place and pride in Belfast encourage investment from and engagement of public, private and voluntary sectors, in the achievement of that aim to contribute to the Council's priorities and vision for the city to be eligible to receive funding under the Belfast Investment Fund projects must - be a single project or a programme/cluster of capital investment demonstrate that they have a cumulative iconic or transformational impact have a partnership element and be <u>receiving at least match 50% funding from another source/sources</u> be seeking a Council investment of above £250,000 <p>Designed as a rolling programme of investment and given the level of investment in projects was meant to be over 3 terms of the Council up to 2019/2020</p>																				
1.2	<p>Current status of fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As outlined in the table below current expectations are that there will be £34m in the BIF stream by 16/17 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>14/15</th> <th>15/16</th> <th>16/17</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BIF Opening Balance</td> <td>19287638</td> <td>26272138</td> <td>30442138</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capital Receipts</td> <td>4214500</td> <td>1400000</td> <td>800000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rates</td> <td>2770000</td> <td>2770000</td> <td>2770000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>26272138</td> <td>30442138</td> <td>34012138</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		14/15	15/16	16/17	BIF Opening Balance	19287638	26272138	30442138	Capital Receipts	4214500	1400000	800000	Rates	2770000	2770000	2770000		26272138	30442138	34012138
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1.3	<p>Current status of projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No funding for any BIF project has been agreed to date by Committee 20 emerging projects agreed in principle by Committee – (appendix 1) 3 of these have been progressed to Stage 2 (i.e. development of an OBC) – Lagan Gateway at Stranmillis; redevelopment of St. Comgall's and new pitches at St. Mary's – these projects were 																				

	prioritised due to their state of readiness and/or match funding sources in place
2.0	Issues
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the key issues in relation to BIF projects has been the 50% match funding requirement – this has been difficult for projects to secure given the lack of other sources of funding – this will be further impacted by the loss of DSD funding under LGR. The South AWG formally requested in October 14 that the <i>“SP&R Committee review the match funding requirement for BIF projects which could allow projects that have a certain amount of match funding in place, but not the 50% requirement, to proceed”</i>. This was considered but no recommendations were agreed at this stage. • There are no proposed projects in the enhanced boundaries of the Council and no city centre proposals. Many of the proposed projects are limited in scope and their potential outcomes for the city is accordingly reduced.
2.1	<p><u>Options for Members to consider</u></p> <p>To actually begin to use BIF Members need to focus on three key issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can BIF be best linked to the emerging ‘Belfast Agenda’ and the outcomes and accountability frameworks? • Given the changing roles and responsibilities of the Council and the enhanced boundaries should BIF be repackaged as a city regeneration fund? • Should the match funding criteria be reduced to allow a number of projects to progress now? If so to what level?
2.2	Lagan Gateway
	<p>While awaiting decision on the above there is increasing frustration with regard to the South AWG who have worked hard to develop the Lagan Gateway and an increasing risk matched funding may be lost due to BCC decision delay.</p> <p>The South AWG strategic view to investment in their part of the city identified the Lagan corridor as providing serious potential to moving things forward and produced a Back to the River plan as a context for project spend. This approach has been further endorsed by the Berridge report which also identified the importance of the river and the fact that a number of organisations are developing river associated projects e.g. BHC is now seriously looking at the leisure potential for the river banks from the Harbour Office to the weir; DRD have an economic appraisal on a new footbridge from the Gasworks to Ormeau Park; the private sector with the Council are developing two sites at Maysfield; the council has already completed investments at Mary Peters track, the Mountain Bike trails and the John Luke bridge as well as providing land for the Kayak boathouse. Furthermore the council is about to inherit responsibilities from DSD in respect to river management and further development sites such as Queens Quay as well as sites from Castlereagh B.C such as the Lockkeepers cottage. The discussions around the River Corridor have also inspired local communities to take an interest in river activity and begin exploring ways as to how they might evolve and create facilities to take advantage of new opportunities which is of course in the spirit of BIF to create ‘can do’ citizens and lift aspirations.</p> <p>The Lagan Gateway project involves reopening the lock at Stranmillis and replacing the weir thus making the river navigable upstream from the city. This approach ties in with the Lagan Trust proposals to open the Lagan all the way to Lough Neagh and is an important first step in this bigger tourism regeneration scheme. The Lagan towpath is one of the most visited attractions in the Province with over 1m visitors recorded in 2014 and the Gateway scheme provides the potential of further opening up the East Bank of the river from Belvoir Forest to Stranmillis.</p>

	<p>Ulster Gardens Villages have pledged £1m to support the gateway scheme but are under pressure to reallocate the money should the council further delay decision making. Currently the scheme has a complete economic appraisal which sets out the benefits and the costs. The current estimate is £4.9m broken down into four phases i.e. the Lock & Bridge at £2.9m; the Footway link to Belvoir Forest via council property at Lagan Lands East at £250k; a visitor centre and car park at £800k and a new weir at £1m.</p> <p>In October 2014 SP&R was asked to consider a change in the BIF rules regarding the 50% matched funding which was also imply a more robust prioritisation of projects than the current list. Members agreed to discuss this further.</p> <p>Given the fact that the UGV £1m funding offer will not remain open indefinitely and that it represents approximately 20% of the cost of the scheme Members are asked to reconsider the BIF funding mechanism and to prioritise along a sliding scale of external commitment allowing the Gateway project to move ahead now while other schemes are reprioritised.</p>
2.3	Proposed acquisition of land at Blackmountain
	<p>The SP&R Committee at its meeting on 18th June 2014 authorised officers to enter into negotiations to acquire the land at the junction of the Upper Ballygomartin Road and Springmartin Road for the Black Mountain Shared Space Project (BMSS) (See Appendix A). The BMSS project is an inter community partnership that brings together groups representative of the communities across the Upper Springfield/Moyard/New Barnsley and Springmartin/Highfield. The BMSS project aims to develop a shared space and create a community asset by regenerating the vacant and derelict Black Mountain site which includes the 8.429 acre ex-Finlay factory site and unmanaged open areas which have become contested spaces and the focal point for anti-community behaviour.</p>
	<p>A draft economic appraisal for a shared space at the ex-Finlay site was produced in Nov 2013 which recommended the option to create Belfast's first eco village. The master plan will house 40,000 sq ft of community enterprise space that will be used to stimulate employment. The site will be completely shared and that will be exemplified by creating a large shared space community building that will be run and managed by the BMSSP. There will be allotment schemes throughout the development to continue with the promotion of the sustainable facility development. There is a possibility of up to 18 new houses built (based on need) toward the rear of the site and to ensure that the entire space is used and doesn't present opportunities for anti-social behaviour. The scheme will be further embellished with a shared space day care facility and a shared space outdoor education and activity resource centre. The master plan will be developed further in consultation with the key government departments and the local community prior to the submission of any planning application.</p>
	<p>The site needs to be purchased to allow the development of the initiatives proposed by BMSS. This has been proposed as a potential BIF project by the West AWG however this is subject to final agreement. Officers have negotiated with Colliers who act for the site owners, the First Trust Bank, and agreed subject to Council approval to acquire the freehold interest in the site for £250,000. The Director of Finance has confirmed that funds are available for the acquisition of this site from the Belfast Investment Fund.</p>
	<p>In the event that the BMSS fails to go forward the council will retain control of a potentially valuable site with development potential into the future.</p>

3.0	Resource Implications
<p>Financial: As outlined above.</p> <p>Human: Officer time in working with groups on developing their project proposals</p> <p>Assets: none at present</p>	

4.0	Equality Implications
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As part of the Stage approval process, a screening will be carried out on each project to indicate potential equality and good relations impacts and any mitigating actions needed.	
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5.0	Recommendations
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Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and	
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek Shadow SP&R approval to advance the Lagan Gateway project at less than 50% match funding subject to new criteria being developed for BIF overall. Also to approve the acquisition of the Finlay Site. | |
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6.0	Appendix
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Appendix 1 - Emerging Projects Agreed in Principle by Committee	
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	Overview	Comments
NORTH		
St Kevin's Hall	Proposal to redevelop St Kevin's Hall into a modern community, arts and leisure centre	Stage 1 No match funding in place High level assessment of costs - £3.4m
Cancer Lifeline	To purchase a property next to the current premises and extend the current facility	Stage 1 No match funding in place
Malgrove	Proposed development of a sporting hub at Shore Road Playing Fields including 2x 3G pitches; Pavillion; Parking; 5 aside pitches (x6); Gym (BCC land)	Stage 1 No match funding in place Overall costs approx. £3m
Grace Women's Centre	Purpose built women's centre for north Belfast.	Stage 1 No match funding in place Overall costs approx. £1.6m
Cliftonville Community Forum	Social enterprise/business incubation units	Stage 1 No match funding in place Overall costs approx. £1m
Old Grove site	To fund projects emerging from the Grove Masterplan (longer term)	Stage 1 Costs unknown
Ballysillan Masterplan	To fund projects emerging from the Ballysillan Masterplan (longer term)	Stage 1 No funding in place for Masterplan Costs unknown
SOUTH		
Lagan Gateway at Stranmillis	Improvements and development works at Stranmillis which will see the development of a gateway for the Lagan	<i>Prioritised as a Stage 2 due to state of readiness and match funding</i> £4.9m project £1m committed from Ulster Garden Villages
Lanyon Tunnels	Reopen the eight tunnels of the East Bridge Street viaduct for community and social economy businesses use and as an access point from the Markets community to the city centre.	Stage 1 £1,500,000m project In for SIF funding - £1.4m
Gilpins	Develop a multi use centre comprising a community hub, village square, retail and enterprise units along with some rental apartments and cultural spac	Stage 1 No match funding in place
EAST		
Strand Cinema	Refurbishment to enhance arts, culture and heritage. Project to inc new: open plan foyer, restaurant bar with street frontage, 2 studios and 3 workshop rooms (as well as 2 theatres & 3 cinemas)	Stage 1 No match funding in place

Bloomfield Community Association	New build	Stage 1 No match funding in place
WEST		
St Comgall's	Conversion of a former school to provide a community and economic project.	<i>Prioritised as a Stage 2 due potential for match funding</i> £7m project In for SIF funding - £3.5m (not committed)
St Mary's CSB	Development of sports pitches	<i>Prioritised as a Stage 2 due potential for match funding</i> Overall costs approx. £1.4m Originally profiled for DSD monies – awaiting confirmation from DSD on status of projects
Lionra Uladh (Raidió Fáilte)	Irish Language community media broadcasting, training, recording and archiving facility at Lower Divis	Stage 1 Overall costs approx. £1.7m DCAL has committed in principle £600k and CISTE Originally profiled for DSD monies – was not on longer list
Corpus Christi College – pitches	3G and GAA pitch; MUGA; community play area; changing facilities; nature trail.	Stage 1 No match funding in place Originally profiled for DSD monies – was not on longer list
An Sportslann	New sports building with internal and external handball courts, climbing wall Zip line and terrace roof gardens	Stage 1 No match funding in place
Belfast Hills - Black Mountain	Establishment of new public access path to Black Mtn at Ballymurphy	Stage 1 No match funding in place
Conway Mill	Refurbishment of top floor to provide tourist accommodation	Stage 1 No match funding in place
Suffolk Community Forum	Childcare facility with 2 rooms for day care; will create 24 integrated pre-school places.	Stage 1 No match funding in place
SHANKILL		
St. Andrew's	Potential new build Neighbourhood Centre to provide a range of facilities for the community	Stage 1 No match funding in place



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Requests for the use of the City Hall and the provision of Hospitality
Date:	Friday, 13th February, 2015
Reporting Officer:	Mr. Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (Ext. 6314)

1.	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Members will recall that the Committee, at its meeting on 26th September, 2003, agreed to the criteria which would be used to assess requests from external organisations for the use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality. Subsequently the Committee at its meeting on 7th August, 2009, further amended the criteria so as to incorporate the new Key Themes as identified in the Council's Corporate Plan.
2.	Key Issues
2.1	The revised criteria have been applied to each of the requests contained within the appendix and recommendations have been made to the Committee on this basis.
3.	Resource Implications
3.1	Provision has been made in the revenue estimates for hospitality.
4.	Equality Implications
4.1	N/A
5.	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is asked to approve the recommendations as set out in the Appendix.
6.	Decision Tracking
Officer responsible – Kate McCafferty	
7.	Key to Abbreviations
Not applicable.	
8.	Documents Attached
Appendix 1 – Schedule of Applications	

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Organisation/ Body	Event/Date - Number of Delegates/Guests	Request	Comments	Recommendation
Queens University Belfast	Belfast Model United Nations Conference Reception 11th November, 2015 Approximately 250 attending	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of a drinks reception	Delegates will be staying in accommodation in Belfast and the meeting will take place within the city. This event would contribute to the Council's Key Theme of 'City Leadership – Strong, Fair, Together'.	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of wine and soft drinks Approximate cost £500
Irish Football Association	Irish FA McDonald's Grassroots Football Awards 2015 19th November, 2015 Approximately 150 attending	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of a drinks reception	This event seeks to recognise and celebrate all those individuals who have significantly contributed to grassroots football in communities across Northern Ireland. The event will particularly recognise the important role that grassroots football plays in bringing people together to play the game irrespective of race, gender, religion and other barriers which exist within society. The awards will be presented to volunteers, parents, coaches, clubs, caretakers etc who give their time to delivering grassroots football. This event would contribute to the Council's Key Themes of 'City leadership, strong, fair and together' and 'Better opportunities for success across the city'.	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of wine and soft drinks Approximate cost £500
The Scout Association	Queen's Scout Award and Chief Scout's Award Certificate Presentation 8th January, 2016 Approximately 450 attending	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of tea, coffee and biscuits	This event aims to recognise the achievements of young people who have successfully demonstrated the determination and persistence required to achieve their personal best in terms of effort, commitment and self- reliance. This event would contribute to the	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of tea/coffee and biscuits. Approximate cost £1,125

			Council's Key Themes of 'City Leadership, Strong, Fair and Together', and 'Better support for people and communities'.	
Belfast Central Mission	125th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon 24th September, 2015 Approximately 100 attending	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of tea, coffee and biscuits	This event seeks to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Belfast Central Mission and to acknowledge its contribution to the general life and well-being of the city. This event would contribute to the Council's Key Themes of 'City leadership, strong, fair and together' and 'Better support for people and communities'.	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of tea, coffee and biscuits Approximate cost £250
Northern Ireland Private Greens Bowling League	Centenary Dinner 20th October, 2017 Approximately 200 attending	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of a pre-dinner drinks reception	This event seeks to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Northern Ireland Private Greens Bowling League and to acknowledge the contribution of its member clubs, more than half of which are situated within the City boundary, to the general life and well-being of the city. This event would contribute to the Council's Key Themes of 'City leadership, strong, fair and together' and 'Better support for people and communities'.	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of red/white wine and soft drinks Approximate cost £500
Potala Buddhist Centre	Public Talk on Meditation and Mindfulness 12th May, 2015 Approximately 200 attending	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of Tea, Coffee and Biscuits	This event will provide the opportunity to explain and promote the benefits gained through mindfulness meditation. The event will be open to all members of the public and it is hoped that both Members and Officials of Belfast City Council will attend. This event would contribute to the Council's Key Themes of 'City leadership, strong, fair and together' and 'Better opportunities for success across the city'.	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of Tea, Coffee and Biscuits Approximate cost £500
Organisation of Malayalis in	'Ponnonam 2015' Celebration Event	The use of the City Hall	Ponnonam 2015 is the celebration of the various cultures within the Indian	The use of the City Hall

Northern Ireland	23rd August, 2015 Approximately 500 attending		<p>community for people from the state of Kerala.</p> <p>This programme consists of a series of events which include children's entertainment activities, a special vegetarian lunch and a stage programme showing the talent of the community through song and dance.</p> <p>The aim of the event is to promote cultural diversity and also to forge closer relationships between the Indian community and the citizens of Belfast.</p> <p>This event would contribute to the Council's key themes 'City Leadership - strong, fair, together' and of 'Better support for people and communities'.</p>	
MBA Association	Digital DNA – Schools Digital Media Challenge 14th October, 2015 Approximately 350 attending	The use of the City Hall and provision of hospitality in the form of tea/coffee and biscuits	<p>This event will provide the opportunity to inspire young people to have a stronger understanding of consumer and business need before applying technology to provide a delivery solution.</p> <p>This event would contribute to the Council's Key Themes of 'City Leadership, Strong, Fair and Together', 'Better opportunities for success across the city' and 'Better support for people and communities' and in addition would contribute to the Council's thematic area of Children and Young People.</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall and provision of hospitality in the form of tea/coffee and biscuits</p> <p>Approximate cost £875</p>
Halo Northern Ireland	Halo NI Presentation Evening 17th November, 2015 Approximately 80 attending	The use of the City Hall	<p>This event will provide the opportunity to bring together companies that are looking for potential investment with investors who are looking for opportunities to provide not only monetary assistance but also provide business acumen and contacts.</p> <p>This event would contribute to the Council's Key Themes of</p>	The use of the City Hall

			'City leadership, strong, fair and together' and 'Better support for people and communities'.	
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Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Land at Slievegallion Drive
Date:	13 February 2015
Reporting Officer:	Gerry Millar, Director of Property & Projects, Ext: 6217
Contact Officer:	Celine Dunlop, Estates Surveyor, Property & Projects Department, Ext: 3419

1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Council currently hold the land at Slievegallion Drive as shown outlined red on the plan attached at <i>Appendix '1'</i> . The land is held on a 10,000 year lease, date 20 th Feb 1984, from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive. The lease restricts the use of the site to informal open space and NIHE consent is required for any assignment or sub letting.
1.2	De La Salle College is located adjacent to the Council's land at Slievegallion Drive. The school have approached the Council with a proposal for the redevelopment of that part of the Council's land at Slievegallion Drive shown shaded green on the plan attached at <i>Appendix '1'</i> to provide a school/community facility comprising 3G sports pitch and associated changing pavilion.
1.3	The College require a 99 year lease in order to secure funding from the Department of Education for their proposal.
1.4	The site does not form part of the Pitches Strategy and there is currently no identified funding in the Capital Programme for the development of this land by the Council.
1.5	Parks and Leisure Committee at its meeting on 13 th June 2013 agreed to officers progressing discussions with De La Salle College with a view to exploring the most appropriate arrangement for the redevelopment of the informal open space at Slievegallion Drive, with a further report to be brought to the Parks & Leisure Committee in due course.
1.6	A further report was brought to the Parks & Leisure Committee on the 11 th December 2014 (<i>copy attached at Appendix '2'</i>) recommending that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Officers continue to meet with the College representatives to progress the matter; 2. Agree in principle to the leasing of the land subject to obtaining the necessary statutory approvals; securing funding and reaching agreement with Council officers re terms and conditions including a community use clause;

	<p>3. Agree to make recommendations to Strategic Policy & Resources that the Council fund the refurbishment of the land outside of the pitch proposal using the land fee; and that the Landscape Planning and Development Unit is tasked to undertake the design element of this work.</p> <p>1.7 The recommendation was not approved by the Parks & Leisure Committee but was subsequently overturned at the Council meeting on the 5th Jan 2015 to provide that the Council proceed with the recommendations as set out within the report and, in addition, that officers arrange a meeting with residents in order to discuss any concerns which they may have in respect of the development.</p> <p>1.8 A report was brought to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee on 23rd Jan 2015 seeking approval to the premium of £129,450 and approval to use part of the receipt to upgrade and landscape the retained land. The Committee deferred a decision and asked that the matter be taken back to Committee following BCC officers undertaking the proposed information session with local residents.</p> <p>1.9 A public information session has been arranged for 10 February 2015 at Andersonstown Leisure Centre and the Director of Parks & Leisure will provide an update at Committee on the outcome of this.</p>
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2	Key Issues
<p>2.1</p> <p>2.2</p> <p>2.3</p>	<p>De La Salle College are seeking funding from the Department of Education's School Enhancement Programme (SEP). The Department of Education have confirmed that there is not enough funding in the SEP to cover all projects and therefore funding will be allocated as and when projects are ready to go forward for procurement. In the case of the pitch and pavilion proposed at Slievegallion Drive, the Department of Education will only confirm the allocation of funding when there is Council approval to the sale of the land and planning approval is in place. De La Salle has recently advised that the planning application process is well advanced. There is, therefore, a risk that DE funding may not be available if Council approval to the land disposal and planning approval is not in place</p> <p>Council officers have negotiated with the Department of Education and De La Salle College and the following has been agreed in principle and subject to Committee approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The land shown shaded green on the plan attached at Appendix'1' is to be leased to the Department of Education for 99 years for use as pitches and a pavilion. 2. The premium is agreed at £129,450 in accordance with the Land & Property Services valuation of the land. 3. The Department of Education will be responsible for the construction costs associated with the pitch, pavilion and associated perimeter fence. 4. De La Salle College will be responsible for obtaining planning approval for the proposed development. 5. De La Salle College will facilitate the use of the new facilities by the local community outside of school hours. <p>While the Department of Education will be responsible for reinstating the Council's retained open space, the Council will fund any additional landscaping to provide higher quality and upgraded</p>

	open space using part of the premium received from the Department of Education. A preliminary scheme has been prepared as part of the College's proposal at an estimated cost of £110,000.
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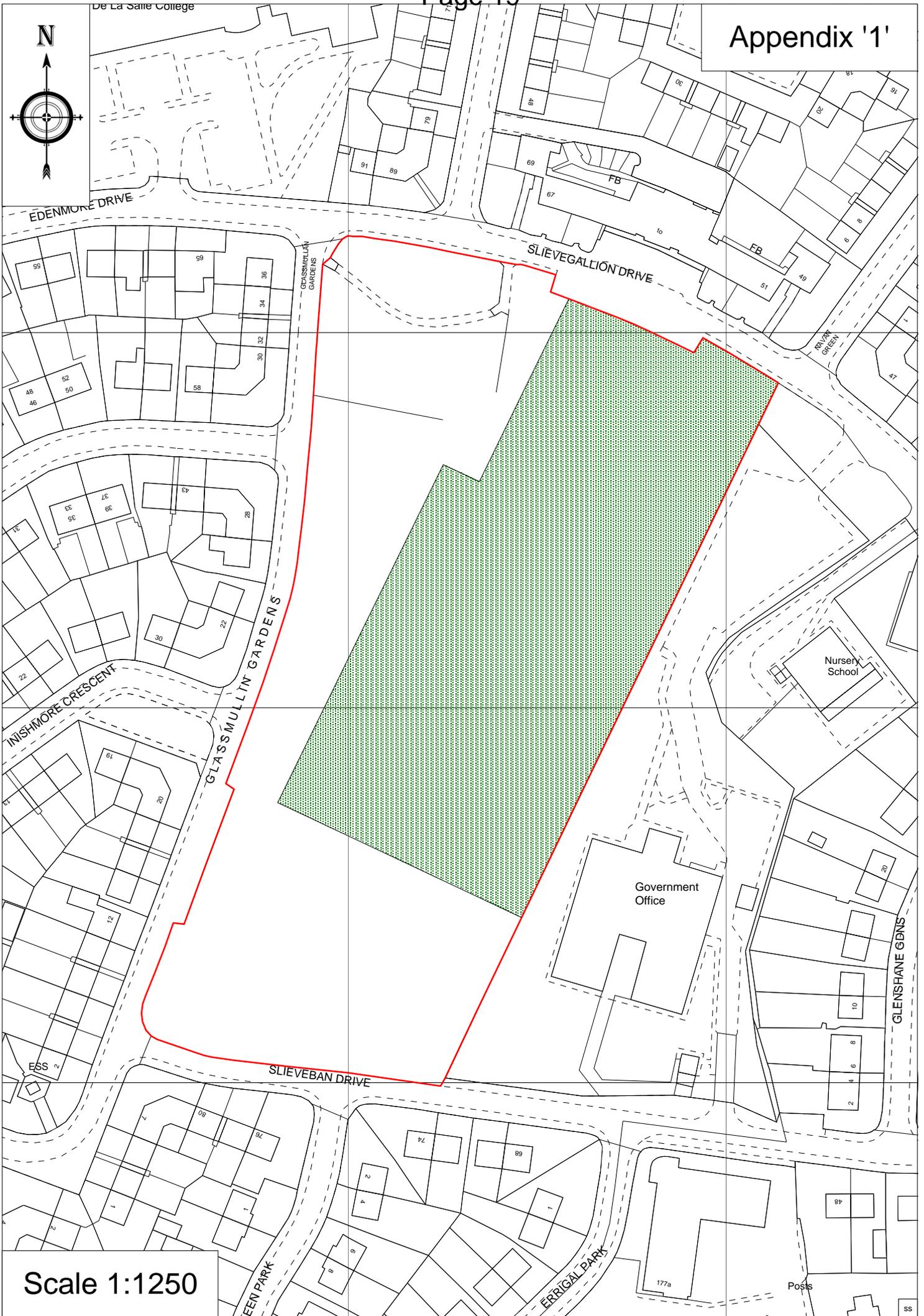
3	Resource Implications
3.1	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>The Department of Education will pay a premium of £129,450 for the site: it is estimated that the upgrading and landscaping of the retained open space will cost £110,000.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Assets</u></p> <p>De La Salle College will be responsible for the management, maintenance and insurance of proposed development. The College will provide access to the new facilities for the local community outside of school hours. This integrated approach is in line with the 'One Public Estate' concept and the improved use of publicly owned assets across the wider public sector, voluntary and community sectors.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Human Resources</u></p> <p>Staff resource to complete the sale of the land by way of long lease to the Department of Education (subject to Committee approval). Further staff resource required in developing the agreement for the community use of the new facility.</p>

4	Recommendations
4.1	<p>Members are asked to note that BCC officers are undertaking a public information session on 10 February 2015 in relation to the proposed development of the land and the Director of Parks & Leisure will provide an update on the outcome of this at Committee. Members are also asked to note the position outlined above in relation to the Department of Education funding.</p> <p>Subject to this update being provided at Committee, Members are asked to note that following the Council's decision of the 5th January 2015 to approve, in principle, to the leasing of the land (as outlined above) a premium of £129,450 has now been provisionally agreed with the Department of Education for the disposal (by way of 99 year lease) of the land shaded green on the plan attached at Appendix '1' subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee approval. • An appropriate legal agreement to be drawn up by Legal Services. • Expenditure of part of the receipt from the land disposal on the refurbishment and upgrade of the retained open space at this location.

5	Decision Tracking
	Director of Property and Projects to ensure completion of the sale by way of a 99 year lease if approved by Members.

6	Documents Attached
	Plan attached at Appendix '1'

Report to Parks & Leisure Committee on 11th Dec 2014 at Appendix '2'.



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Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Development of Land at Slievegallion Drive
Date:	11 December 2014
Reporting Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Stephen Walker, Departmental Portfolio and Programme Manager

1.	<p>Relevant Background Information</p> <p>The Committee is reminded that at its meeting in June 2013 it received a report outlining a proposal from De La Salle College in West Belfast to construct an artificial turf pitch and smaller pitch and associated changing pavilion on Council land at Slievegallion Drive. The Committee agreed to officers progressing discussions with De La Salle School with a view to exploring the appropriate arrangement (including leasing options) for the development of the informal space. Discussions were to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of the school's business model in terms of costs and income producing capacity • Public Access arrangements • Partnership or leasing arrangements to ensure wider community use • Sources of funding for the development of the site. <p>In March 2014 a further report was submitted which highlighted concerns by some residents regarding the proposal; these concerns focused around lack of consultation by the school and the loss of open space. At the meeting it was noted that the Member of Parliament for West Belfast had indicated that he would facilitate a community consultation with a view to resolving the issues. The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the report to enable the member of Parliament to conclude the consultation.</p> <p>In the interim, Council officers have continued to meet with representatives from the College in relation to the pitch proposal. While there are number of issues that require further discussion it is necessary to establish a position at this time to enable progress to be made within the timescales for the project.</p>
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2.	Key Issues
	<p>Members are asked to note the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The College has approximately 1,100 pupils aged 11-18 years and has inadequate space to provide for sporting activities and opportunities; • Whilst the Council is sympathetic to this situation it is not sufficient in itself to warrant the transfer of the land and it is primarily a matter for the Department and the Board to address; • However, this location has been subject to quite serious anti social behaviour over the years; • The Council has no plans to refurbish the site and bring it into productive use; this would require significant capital investment on the part of the council; • By investing in the asset and bringing positive interventions and programming to the site there is the possibility that the site can be reclaimed and the level of anti social behaviour reduced; <p>The College is currently working to bring to a conclusion to following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The business case and supporting Sports Development Plan, to include wider community use; • Securing the necessary funding to deliver the scheme • Securing planning consent and other statutory approvals; and • Agreement around lease arrangements. <p>Officials from the Department; the Council; and the College have agreed a provisional boundary, see Appendix A, however this may change subject to ongoing discussions. The redline designates the area required by the College; the area outside of this will remain under Council ownership.</p> <p>There are a number of technical issues to be resolved in relation to the management and maintenance of shared areas; car parking; entrance routes etc. However, the main issue to be resolved relates to the area of land that is outside of the pitch proposal. It has been proposed that this area be landscaped with a view to enabling its use by residents. A preliminary scheme has been prepared as part of the College's proposal at an estimated cost of £110,000; however, this cost is subject to review and further scrutiny. The Department has advised that as this outside of the pitch proposal it is not able to fund the works. The Department has, through it draft Heads of Agreement proposal, asked that the Council undertake this work. It is suggested that a portion of the fee for the land be used to fund this work.</p> <p>Should members be minded to agree to the landscaping of the area outside the pitch proposal, it is proposed that the Council's Landscape Planning and Development Unit undertake the design element of the work with a view to ensure that the scheme reflects similar Council developments and to take into account cost considerations.</p> <p>The Council has been advised by the College that a consultation exercise has been carried out in the immediate vicinity of the open space. The survey indicates that there is significant support for the development of the pitch and there is some opposition to it. We have been advised by the College</p>

	<p>representatives that they had hosted a public meeting on 23 October 2013 and propose to hold further meetings on 15/16 December 2014 to enable the public to view the revised proposal prior to submission of a planning application. We have also been advised that the Member of Parliament for West Belfast has also met with both those who support the proposal and those who are opposed to it. However, we believe that no agreement was reached and that there remain those opposed to the development.</p> <p>A planning application is yet to be submitted and at that time the issue around the loss of open space can be raised in representation to the Planning Service together with other issues of concern which residents may have.</p>
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3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial Implications</u></p> <p>This report has no financial implications at this time, however, there may be capital implications at a future date.</p> <p><u>Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional human resource implications at this time; the work on the project will be carried out within existing resources.</p>

4.	Equality Implications
	There are no equality implications
5.	Recommendations
	<p>It is recommended that the Committee agrees that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Officers continue to meet with the College representatives to progress the matter; 2. Agree in principle to the leasing of the land subject to obtaining the necessary statutory approvals; securing the funding and reaching agreement with Council Officers regarding terms and conditions including a community use clause; 3. Agree to make recommendation to Strategic Policy and Resources that the Council fund the refurbishment of the land outside of the pitch proposal using the land fee; and that the Landscape Planning and Development Unit be tasked to undertake the design element of this work.

6.	Decision Tracking
	Assistant Director Parks and Leisure

7.	Key to Abbreviations

8.	Documents Attached
	Appendix A Provisional Boundary Map Appendix B Committee Report June 2013 Appendix C Committee Report March 2014

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Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Support for Summer Madness Event 17/18 th March
Date:	13 th February 2015
Reporting Officer:	Nicola Lane, Good Relations Manager, Ext 6020
Contact Officer:	Leish Dolan, Good Relations Officer, Ext 6028

1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Members will be aware of some of the work of Summer Madness and initiatives they have organised such as the StreetReach programme that has helped foster good relations among young people from divided communities.
1.2	Summer Madness has now requested support, from the Council, for two good relations related events, scheduled for 17 th and 18 th March. The Lord Mayor and the Archbishop of Canterbury have been invited to attend these events.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The first initiative, organised by Summer Madness, will take place in the Waterfront Hall on the evening of 17 th March. This event will be attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Mayor and a Catholic Church leader. The event proposes to engage young people from interface areas in conversations around reconciliation. The proposal will build on previous engagement projects organised by Summer Madness around issues relating to the past, flags and parades. The event will culminate in a symbolic act of prayer outside the City Hall.
2.2	The second event, also attended by the Lord Mayor and Archbishop of Canterbury, will engage young leaders from the business, media, education, faith and political sector, in a breakfast meeting, to discuss matters relating to peace and reconciliation. The proposals aim to strengthen relationships across communities and to inspire young people to become advocates for change.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	Financial The proposed budget for both of these events is £9,270. Members will be aware that the good relations budget has been fully committed for the current financial year. However, Members may wish to divert an amount of up to £9,270 from the in current revenue resources from the Health and Environmental services budget, covering the costs of hire of the Waterfront Studio, Sound and Production, Catering, and Facilitation.

	Human Resources NA Asset and Other Implications None
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4	Recommendation and decision
4.1	The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee is requested to consider viring an amount of up to £9,270 from the Health and Environmental Services budget to the Good Relations Budget to support the events on 17 th and 18 th March 2015

5	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
5.1	This proposal has strong good relations outcomes and fits well with the overall objectives of the Good Relations Plan

6	Decision Tracking
6.1	Nicola Lane, Good Relations Manager will be responsible for taking forward any decisions in relation to the Action Plan.

7	Key to abbreviations
7.1	N/A

8	Documents attached
8.1	N/A