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**Belfast
City Council**

6th February, 2019

MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Tuesday, 12th February, 2019 at 4.30 pm, 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

2. **Restricted Items**

- (a) Community Development Grants Programme 2019/20 (Pages 1 - 6)
- (b) Request to place a memorial at Lisnabreeny Cemetery (Pages 7 - 8)

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

- (a) Motion - Homelessness (Pages 9 - 24)
- (b) Motion - Recycling in the Colin Neighbourhood (Pages 25 - 28)
- (c) Motion - Mental Health (Pages 29 - 30)

4. **Committee/Strategic Issues**

- (a) Minutes of Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group (Pages 31 - 38)
- (b) Community Rescue Service (Pages 39 - 42)
- (c) Update on Partnership working in addressing Anti-social behaviour (Pages 43 - 48)
- (d) Everybody Active 2020 Strand 1 (Pages 49 - 52)

5. **Finance, Procurement and Performance**

- (a) Cavehill Adventure Playground pricing (Pages 53 - 56)
- (b) Request for the use of Council facilities and additional funding to support events (Pages 57 - 62)

6. **Operational Issues**

- (a) Dual Language (Pages 63 - 66)
- (b) Request use of Barnetts Demesne - 12th July, 2019 (Pages 67 - 68)
- (c) Provision of Salt for Communities during extreme weather conditions (Pages 69 - 74)
- (d) Partner Agreements Quarterly Update (Pages 75 - 78)
- (e) Request to plant a tree as part of the Queen's Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project (Pages 79 - 82)
- (f) Request for events in Botanic Gardens, Lower Botanic Gardens and Victoria Park (Pages 83 - 94)

7. **Issues Raised in Advance by Members**

- (a) Request for Regen to present at a future meeting - Councillor Magennis to raise

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Subject:	Motion – Homelessness in Belfast
Date:	12th February, 2019
Reporting Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
Contact Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee’s attention the Motion in respect of Homelessness in Belfast which was referred to the Committee by the Council on 4th February.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Council, at its meeting on 4th February, considered the following Motion which had been moved by Councillor Garrett and seconded by Councillor Magee:</p>

“This Council recognises that issues relating to homelessness in the city of Belfast are complex, multi-faceted and that they require interventions and solutions from a wide range of statutory organisations, delivery agents, charities and the community and voluntary sector.

The work that all these organisations carry out is to be welcomed and commended at the highest level, however, no single agency working on its own in isolation, including this Council, will solve the many complex issues relating to homelessness.

Too often, we tragically hear about people dying on our city streets and, as leaders of this city, we must do everything that we can to try to help those who are vulnerable and feeling desolate.

The Council can play a pivotal role to enable partnership action and our City’s Ard Mhéara/Mayor, as first citizen, can be a convener and facilitator in taking decisive action to address these issues in partnership with others.

The Council agrees, through the office of the Mayor, to convene a statutory and non-statutory multi-agency task group that will seek to take further partnership actions in addressing all facets of homelessness. This would include those people who find themselves on the streets with complex needs, those suffering from addiction and mental health issues and those who have no place to call home. The task group should seek to increase support services, scope out available and suitable facilities for extra supported bed provision in the city and any further issues which the task group identifies.”

3.2 In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.

3.3 The Committee is reminded that, a Special Meeting of the People and Communities Committee was held on Tuesday, 5th February, at this meeting a very useful update was received from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) which provided a detailed overview of the current homelessness situation throughout the City. A copy of this presentation has been attached to this report for reference.

3.4 In addition, Members will recall that, in October 2018, a Notice of Motion was submitted to the Council seeking the establishment of an all-female hostel to assist in the recovery of homeless women suffering addiction. Following liaison with the Health and Social Care Board, the Public Health Authority and the NIHE it is anticipated that this meeting will take place at the end of March. Party Group Leaders will be contacted once the date has been confirmed.

4.0	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
4.1	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
5.0	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p> <p>APP 1 – Presentation from the NIHE (update on homelessness) APP 2 – Correspondence from the Department of Health and Health and Social Care Board re: all Party deputation to discuss the establishment of an all-female hostel.</p>

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NIHE Homelessness

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Service – Belfast

Brian O’Kane

Belfast Housing Solutions & Support Team

Homelessness in Belfast

Homeless Presenters April – December 2018

- 4,505 people presenting as homeless – 65% of presentations accepted
- Accommodation not reasonable biggest reason for presenting (23%) followed by sharing breakdown (21%) and loss of rented accommodation (14%)
- Average length of stay in temporary accommodation – 40.6 weeks

Presenter By Household Group April – December 2018

- Single female 16 – 25 years – 7.32%
- Single female 26 – 59 years – 10.37%
- Single male 16 – 25 years – 8.72%
- Single male 26 – 59 years – 27.57%
- Couples – 4.06%
- Families – 29.68%
- Pensioners – 12.19%

Services for single homeless households

Scheme	Provider	Units
DIME University Area	Q.Q.H	77
Cent. House & Calder Fountain	Salvation Army	68
Belfast Foyer 3 – 5 Malone Road	SCNI	23
Utility Street Men's Hostel	NIID	59
242 Antrim Road	SCNI	10
28 Cliftonville Avenue (CVA)	SCNI	20
Disburn Flush Park	SCNI	20
Bangor SC	SCNI	26
Inverary House	Choice	12
Ormeau Centre	Extern	26
Hosford House	East Belfast Mission	26
414 Falls Road	SCNI	21
Saintfield Road	SCNI	21
Regina Ceoli	L.O.M	20

Homeless family services

Scheme	Provider	Units
Thorndale Family Centre	Salvation Army	38
Cloverhill	DePaul NI	18
Roseville House	Ark HA	24
Grosvenor House	Salvation Army	17
Glen Alva Family Centre	Salvation Army	20
Ardmoulin	First Housing	21
Mater Dei	DePaul NI	13
Moyard House	Ark HA	16
Grainne House	NIHE	20
Conway Court	SCNI	24
Templemore House	NIHE	8

Homeless Services for single households with alcohol problems

Scheme	Provider	Units
Morning Star	L.O.M	38
Stella Maris	DePaul NI	23
Rosemount House	Rosemount House Ltd	20
Springwell House	Apex HA	27
Grays Court	Carlisle House	7

Homeless Services for Young People

Scheme	Provider	Units
Flax Foyer	Flax HA	37
Leaving Care Service – Belfast	Barnardos	10
Grampian Avenue	BCM	5

Homeless Services for women at risk of Domestic Violence

Scheme	Provider	Units
South Belfast	Belfast & Lisburn WA	20
North Belfast	Belfast & Lisburn WA	13
Lisburn	Belfast & Lisburn WA	12

Single Lets in Belfast

Number of Single Lets in Belfast:

- North Belfast – 61
- West Belfast – 301
- South Belfast – 85
- East Belfast – 12

Total: 459

Crisis Services

Welcome Organisation

- Day time and night time street outreach services
- Day centre supporting up to one hundred vulnerable individuals

Salvation Army & Welcome Organisation

- 23 Crash Places

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Belfast City Rough Sleepers Count

The Belfast City rough sleepers count accounted for sixteen people sleeping rough in November 2018 – an increase from five in 2017. Eleven of those are known to homeless outreach services.

Belfast – Severe Weather Arrangement

- Increase night shelter places
- Hostels created extra bed spaces
- Opening hours extended for night shelter, night outreach and day centres

Partnership & Collaboration

Collaboration with PHA/BDACT

- Drug Outreach Team (DOT)
- Drug accommodation support project and alcohol housing support project services (Extern)
- Street injecting support service/SISS and dual diagnosis/ rough sleepers project

Homeless Health HUB

- Enhancement of H&SC services
- Peer Support

Protocol for the management of the accommodation needs of people in custody

- PBNI, PSNI & Housing Rights
- peer advice service
- housing advice Service
- beyond the Gate Service

Chronic Homelessness Action Plan

- Homelessness Strategy launched in April 2017
- Implementation Structures noted issues for households that went beyond rough sleeping
- Rough Sleeper Street Counts
- 38 individuals recorded as rough sleeping across Northern Ireland
- Commitment to March 2018 HSSG to deliver a Chronic Homelessness Action Plan
- Consultation Arrangements

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1 February 2019

Dear Mrs Steele

Homeless Hostel for Females

Thank you for your e mail dated 27 November 2018 and apologies for the delay in my response.

You are aware that Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) hold the statutory responsibility for homelessness, and as such would be the lead agency in this matter. However, staff in the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB), and the Public Health Agency (PHA) are actively working with NIHE colleagues and housing providers supporting a range of projects to enable access to health and social care services for people who are homeless.

I would therefore be happy to accept your invitation to attend an all-party delegation, along with NIHE colleagues, to discuss the proposal further. I will also be bringing along key staff from HSCB/PHA who would have an overview of current joint working and projects with the housing sector.

Please contact my secretary for suitable dates.

Yours sincerely



Valerie Watts
Chief Executive

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Subject:	Motion – Recycling in the Colin Neighbourhood
Date:	12th February, 2019
Reporting Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
Contact Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee’s attention the Motion in respect of Recycling in the Colin Neighbourhood which was referred to the Committee by the Council on 4th February.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Council, at its meeting on 4th February, considered the following Motion which had been moved by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Baker:</p>

“Noting Belfast City Council’s commitment to waste prevention and minimisation and the resulting benefits to the economy in terms of jobs and investment back into community;

Noting Belfast City Council’s commitment to the exploration of opportunities for further reducing waste including the feasibility of a circular economy approach to generate more value and jobs for the local economy through innovative waste solutions;

Noting the contribution of a circular economy to climate change mitigation and a healthy urban environment;

Noting the absence of any dedicated recycling and associated amenities in the Colin neighbourhood;

The Council agrees to immediately commission a report to examine the following:

- 1. initiate steps to design and procure a circular economy community hub including a repair cafe to facilitate education and participation in a transition to the circular economy in the Colin neighbourhood;*
- 2. incorporate best practice and innovative design principles, including:*
 - circular economy education, and training for citizens and interested organisations/businesses;*
 - a serviced repair café;*
 - a serviced social enterprise business start-up and support hub with a view to enabling and clustering existing eco-enterprises and start-ups (e.g. cycle repair, associated social enterprises linked to greenway/tourism); and*
 - comprehensive recycling, repair and remanufacturing facilities, including incentive schemes;*
- 3. initiate an engagement with Lisburn Castlereagh Council, to investigate the replacement of current facilities in Dunmurry’s Recycling Centre at The Cutts and to investigate the statistics on origin of users of this site; and*
- 4. initiate a multi-agency collaboration, led by Belfast City Council in consultation with community-based organisations in the Colin neighbourhood, to design, commission, build and service Belfast’s first Circular Economy Community Enterprise Hub and Repair Café.”*

3.2 In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.

3.3 **Financial and Resource Implications**

None.

3.4	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None.
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Motion – Mental Health
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Reporting Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
Contact Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee’s attention the Motion in respect of: Mental Health which was referred to the Committee by the Council on 4th February.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Council, at its meeting on 4th February, considered the following Motion which had been moved by Councillor Pankhurst and seconded by Councillor Murphy:</p>

	<p><i>"This Council notes the sterling work conducted by a number of youth organisations across Belfast in attempting to break the stigma around mental health by supporting those suffering from illnesses such as depression and anxiety.</i></p> <p><i>The Council agrees to support and promote these youth organisations through providing events, seminars and funding, when required, in order to help combat mental ill-health in Belfast.</i></p> <p><i>The Council understands that the Department for Education is now considering implementing resilience training as part of the school curriculum. The Council welcomes this and agrees to write to the Department for Education to encourage it to implement this as a matter of urgency.</i></p> <p><i>The Council also calls upon the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust to consider adopting safe spaces in Accident and Emergency centres, including a pathway of care, for those suffering from severe mental health difficulties who feel suicidal and need urgent care.</i></p> <p><i>Finally, the Council agrees to convene a meeting between these youth organisations and other statutory agencies to try and establish a pilot online chat platform operated by trained staff for those suffering from mental ill-health. This platform will also be available in phone applications, should it be successful, making it much more accessible to young people in particular."</i></p>
3.2	In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	None



Subject:	Update on Strategic Cemetery and Crematorium Development
Date:	12 February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Siobhan Toland, Director of City Services

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Call-in	
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is update committee on the key issues discussed at the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group meeting held on 22 nd January 2019.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve the minutes and the recommendations from the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group meetings held on 22nd January 2019.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> The Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group is a Working Group of the People and Communities Committee which consists of an elected member from each of the political parties.

3.2	The minute from the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group are brought before the Committee for approval.
3.3	The key issues discussed at the 22 nd January meeting were:
3.4	<p><u>Presentation by the National Association of Funeral Directors</u></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Haire provided the Working Group with a very comprehensive presentation on the history of the Bereavement legislation and his concerns regarding out-of-date cremation legislation in Northern Ireland which he reported was causing practical difficulties for bereaved families. He contrasted the situation in Northern Ireland with that in GB where cremation legislation has been revised several times. He reported that the current operating legislation, The Cremation (Belfast) Regulations (NI) 1961 was actually based on principles from the Cremation Act of 1902. His concern is that some of the processes can cause practical difficulties for bereaved families, Funeral Directors and Council Officers in fulfilling their respective responsibilities in organising each cremation. Dr Haire gave the following examples of in his experience of practical difficulties:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The forms require the signature of a Justice of the Peace and none have been appointed since 2002. - The forms require the signature of two Doctors for which the families may have to pay professional fees. This is an added financial burden on NI families which has been removed in GB. - Out-dated legal requirements prohibit the electronic transfer of forms with the result that families and Funeral Directors have to travel across NI to hand deliver hard copies - Both the Brodrick Report in 1971 and the ‘Shipman Inquiry’ in 2008 made strong recommendations that the cremation process be revised. These recommendations resulted in new legislation throughout GB, but not in Northern Ireland.
3.5	Dr Haire concluded that in his professional view bereaved families and citizens in Northern Ireland were not being afforded the same efficient cremation services as in other parts of the United Kingdom. Dr. Haire highlighted the need for the legislation in Northern Ireland to be overhauled and streamlined including the incorporation of electronic digital technology.
3.6	Members were then advised that officials from both the Department of Health and the Department for Communities were working on revised legislation and processes which relate to cremation. Members suggested the following actions (subject to Committee approval) : -

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An invitation be issued to Department of Health officials to present their work on updated processes to the Working Group; - That officers review the current processes recently reviewed in Scotland and request a copy of the revised cremation legislation drafted by Department for Communities; - That a letter be forwarded to both the Department for Communities and the Department of Health, raising the concern highlighted by the National Association of Funeral Directors in regard to the impact that the outdated legislation was having on bereaved families and Funeral Directors and seeking an update.
3.7	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
3.8	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Minute of the Working Group of 22 nd January 2019

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**STRATEGIC CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIUM
DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP**

Minutes of Meeting of 22nd January, 2019

Members Present: Alderman Rodgers (Chairperson);
The High Sheriff of Belfast, Alderman Sandford; and
Councillors Corr and O'Neill.

In Attendance: Mrs. S. Toland, Director of City Services;
Mr. M. Patterson, Bereavement Services Manager;
Mrs. C. Sullivan, Policy and Business Development
Officer;
Rev. Dr. G. Haire, President of the National Association of
Funeral Directors;
Ms M. Tomlinson, Bereavement Administration Manager;
Mr. J. Parker, Interim Crematorium Manager; and
Mr. G. Graham, Democratic Services Assistant.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 19th December, 2018 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

**Presentation by the National
Association of Funeral Directors**

Dr. Haire attended in connection with this item, to present to the Working Group, his Association's view on the numerous practical difficulties for bereaved families when planning a cremation. His concerns were related to historical legislation and processes which he highlighted were not fit for purpose. The Members were provided with a detailed historical context under which current cremation services were provided within Northern Ireland namely, the Cremation Act of 1902, which did not apply to Northern Ireland until 1948 and which formed the legal basis of The Cremation (Belfast) Regulations (NI) 1961, which is the current operating legislation. This situation was contrasted with other regions in the UK, where the cremation legislation has been revised on several occasions.

The Working Group was advised that, under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, local Councils were provided with the authority to establish their own crematoria. He pointed out that, at present, the only recognised 'Cremation Authority', under the 1961 Regulations, was Belfast City Council. Dr. Haire referred to the increase in the number of cremations taking place in Northern Ireland and to advances in technology in respect of the operational aspects of the cremation process. He pointed out that, in his view, any benefits in regard to technological advances in cremation or digital communications could not be made good while the legal process remained a bottleneck.

The Working Group was informed that, as a result of The Cremation Act 1952, introduced in GB, but not in NI, a number of administrative eases had been introduced. An example provided, was the extension to the categories of official persons who could

countersign an application for cremation (Form A) to any householder, to whom the applicant was known. It was reported that this was contrasted with the situation in NI, where applicants still required to find a Justice of the Peace or Lay Magistrate. Dr Haire pointed out that since 2002, there had been no appointments to the office of JP due to a change in judiciary legislation. This had caused great difficulties for families and Funeral Directors who were required to find a JP to sign the form in the short space of time, between death and the funeral arrangements.

Dr. Haire stated further that, the legislation, under which cremations were undertaken currently, was derived from the Cremation Act of 1902 and as such, had become increasingly outdated and, in his view, was not fit for purpose in the 21st century. He stated that the common medical language used in the cremation forms B and C, were no longer current and had little meaning for professional and laypersons alike. It was reported that those forms had been attached to a schedule at the end of the 1961 Regulations and as such, there was little capacity to reword them without new legislation being enacted.

Dr. Haire reminded the Members that bereaved families were required to pay a professional fee to doctors to complete Forms B and C.

In GB it was reported that the cremation process had been revised as a result of the Brodrick Report, published in 1971. This report had recommended improvements in the procedure for certifying the cause of death and recommended that the number of statutory forms be amalgamated into a single form, referred to as Form G. The report had recommended further that, the Office of Medical Referee should be abolished and that a Certificate of Disposal, issued by a Register of Deaths or Coroner, should be sufficient authority for disposal, either by means of burial or cremation. It was reported that the 1961 NI Regulations still required Belfast City Council to employ a Medical Referee to sign off on every authority to cremate.

The Working Group was reminded of further scrutiny in respect of the cremation process in GB following "The Shipman Inquiry", which resulted in new regulations, adopted by the Home Office, in 2008 and which necessitated further changes to the administrative process and cremation forms for England and Wales. The Working Group was advised that the Scottish Parliament had updated its cremation legislation in light of the recommendations published following the Shipman Inquiry. The Members were advised of the concerns raised by Dr. Haire in regard to the legislation and processes currently in force in Northern Ireland, which he stated had failed to provide a robust oversight to meet the needs of bereaved families. In particular, bereaved families were required to pay professional fees for Doctors to complete Forms B and C, which he contended that the Shipman Inquiry had found that this procedure 'is of little value'. Dr Haire stated that any revision of the NI cremation legislation would, remove this additional financial burden on bereaved families.

The Members were advised that, due to the outdated legal requirements, none of the cremation or associated forms could be transferred electronically which caused difficulties for families and Funeral Directors alike, as they were required to hand deliver hard copies. In contrast, GB crematoria authorities were able to use digital technology to transfer cremation forms electronically, including the efficiency benefits to be gained from using online application processes. The Working Group was informed that all of Belfast's cremation forms were on the internet, but that they had to be printed-off and completed manually.

Dr. Haire explained that in his view, the Northern Ireland Government had not, as yet, addressed this matter as a priority, and that it was important that the legislation in Northern Ireland was aligned with other devolved administrations within the United Kingdom..

In conclusion, the Working Group was advised by Dr Haire that, in his view, bereaved families and citizens in Northern Ireland had not been afforded the same efficient cremation services as in other parts of the United Kingdom. Dr. Haire highlighted the need for the legislation in Northern Ireland to be overhauled and streamlined, including the incorporation of electronic digital technology. He stated that it would be beneficial if the Council could use its influence to encourage the enactment of legislation to meet the needs of modern day cremation services and align Northern Ireland's legislation with that in use in other parts of the United Kingdom.

The Director informed the Working Group that the Department for Communities officials were working on draft cremation regulations for Northern Ireland. The Bereavement Services Manager advised Members that Department of Health officials were working currently on new scrutiny arrangements, for death certification, which could remove the requirement for a Medical Referee.

The Members suggested, subject to Committee approval, that officials, from the Department of Health, be invited to the March meeting of the Working Group in order to provide an update on the progress made on a revision of the death certification process.

The Working Group suggested that a copy of the new draft cremation legislation be presented to a future meeting and that an opinion be sought, from Legal Services, on the impact for Belfast City Council. The Director undertook to consult with the City Solicitor in regard to the status of the draft regulations being formulated by the Department for Communities.

The Working Group requested that officers obtain copies of the cremation forms used currently in Scotland, in order to ascertain if those forms could be used in regard to cremation services in Northern Ireland.

The Working Group agreed also, subject to Committee approval, that a letter be forwarded to both, the Department for Communities and the Department of Health, raising the concerns highlighted by the National Association of Funeral Directors in regard to the impact that the outdated legislation was having on bereaved families and Funeral Directors and seeking an update on reviews.

Date of Next Meeting

The Working Group agreed that its next meeting would be held on Monday, 25th February at 4.30 p.m.

Chairperson

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Subject:	Follow up report on presentation by Community Rescue Service
Date:	12 February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director, City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Siobhan Toland, Director of City Services Davy Neill, Emergency Coordination Officer

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to outline how Belfast City Council currently engages with Community Rescue Service.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	This Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the contents of this report.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Members may recall the presentation given by Sean McGarry, Community Rescue Service, to the People and Communities Committee on 21 st January 2019. This report briefly outlines how Belfast City Council engages with voluntary search and rescue organisations such as Community Rescue Service.
3.2	Co-ordination of land and inland water rescue is a devolved matter with search and rescue policy the responsibility of the Department of Justice. Co-ordination of land and inland water search and rescue operations falls to the PSNI. Community Rescue Service sit on a Practitioners Group made up of statutory and voluntary organisations which report into the Department of Justice. Community Rescue Service is a declared resource under the NI Search and Rescue agreement.
3.3	Belfast Emergency Preparedness Group (Belfast EPG) is a Multi-Agency partnership involved in preparing and planning for emergencies which would impact on the people and communities of Belfast. Belfast EPG partners may engage the assistance of organisations such as Community Rescue Service during an emergency response situation. In such circumstances a request to Community Rescue Service for search and rescue assistance will come from one of the statutory emergency responder organisations such as the PSNI or NI Fire & Rescue Service. Belfast City Council would support such efforts where humanitarian assistance is required by activating emergency support centre arrangements and providing buildings for emergency rest centres etc.
3.4	In the past, Belfast City Council's Parks and Warden staff have worked with Community Rescue Service during land based search efforts for missing persons. Community Rescue Service also provide invaluable voluntary search and rescue assistance at events in the City such as Belfast Vital, Belsonic and events around the harbour estate.
3.5	During the presentation on 21 st January 2019, Sean McGarry made reference to Community Rescue Service utilising the Lagan lookout building. The Lagan lookout building is currently

	under the control of the Department for Communities (DfC) and there are no current plans to change this.
3.6	<u>Finance & Resource Implications</u> None
3.7	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u> None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Antisocial Behaviour in Parks/Open Spaces
Date:	12 February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Director of Neighbourhood Services Alison Allen, Neighbourhood Services Manager

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Call-in	
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Further to previous agreements at People and Communities Committee, this report provides the agreed update on anti-social behaviour in parks and open spaces covering the August - December 2018 period.
1.2	At previous meetings, Members further agreed that initial work would be focussed on Falls Park/City Cemetery, Orangefield Park/Avoniel Park, Marrowbone, Dunville and Ballysillan.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the progress against these actions and to receive a further progress report in due course.

3.0	Main report																								
3.1	<p><u>Current Context</u></p> <p><u>Reported Anti-Social Behaviour To Council</u></p> <p>Ongoing analysis of reports from members of the public, along with anti-social behaviour witnessed by Council Officers has identified the following parks/open spaces as having issues with persistent anti-social behaviour.</p>																								
3.2	<p>Please note figures provided below are for the period August – December 2018.</p>																								
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3.3	<p>Please also note that the list below only represents the parks/open spaces with the highest numbers of reports of anti-social behaviour. Reports of anti-social behaviour are received for other parks/open spaces across the city but at a much lower level.</p>																								
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3.4	<p>As indicated above, anti-social behaviour is often under-reported. Officers therefore regularly review requisitions for repairs at parks/open spaces due to vandalism, criminal damage or arson.</p>																								
3.5	<p>There has been a marked reduction in serious vandalism at the majority of parks/open spaces, however, vandalism remains persistent in many of the parks/open spaces highlighted above.</p>																								
3.6	<p><u>Member Feedback</u></p> <p>Elected Members engage regularly with Officers articulating concerns about anti-social behaviour in parks/open spaces. Officers have reviewed their Elected Members contact on this issue and the following parks/open spaces present most frequently as of concern:</p>																								

Park/Open Space	Area
Falls Park/City Cemetery	West
Marrowbone	North
Orangefield/Avoniel	East

Animation/Programming

3.7

Progress to Date

- Programmes of animation were undertaken at four locations which had been identified as having persistent challenges with anti-social behaviour. These were Marrowbone Park, Ballysillan Park, Orangefield/Avoniel and Dunville Park.
- Programmes included a range of internal Council services providing in kind assistance (Sports Development and Parks Outreach) as well as working with local youth workers from within their existing budgets.
- Feedback has been gathered from a range of community and voluntary organisations operating around the parks/open spaces (including youth workers) on the programme.

3.8

Next Steps

- Feedback is being reviewed and the next stage of animation is being designed with local partners.
- The focus remains on low cost options and working with existing youth and community resources to sustain the animation for as long a period as possible. The approach being followed is outlined below:
 - Lead Council Officer to work with all existing Council services to align existing service delivery to the priority parks/open spaces.
 - Local engagement with Elected Members, residents, agencies and youth/community groups to agree a programme.
 - Identify and align other existing programmes and initiatives in the area to maximise positive animation within the park/open space.
 - Review with local partners.

Operational Co-ordination

3.9 Progress to Date

- Weekly ASB contact list distributed by BCC containing contact details of Police, BCC Officers, Youth Workers and Translink to share information during weekend operations.
- Weekly operational tasking meetings take place between Council, Police and other statutory agencies as needed to review operational priorities and plan for the week ahead.
- Targeted collaborative operations with Council, PSNI, Youth Workers and Translink resources to disrupt ASB. A mobile lighting tower has been used to illuminate problematic parks during operations to disrupt ASB.

3.10 Next Steps

- Operational tasking meetings to take place between Council, Police and other statutory agencies to plan for mid-term break and St. Patricks Day.
- DPCSP funded Youth Outreach project focusing on Transient Youth starting on 8th February 2019 and covering each Friday and Saturday evening up to and including St. Patricks Day. This project will focus on the Falls Park and City Cemetery and be delivered jointly by 4 different Youth Clubs. A similar project is due to get underway in South Belfast focusing on the Lagan Walkway.

Awareness Raising

3.11 Progress to Date

- Council Anti-Social Behaviour Officers have commenced a process of engaging with post-primary schools to raise awareness of the dangers associated with anti-social behaviour in parks and open spaces.
- Officers have also carried out awareness raising visits to off-sales in the vicinity of parks and open spaces, highlighting concerns raised around proxy buying and under-age drinking.
- PSNI continue to proactively use their social media channels to deter anti-social behaviour around parks and open spaces.

3.12	<p><u>Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing development of partnerships with post-primary schools across Belfast to take place, seeking co-operation around communication with parents and pupils around wider community impacts and risks of anti-social behaviour. This work will be carried out in conjunction with PSNI, Youth Workers and Translink where appropriate. • Officers will also continue to carry out visits to off-sales throughout the city to remind retailers of their obligations and to offer support to those retailers.
3.13	<p><u>Maximising Strategic Opportunities</u></p> <p>Officers continue to work to ensure alignment and connectivity between other strategic programmes of work to maximise the potential to positively impact on the ongoing challenges in parks and open spaces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEACE IV Shared Spaces Project and Wider PEACE IV Programme – Officers continue to ensure the capital/programming investment from PEACE IV Programme are aligned to ongoing work aimed at improving safety in parks and open spaces. Contracts for a range of PEACE IV work are in the process of being procured and awarded. • Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) – Council was recently successful in securing £100,000 of funding from the Department for Economy to facilitate innovation and technology around how to better encourage positive use and deter negative use of parks/open spaces. • Fresh Start – Tackling Paramilitarism Action Plan – Officers continue to work with Executive Office Officials and individual lead departments/organisations in maximising the benefit of the following work streams within the action plan for communities in Belfast.

3.14	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p><u>Staff Resources</u></p> <p>The above approach continues to support the values and principles of the City and Neighbourhood Services and wider Corporate Change Programme and is delivered within existing staff resource.</p> <p><u>Financial Resources</u></p> <p>All of the above work continues to be accommodated from within existing Council and (D)PCSP revenue budgets. The work is intended to maximise existing resources, reduce duplication and facilitate joined up decision making and resource allocation in the identified parks/open spaces.</p>
3.15	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments</u></p> <p>There are no equality or Good Relations implication at present, however, this will monitored on an ongoing basis.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>



Subject:	Everybody Active 2020 Strand 1
Date:	12 th February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Director Neighbourhood Services

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To advise committee of extended support for delivery of the participation strand of Sport NI's investment programme called Everybody Active 2020 Strand 1 (EBA2020) into Year 4.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree to the continuation of the delivery of Everybody Active 2020 Strand 1 programme to 31 March 2020 in partnership with our delivery partners, subject to funding being approved for release from Sport NI. • To agree to some additional programming to be coordinated by BCC officers (Programme Manager and Coordinator) where there is identified any potential

underspend in budget or underperformance against any of the KPIS by our delivery Partners.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Sport NI programme

Sport NI commissioned Belfast City Council, along with other Council areas, to deliver the participation strand of Everybody 2020. The aim of the programme is to increase quality opportunities for targeted groups to develop and sustain participation in sport across key life-course transitions.

3.2

Belfast's programme has specific targets which identify women and girls, people with a disability and people living in areas of high social need as priority. Participation evidence highlights disparities and inequalities within those sectors. Committee authorised officers to develop and commission a blend of providers through a public process to deliver Belfast's Everybody Active 2020 targets. Officers have once again commissioned a diverse range of partners with consideration to developing programmes which prioritise participation for women/girls in the 14-25 age group, during which drop off levels are greatest.

3.3

Participation Targets 2019-2020

AREA	Total participants	women/girls	People with a disability	high social need	Sustained participants
Belfast	22,512	13,282	4,052	7,878	7,204

3.4

Programme delivery will be linked to other investments including workforce development, outdoor recreation infrastructure, small grants and Peace IV to improve the outcomes from EBA2020.

3.5

Sport NI has recently indicated a budget of £468,074 for delivery of EBA2020 in Belfast for Year 4 (2019/20). Sport NI have indicated that a letter of offer will be received by Belfast City Council by early March 2019.

Partner Organisation	Main Target Group
Ulster Rugby-Disability Participation	Disability
Ulster Rugby-Female Participation	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
Colin Glen Trust	Areas of High Social Need - Disability
Irish Football Association	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need

	Ulster Branch Tennis Ireland	Women and Girls - Disability Inclusion
	Ulster Squash	Women and Girls
	Athletics Northern Ireland	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need - Disability Inclusion
	Live Active/Disability Sport Northern Ireland (North and West)	Disability - Areas of High Social Need
	Live Active/Disability Sport Northern Ireland (South and East)	Disability - Areas of High Social Need
	Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
	Netball Northern Ireland	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
	Basketball Northern Ireland	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
	Irish Bowls Federation	Women and Girls – Areas of High Social Need
	Ulster Badminton	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
	Disability Sport NI- Girdwood Sports Hub	Disability - Areas of High Social Need
3.6	Current position	
	EBA2020 Strand 1 provides Council with a resource to support the physical activity and health outcomes throughout the City and within the Belfast Agenda framework.	
3.7	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>	
	Sport NI has recently given an indicative budget of £468,074 for delivery of EBA2020 Strand 1 in Belfast for Year 4 (2019/2020).	
3.8	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>	
	The programme is an opportunity for the Council to deliver against its equality and good relations objectives. These would be integrated into the performance frameworks for providers.	
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached	
	None	

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Subject:	Adventurous Playground
Date:	12 February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw Strategic Director City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Jacqui Wilson, Business Manager City & Neighbourhood Services Department Ryan Black Neighbourhood Services Manager City & Neighbourhood Services Department

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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of the revenue impact of removing the entry fee for the Adventurous Playground at Belfast Castle.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the impact of removing the entrance fee for the Adventurous Playground at Belfast Castle i.e. a budgeted net loss of £22.5k for 2019/20 year. Note that the estimates are set for 2019/20 and this loss would have to be accommodated from existing revenue budgets.

3.0	Main report				
	<p data-bbox="272 208 427 237">Key Issues</p> <p data-bbox="165 259 1417 338">3.1 The Adventurous playground was opened in 1992 and has charged an entrance fee (as agreed by elected members) into the facility since then.</p> <p data-bbox="165 409 1422 539">3.2 An extension to the playground entrance was opened in 2008 at a cost of approximately £200k and provides toilet facilities for the users. This extension was in response to complaints by users regarding poor quality of facilities especially toilets.</p> <p data-bbox="165 611 1453 792">3.3 The facility is staffed during operating times with staff tasked with keeping the facility clean as well as litter picking within the playground throughout the day. The staff provision and additional security cameras makes the playground safe for users and reduces the levels of antisocial behaviour which were previously an issue.</p> <p data-bbox="165 864 1453 943">3.4 If members are minded to remove entrance fees, consideration will need to be given to the operating model.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1014 1449 1196">3.5 For normal maintenance and compliance issues an amount of £1k pa has been spent in the last 3 years. However some refurbishment is needed to the equipment as well as upgrading the picnic tables and providing a sheltered area at the infants play area. This is currently being costed however no budget has been allocated.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1267 719 1296"><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1319 1449 1547">3.6 The current charge is £2.50 per child and this price has been held for the last 5 years despite increased running costs. Also Belfast City Council Summer Schemes get free use of the facility and Belfast City Council Funded Community Groups get one free entry per year as per the current Scale of Charges agreed by Committee as part of the estimates setting process.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1619 1449 1749">3.7 The Adventurous Playground operated in 2017/8 with an actual gross expenditure of £36k offset by actual income of £18k giving a net cost of £17k; this does not include other internal costs associated with operating the site.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1821 1230 1850">3.8 The estimated expenditure and income costs included for 2019/2020 are;</p> <table data-bbox="272 1872 703 1951"> <tr> <td>Estimated expenditure</td> <td>£10k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Estimated income</td> <td>£22.5k</td> </tr> </table>	Estimated expenditure	£10k	Estimated income	£22.5k
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3.9	To ensure the site can continue to be managed and operated in line with current standards, eliminating the entry fee would result in a loss of income of approx. £22.5k <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.10	There are no Equality, Good Relations or Rural needs Assessment implications.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Request for use of Council facilities and additional funding to support events
Date:	12 th February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director City & Neighbourhood Services Rose Crozier, Director Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Ryan Black, Neighbourhood Services Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Members to host events in our parks, namely:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">I. Request use of Alexander Park for a Spring Festival on 30th March 2019</p> <p>New Lodge Arts have requested the use of Alexandra Park on the 30th March 2019, for their annual Spring Festival event, which has been held successfully for the last five years. The event is a cross community event and activities are held throughout the whole park.</p>

	<p>New Lodge Arts have obtained funding for the event, but have requested support from Belfast City Council up to a total of £3000 towards the overall cost of the event.</p> <p>II. Request for Approval of World Celtic Spey Casting event at Waterworks Park</p> <p>To advise the committee of the fourth year of the Celtic Spey Casting event at Waterworks Park on 17th-19th May 2019, building on the success of the previous year's events and seek Committee approval for hosting of the event and for funding to facilitate the event.</p> <p>The group have requested a funding contribution of £12,500</p>
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>I. Request use of Alexander Park for a Spring Festival on 30th March 2019</p> <p>The Committee is asked to approve the use of Alexandra Park on 30th March 2019 for this annual event, subject to completion of the appropriate Event Management Plans and on the condition that the Event Organisers meet all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance and provide relevant Health and Safety documentation and Risk Assessments,</p> <p>II. Request for Approval of World Celtic Spey Casting event at Waterworks Park</p> <p>The Committee is recommended to approve the use of Waterworks Park on 17th-19th May 2019 for this event, subject to completion of the appropriate Event Management Plans and on the condition that the Event Organisers meet all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance and provide relevant Health and Safety documentation and Risk</p>
2.2	<p>The request for financial support for both events falls outside available funding within the existing revenue budgets and as per SP&R decision 23rd November 2018; due to the financial position there will be no further discretionary payments considered at this time or no further re-allocation of money until the year end position is considered by them in June.</p>
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	<p>I. Request use of Alexander Park for a Spring Festival on 30th March 2019</p>

This event has been successfully held for the last five years and is a cross community event. There is a 6-week Outreach programme, prior to the event, which involves local youth clubs, schools and community groups from both communities, developing arts and crafts that will be displayed at the event. The park will remain open at all times and there are no restrictions to the general park users.

3.2

II. Request for Approval of World Celtic Spey Casting event at Waterworks Park

The proposed Celtic World Spey Casting Invitational Challenge Event at Waterworks will be in its fourth year and has been planned by the Families at the Waterworks Fishing Club for the 17th-19th May 2019.

The event will help build experience and an evidence base for a potential World Championship bid in 2020.

The event is needed to promote the club and Waterworks Park, specifically the potential of the club to support local good relations through cross-community events whilst hosting events to develop the sport of fishing at Waterworks.

The Fishing Club have and are continually seeking to develop as a club providing positive, healthy recreation for local people from across the community spectrum. The club are particularly keen to attract and retain young people introducing them to the sport and the Waterworks as a shared space and not a divisive space. This event will help to underline this and if successful raise the profile of the Park and bring local communities together.

The Challenge event will bring World Class Fishermen from all over the globe for example America, Japan and Scandinavia together with Belfast and regional competitors with 50 competitors and 250 spectators estimated daily.

The Friday 17th May will be a Cross Community Day with 300 Young people of all ages and abilities from across North Belfast transported to Waterworks to undertake Fishing and Casting Try-It sessions with Good Relations as the focus. The competitors taking part in

the event from around the World will interact with the local youths and cross-community activities shall be provided to fully engage all in the event.

Saturday and Sunday 18th/19th May will be the main competition days and it is hoped to engage and attract large spectator numbers throughout the event which will be marketing as a showpiece for sport and good relations in the area

3.3 Financial & Resource Implications – for both events

The Families at the Waterworks Club have applied for £1000 funding from “Support for Sport”, however, the Club have asked that Council provide financial support for additional costs which are beyond the clubs means:

Medals, Welcome Gifts and Trophies - £2500

Hospitality (Awards reception Belfast Castle and daily lunches) -£2000

Hire of marquees - £1000

Promotional materials, signs and banners - £500

Hire of measuring equipment and ropes/markers and competition set up-£3000

Bus Transport for International Competitors - £500

Bouncy Castles for family engagement - £1000

Toilet Hire - £500

Compare for event and competition - £1000

First Aid Provision - £500

Total: £12500

The Committee are advised this level of funding falls outside the capacity of the budget.

3.4 New Lodge Arts have requested that Belfast City Council support the event at a cost of maximum £3000. This year the amount falls outside the capacity of the budget.

3.5 The request for financial support for both events falls outside available funding within the existing revenue budgets and as per SP&R decision 23rd November 2018; due to the financial position there will be no further discretionary payments considered at this time or no further re-allocation of money until the year end position is considered by them in June.

3.6 Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment – for both events

These events will help to greatly enhance cross community relations both Parks

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Proposal for dual language street signs
Date:	12 th February, 2019
Reporting Officer:	Ian Harper, Building Control Manager
Contact Officer:	Roisin Adams, Business Coordinator

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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider applications for the erection of dual language street signs for existing streets within the City.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	As at least two thirds of the total numbers of persons surveyed in the streets are in favour of the proposal to erect a second street nameplate in Irish at Madrid Street, Springhill Rise, Glen Grove and Ardmonagh Gardens the Committee is recommended to approve the applications.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> The power for the Council to consider applications to erect a second street nameplate in a language other than English is contained in Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995.

3.2	Members are asked to consider the following applications to erect a second street nameplate showing the name of the street expressed in a language other than English. The second language is Irish.																									
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3.4	The translations were authenticated by Queens University, the approved translator for Belfast City Council.																									
3.5	<p>In accordance with the Council's policy for the erection of dual language street signs surveys of all persons appearing on the Electoral Register for the above streets were carried out and the following responses were received.</p> <p>Madrid Street, BT5</p>																									
3.6	<p>86 people (68%) are in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate 1 person (1%) is not in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate 1 person (1%) has no preference either way 38 people (30%) did not respond to the survey</p> <p>Springhill Rise , BT12</p>																									
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3.9	125 people (79%) are in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate 2 people (1%) have no preference either way 31 people (20%) did not respond to the survey
3.10	The Council's policy on the erection of a second street nameplate requires that at least two thirds (66.6%) of the people surveyed must be in favour of the proposal to erect a second street sign in a language other than English.
3.11	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> There is a cost of approximately £600 to cover the cost of the manufacturing and erection of the dual language street signs. The cost for these street signs has been allowed for in the current budget.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.12	There are no direct equality/rural needs implications.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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Subject	Request for use of premises - Barnett Demesne.
Date:	12 th February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw Strategic Director, City and Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Director of Neighbourhood Services.

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The Committee is asked to note that the Council has received a request from County Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast for use of Barnetts Demesne on Friday 12 July 2019 and permission for use of the Cenotaph at City Hall for their Service of Remembrance and wreath laying. The event concerning Barnetts Demesne will require the closure of a proportion of the facility.
1.2	The Committee is reminded that in 2004 the Council received a request, for the first time, from the County Grand Lodge of Belfast to hold the 12 July Demonstration event at Barnett Demesne. The Committee is reminded that all previous requests from the Lodge for the use of this facility have been approved.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>It is recommended that Committee;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accede to the request from the County Grand Lodge for the use of Barnett Demesne on the 12 July 2019, subject to an appropriate legal agreement being prepared by Legal Services and permission for use of the Cenotaph at City Hall for their Service of Remembrance and wreath laying.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>As indicated earlier, the event has been held at Barnett Demesne since 2004. The Council has worked closely with the County Grand Lodge to ensure that the venue has facilitated the holding of a satisfactory event.</p> <p>The main concern is that the site be vacated as quickly as possible and be left in the same state as prior to use, given that Malone House and the grounds are heavily used by others. The County Grand Lodge has undertaken to ensure that litter is removed and that any physical damage to the site is repaired to its original condition.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>County Grand Lodge book Malone House and the appropriate fee for hire of the rooms is charged to County Grand Lodge. Legal agreements will be entered into in respect of issues such as damage to property, health and safety and a bond will be required from the County Grand Lodge.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Human Resources</u></p> <p>There are no additional Human Resource implications.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>There is no significant impact on the asset.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no known implications.</p>
4.0	Appendices
	N/A



Subject:	Provision of salt in communities during prolonged severe winter weather
Date:	12 February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director of City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Davy Neill, Emergency Coordination Officer

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To identify proposals for a way forward on the supply and accessibility of salt for local communities during prolonged extreme weather conditions.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the issues set out in this report and agree the interim arrangements and proposal for a more sustainable solution.

3.0	Main report
3.1	Further to a report to Committee in March 2018 regarding the provision of grit for communities during prolonged severe weather conditions Members requested a legal opinion on the Council's position on supplying grit boxes for community use.
3.2	The report from Legal Services in December 2018 (attached) is clear that the statutory duty to treat roads and public places in snow and ice conditions falls to the Department for Infrastructure (Dfi). The legislation provides Dfi with an immunity if it fails to take action under the relevant statutory order. However, as there is no statutory requirement for the Council to treat roads or to provide grit boxes for public use, the Council would not have similar immunity.
3.3	The provision of grit boxes had been suggested as a means of improving resilience in local areas during prolonged extreme weather conditions, but as this is not a viable option. Officers are continuing to liaise with Dfi to consider alternative solutions.
3.4	Consideration was given to storing bags of salt in some of the sandbag containers located throughout the City. However, these containers, supplied by Dfi, are primarily for flood risk and resilience; they are made of steel and any leakage of salt would cause serious, corrosive damage rendering the containers useless for sandbag storage. There would also be an issue of managing the logistics of two different products out of the one container.
3.5	The current proposal under consideration is to store the salt in council owned premises giving priority to high risk locations, i.e. elevated areas more prone to snow and ice. Given the legal opinion we are not considering public access, these resources would be for Members to direct for use in the community. There are a number of options to be considered, for example, suitable locations, space, cost, weight of the bags, access arrangements, etc. However, Members are asked to agree the direction of travel and the interim arrangements set out below.
3.6	It is proposed that in the meantime during prolonged severe, high impact cold weather, existing stocks of salt (25kg bags) are made available <u>for Members' use in the community</u> , at appropriate council community/leisure centres or other council Sites. Higher elevation residential areas would be prioritised where icy conditions are more prevalent and there's more impact. Additional lower lying areas can also receive stocks of salt as appropriate depending on severity and impact.

3.7	<p>Suggested higher elevation areas and centres for salt bags could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitewell – Salt bags delivered to Finlay Park, Whitewell Road (<i>storage container required</i>) • Ballysillan - Salt bags delivered to Ballysillan Leisure Centre • Ligoniel - Salt bags delivered to Ligoniel Community Centre • Glencairn/Highfield - Salt bags delivered to Highfield Community Centre • Whiterock - Salt bags delivered to Whiterock Community Centre • Lenadoon - Salt bags delivered to Glen Community Centre • Lagmore/Mount Eagles - Salt bags delivered to store at Mount Eagles Playground
3.8	<p>Suggested salt bag centres for lower elevation areas could include:</p> <p>East Belfast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Strand Community Centre (<i>not a Council Centre but would likely be needed – perhaps an agreement around liability could be provided</i>) • Avoniel Leisure Centre (<i>closing Sep/Oct 2019</i>) • Dee Street Community Centre • Cregagh Community Centre • Braniel Community Centre <p>South Belfast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olympia Leisure Centre • Malone House • Markets Community Centre • Belvoir Activity Centre <p>North Belfast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ardoyne Community Centre • Loughside Leisure Centre • plus continued deliveries to Finlay Park, Ballysillan, Ligoniel, Highfield (as above) <p>West Belfast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suffolk Community Centre • Sally Gardens Community Centre (<i>owned by the Council but independently managed</i>) • Brook Activity Centre

3.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammer Community Centre • plus continued deliveries to Whiterock, Glen, Lagmore/Mount Eagles (as above) <p>These are only suggested locations and other options will be considered. If Members agree, salt could be delivered to these locations in advance of further severe weather.</p>
3.10	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>We currently have sufficient stocks of 25Kg bags to cover this winter but should we move to a more permanent solution we would consider purchasing 20Kg bags, which are much easier and safer to handle. For twenty two sites the cost of this would work out at approximately £3,300 per delivery. DfI cannot provide bagged salt but we are exploring the possibility of getting some of the costs covered through the Regional Community Resilience work.</p> <p>The cost of deliveries of salt to the various locations could be absorbed within existing budgets.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.11	None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Legal report dated 11 th December 2018

Our Ref 800-000224-1-MM

Your Ref

11th December 2018



MEMORANDUM

To: **Rose Crozier**
Director (Operational)
City & Neighbourhood Department

Re: **PROVISION OF GRIT BOXES**

I have been asked to provide advice to the People and Communities Committee in relation to a proposal for the Council to help communities deal with the effects and potential hazards caused by snow and ice in streets and neighbourhoods not currently being treated by other statutory organisations. I have identified two issues from a legal point of view which should be considered in reaching a decision.

1. The statutory duty to treat roads and public places in snow and ice conditions falls to the Department for Infrastructure
2. The Council has a duty to take such care as in all circumstances of the case is reasonable to see that a visitor will be reasonably safe on land owned by the Council.

There are two pieces of legislation which should be considered. The first deals with the statutory duty to treat roads and public places in snow and ice conditions, and the second deals with the Council's own responsibilities in keeping members of the public safe on land owned by it.

Firstly, it is clear under Article 9 of the Road (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 that the statutory duty for clearing snow and ice falls to the Department for Infrastructure. The duty imposed on the Department for Infrastructure is to "take such steps as it considers reasonable and practicable to prevent snow or ice interfering with the safe passage of persons and vehicles using a road." Under Article 9(3) of the 1993 Order the Department enjoys a statutory immunity from a right of action in tort for failing to exercise any power conferred on it under Article 9. There is no such statutory duty imposed upon Belfast City Council. The statutory immunity enjoyed by the Department does not therefore assist or affect the Council in the provision of services to prevent snow and ice interfering with the safe passage of persons.

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note that there is currently an agreement in place between the Department for Infrastructure and the Council in which council resources are used to treat predefined areas when severe icy conditions are forecast. Under Article 2 of the 1993 Order the onus is on the Department to enter into arrangements with any person "for the treatment of roads affected by snow or ice, and to place receptacles on roads for the purpose of making available to persons using a road affected by snow or ice material for the treatment of that road." The legal position is clear that the responsibility to provide grit boxes falls to the Department for Infrastructure.

Secondly, the proposal to provide grit boxes must be considered within the context of the Occupier's Liability Act (Northern Ireland) 1957. It is noted that the proposal is for grit boxes to be placed upon land owned by Belfast City Council for members of the public to access grit in the required quantities to treat the areas around their home. That land on which the boxes would theoretically be placed would be subject to the Occupier's Liability Act (Northern Ireland) 1957. Under the proposal one can envisage that the Council would be inviting people onto their land to access grit in adverse weather conditions. It can be envisaged that the Council's land would be icy and slippery underfoot. Under the Occupier's Liability Act (Northern Ireland) 1957 members of the public visiting land owned by the Council are owed a common duty of care which is defined as "the duty to take such care as in all the circumstances of the case is reasonable to see that the visitor will be reasonably safe in using the premises for the purposes for which he is invited or permitted by the occupier to be there." The common duty of care is more than a duty to avoid negligent acts but extends to negligent omissions as well. Thus the occupier must avoid creating dangers himself, but must also take reasonable steps to protect his visitors from dangers which he did not himself create. In considering whether the duty has been discharged by the Council or not the Court would look, amongst other things, to the nature of the risk posed to the visitor by the danger, the likelihood of the injury occurring and the costs and logistics of obviating or reducing that risk.

The Council currently grits its own land on a risk assessment basis identifying areas which have a higher footfall and carrying out gritting responsibilities in accordance therewith. In the situation proposed the Council would be inviting people onto their land to access grit. One could foresee that if a person were to fall on Council land due to the presence of snow or ice whilst accessing grit boxes, the Courts would expect to see a robust system in place for gritting the areas around, to and from the grit boxes to ensure persons are kept safe and to satisfy the Council's duties under the Occupier's Liability Act (Northern Ireland) 1957.

If you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards



Miriam Marshall
Solicitor

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Subject:	Partner Agreement Quarterly Update
Date:	12 th February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Director of Neighbourhood Services

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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This report is to provide an update on progress on implementation of Partner Agreements for October – December 2018.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note quarterly progress to date at Partner Agreement sites.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Legal Agreements - Council agreed to enter into Partner Agreements at the following sites with the clubs identified below:

Location	Partner
Dixon Playing Fields	Sirocco Works FC
Alderman Tommy Patton Memorial Park	East Belfast FC
Woodlands Playing Fields	Co. Antrim Board GAA
Loughside Playing Fields	Loughside FC
Shore Road Playing Fields	Grove United FC
Orangefield Playing Fields	Bloomfield FC
Ulidia Playing Fields	Rosario FC

3.2 Regular checks on the necessary Insurance, Health and Safety and Governance have been completed monthly at all sites with managers noting full compliance. The reporting documents were amended in accordance with audit requirements and sent to partners one month in advance of reporting deadlines. All of the partners have been confirmed as compliant on these matters.

3.3 Rosario FC will recommence their Partner Agreement on the Ulidia site from 1st February 2019 upon completion of the development. It is appropriate to recognise that the club successfully delivered their Sports Plan at other Belfast venues during the closure.

Financial Support to deliver Sports Development Plans

3.4 Successful applicants submitted plans to improve sports development outcomes at each site. Funding of up to £20,000 per annum is available for each partner for delivery of a programme supporting their Sports Development Plan. Letters of offer have been sent to all partners based on approved sports development plans in the current financial year. Full payments have been made to all Partners in this Quarter.

Partners must submit Sports Development plans annually which are aligned to the financial planning calendar for the incoming year. Plans for 2019/20 have been requested from all Partners.

Monitoring

3.5 End of quarter monitoring meetings have been held with all Partners. These meetings are attended by partner representatives, parks management and sports development, with updates on site management and bookings, health and safety, finance and sports development plan.

Action plans are reviewed and agreed with the partners at these meetings to ensure that planned outcomes are achieved and improvements identified where required.

3.6

All Partners compliant on reporting matters with the exception of two reports: Bloomfield FC (Financial report Q3) and Sirocco FC (Safeguarding Q3). Both clubs have confirmed report to be forwarded and payments for Q4 held in respect of this matter.

3.7

Sports Development Impact

In line with Council objectives, the diversification of use and improved sports development impact are priorities at the partner agreement sites. Programme delivery has led to significant positive achievements across the sites.

The table below indicates outputs at the sites as reported by all 7 partners for Quarter 3 (October – December 2018).

<p>A. Participation type</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of different codes 2. People with a Disability 3. People from a minority ethnic background 4. Females 5. Older people 6. Schools / youth organisations 	<p>560 people 32 people 399 people 1722 people 172 people 10 groups</p>
<p>B. Participation usage</p> <p>Number of full pitch/adult matches on site Number of full pitch/adult match participations Number of small sided/youth match bookings on site Number of small sided/youth matches on site Number of youth match participations Number of training sessions held on site Number of training session participants Number of other bookings / activities on site Number of other bookings / activity participants on site</p>	<p>95 matches 3,132 users 113 bookings 474 matches 9,036 users 238 sessions 11,620 participants 12 bookings 1450 participants</p>
<p>C. Partnership working</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working with Belfast City Council 2. Sports Governing Bodies 3. Other teams / groups in your sport 4. Other teams / groups in different sports 5. Community / voluntary groups 	<p>All reported partnership working 14 35 teams / groups 7 teams / groups 6 community groups</p>

	<p>D. Social value</p> <p>1. Young people at risk 2. Encourage participation of under-represented groups 3. Promote positive cross community relations 4. Promote health and wellbeing in socially deprived communities 5. Promote Volunteering skills 6. Develop skills that will improve employability</p>	<p>2 programmes 1030 people 3 programmes 197 people 2 programmes 63 people 2 programmes 601 people 140 volunteers upskilled 2 programmes 30 people</p>	
3.8	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>A total of £140,000 per annum is available within revenue estimates to support annual Sports Development Plans at the Partner Agreement sites.</p>		
3.9	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None.</p>		
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>		
	<p>None</p>		



Subject:	Request to plant trees as part of Queen’s Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project
Date:	12 th February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Director Neighbourhood Services

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	<p>Officers have received a request from Emma Little Pengelly, MP, to plant up to 5 small sapling trees as part of the Queen’s Commonwealth Tree Canopy (QCC) project. The purpose of this report is for members to approve the planting of up to 5 indigenous sapling trees in the following locations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barnett’s Demesne • Musgrave Park • Ormeau Park • King William Park • Clement Wilson Park • Wedderburn Park

1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blythfield Park. <p>The tree planting is in association with the Queen’s Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project (QCC).</p>
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>It is recommended that Members grant authority for the planting of up to 5 indigenous sapling trees, approximately 1 metre in height, in some of the following locations in connection with the Queen’s Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barnetts Demesne • Musgrave Park • Ormeau Park • King William Park • Clement Wilson Park • Wedderburn Park • Blythfield Park.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Officers have received a request from Emma Little Pengelly, MP, to plant up to 5 small sapling trees as part of the QCC project. The tree planting is in connection with the Queen’s Commonwealth Tree Canopy (QCC) Project which was conceived by the Right Honourable Frank Field MP, and was launched at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Malta, in 2015. The QCC is a unique network of forest conservation initiatives, which involves all 53 countries of the Commonwealth.</p>
3.2	<p>The QCC is committed to raising awareness within the Commonwealth of the value of indigenous trees and forests and to saving them for future generations. It will raise the profile of the Commonwealth, demonstrating the capacity of its 53 member countries to act together as one to ensure forest conservation.</p>
3.3	<p>The QCC presents a rare opportunity to unite the whole Commonwealth family and save one of the world’s most important natural habitats – forests. By creating a pan-Commonwealth network of forest conservation projects.</p>

3.4	<p>Officers have received a request from Emma Little Pengelly, MP, to plant up to 5 small sapling trees as part of the QCC project.</p> <p>The choice of tree offered to the Council will be indigenous to Northern Ireland i.e. Betula pendula (birch), Sorbus aucuparia (Rowan) or Corylus avellana (Hazel), all approximately 1 metre high. The tree planting will take place in March 2019.</p>
3.5	<p>Officers have been informed that schools and other statutory bodies have also been invited to be involved in planting 5 other sapling trees in their respective land/sites.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no Financial or Human Resource implications other than Officer time</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.7	<p>There are no known equality or good relations issues associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Request for Events in Botanic Gardens, Lower Botanic Gardens and Victoria Park
Date:	12 th February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Director Neighbourhood Services Stephen Leonard, Neighbourhood Services Manager Cate Taggart, Neighbourhood Services Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Members to host events in our parks across the city, namely:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">I. Request for The Use of Lower Botanic Gardens for “Circus Extreme” event.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to approve a request from The Great Russian Circus Ltd. for the use of Lower Botanic Gardens from 19th August 2019 to 2nd September 2019 for a series of Circus Extreme performances.</p>

The performances will take place each day between 22 August and 1 September 2019, 2-10pm.

Circus Extreme is an international non-animal circus which features modern, traditional and speciality acts from all over the world.

The show is suitable for people of all ages and backgrounds.

- The event will require the closure of part of the facility and will have alcohol on sale during the events
- The organisers will sell tickets on site for the event
- Alcohol will be on sale subject to appropriate licensing application
- The organisers expect crowds of up to 1,200 per performance.

1.2 **II. Request use of Botanic Gardens for the Belfast Mela**

The Committee is asked to approve a request from ArtsEkta to deliver an outdoor event, Belfast Mela, a multicultural festival for approximately 20,000 people, in Botanic Gardens.

The event will take place on 25 August, 2019, from 12 noon – 7.00pm and will require the closure of all or a substantial proportion of the facility.

1.3 **III. Belfast International Arts Festival in Botanic Gardens**

Belfast International Arts Festival, has requested the use of Botanic Gardens for the delivery of an event as part of the Belfast International Arts Festival on Saturday 19 October and Sunday 20 October 2019. The event will require the closure of a proportion of the facility.

1.4 **IV. 1 Day Music Festival in Lower Botanic Gardens**

The purpose of the report is to obtain permission from Members for a 1 day music festival in lower Botanic Gardens on 27 July 2019.

1.5	<p>V. Request for The Use of Victoria Park</p> <p>The Committee is asked to note that the Council has received a request from Left Field to host their annual ‘Energia 24 Hour International Race’ at Victoria Park from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd June 2019. Race to start on Saturday 22nd June at noon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event will result in the partial closure of Victoria Park.
2.0	<p>Recommendations</p>
2.1	<p>I. Request for The Use of Lower Botanic Gardens for “Circus Extreme” event.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Grant authority to Great Russian circus Ltd for the use and hire of the facilities at Lower Botanic Gardens for a series of circus performances between 22 August 2019 and 1 September 2019 with set up and take down before and afterwards. B. Grant authority to the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services subject to satisfactory terms being agreed and on condition that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The promoter resolves all operational issues to the councils’ satisfaction; ▪ An appropriate legal agreement is completed, to be prepared by the City Solicitor; and ▪ The promoter meets all statutory requirements of the Building Control Service including the terms and conditions of the Parks Entertainments Licence. ▪ Grant authority to the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services to ▪ negotiate an appropriate fee for use of Lower Botanic Gardens taking into account costs to the Council, minimising negative impact on the immediate area but also the potential wider benefit to the city economy. ▪ to write to the promoters and advise that Council reserves the right to introduce a ‘social clause’ into any future legal agreements at any time (subject to Council approval of such a policy).

- Agree that Event Organisers shall consult with public bodies and local communities as necessary.

2.2

II. Request use of Botanic Gardens for the Belfast Mela

The Committee is asked to:

- A. Approve this proposal from ArtsEkta to deliver an outdoor event, Called Belfast Mela, in Botanic Gardens.
- B. The event will take place on 25 August, 2019, from 12noon – 7.00pm and will require the closure of all or a substantial proportion of the facility.
- C. Agree that the appropriate legal agreements for each programme, including bond arrangements are prepared to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor;
- D. Agree that Event Organisers are required to meet all statutory requirements and responsibilities including Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety, Food Safety and licensing (including for the sale of alcohol, where required);
- E. Agree the timely payment of the agreed charges and bonds as required in the legal agreements; and
- F. Agree that Event Organisers shall consult with public bodies and local communities as necessary.

2.3

III. Belfast International Arts Festival in Botanic Gardens

The Committee is asked to:

- A. Approve the use of Botanic Gardens including the closure of facilities as required for the set-up, delivery and take-down of the events, resolving all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction and subject to an agreed programme;
- B. Agree that legal services prepares appropriate legal agreements for the event;
- C. Agree that Event Organisers are required to meet all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety, Food Safety and licensing responsibilities; and
- D. Agree that Event Organisers shall consult with public bodies and local communities as necessary.

2.4

IV. 1 Day Music Festival in Lower Botanic Gardens

The Committee is asked to:

- A. Grant authority to Digital Nation for the use and hire of the facilities at Lower Botanic Gardens for a 1 day musical event on 27th July 2019 with set up and take down before and afterwards.
- B. Grant authority to the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services subject to satisfactory terms being agreed and on condition that:
 - The promoter resolves all operational issues to the councils' satisfaction;
 - An appropriate legal agreement is completed, to be prepared by the City Solicitor; and
 - The use of the site on this date will be subject to licence and a report will be taken to Licensing committee for them to consider.
 - The promoter meets all statutory requirements of the Building Control Service including the terms and conditions of the Parks Entertainments Licence.
 - Grant authority to the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services to
 - Negotiate an appropriate fee for use of Lower Botanic Gardens taking into account costs to the Council, minimising negative impact on the immediate area but also the potential wider benefit to the city economy.
 - To write to the promoters and advise that Council reserves the right to introduce a 'social clause' into any future legal agreements at any time (subject to Council approval of such a policy).

2.5

V. Request for The Use of Victoria Park

The Committee is asked to approve use of Victoria Park and its facilities for the Left Field's annual 'Energia 24 Hour International Race' at Victoria Park from Friday 21 June to Sunday 23 June 2019, and all subsequent annual 'Energia 24 Hour International Race' events at this location, subject to the completion of the appropriate Event Management Plans and satisfactory terms being agreed by the Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services and on the condition that the Event Organiser:

- resolves all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meets all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety, and licensing responsibilities; and • shall consult with adjoining public bodies and local communities as necessary.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>I. Request for The Use of Lower Botanic Gardens for “Circus Extreme” event.</p> <p>Circus Extreme is an International non-animal circus which features modern, traditional and speciality acts from all over the world. The show is suitable for people of all ages and backgrounds.</p> <p>Circus Extreme is an international non-animal circus which features modern, traditional and speciality acts from all over the world.</p> <p>The show is suitable for people of all ages and backgrounds.</p> <p>In relation to facilitating the event itself, the key issues are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The event will require the closure of part of the facility, and restricted access to the general public; b. The proposed timescale from set up to take down of the event is from 15 August to 8th September 2019 in Lower Botanic Gardens, however the performances are from the 22nd August to 1st September starting at 2pm and finishing at 10pm with 2 performances per day; The organisers expect crowds of up to 1,200 per performance. c. Circus Extreme has requested permission to collect an entrance fee; d. The event shall be subject to the preparation of an event management plan which shall cover all aspects of management including health and safety, access and will comply with the current events policy; e. A legal agreement will be provided by Legal Services which due to the nature of the events will include a bond for reinstatement costs. f. Alcohol will be on sale subject to appropriate licensing application.

II. Request use of Botanic Gardens for the Belfast Mela

Over the past number of years, the Council has established a successful partnership with the organisers of Belfast Mela. This type of event is well-received by audiences and significantly add to the attractiveness of the Council's parks and open spaces.

The partnership has delivered a diverse range of events which have had wide appeal for local communities, as well as attracting significant numbers of tourists and visitors to Council assets.

This year the Council has received a request from the Director of ArtsEkta to use Botanic Gardens for the Belfast Mela on 25 August 2019.

As a condition to funding, it is recommended that ArtsEkta is requested to facilitate community engagement and taster events in other local neighbourhoods, to build the audience from across the city. Specific locations could be identified in conjunction with the Community Parks Outreach team, ensuring a spread across the city.

In relation to facilitating the event itself, the key issues are:

- a. The event will require the closure of all or a substantial proportion of the facility, and restricted access to the general public;
- b. The proposed timescale from set up to take down of the event is from 20 August to 27 August 2019 inclusive in Botanic Gardens;
- c. ArtsEkta has requested permission to collect an entrance fee in the region of £5 per adult / child and access will be restricted to ticket holders only;
- d. The event shall be subject to the preparation of an event management plan which shall cover all aspects of management including health and safety, access and will comply with the current events policy;
- e. A legal agreement will be provided by Legal Services which due to the nature of the events will include a bond for reinstatement costs.

Consultation by ArtsEkta will be undertaken with other local stakeholders such as Queens University, Lyric Theatre, local residents groups and the Friends of Botanic Gardens, in addition:

- a. An entertainment licence for the period of the event;
- b. This application will be supported by an Event Management Plan and will be subject to the organisers liaising with Council officers and meeting all statutory, legal and Health and safety requirements;

- c. Organisers will also be required to reinstate all Council property to its original condition after use. Organisers will be reminded that the current ground conditions and location of this event may have to change due to adverse weather conditions.
- d. A legal agreement will be provided by Legal Services which, due to the nature of the events, will include a bond for reinstatement costs.

3.3

III. **Belfast International Arts Festival in Botanic Gardens**

Following discussions with officers a 2 day event has been proposed for 19 and 20 October 2019 with Belfast International Arts Festival.

To mark the UK's planned departure from the European Union at the end of March 2019, Festival will present a series of new contemporary works for its 57th edition in October 2019, that illustrate our shared European heritage and values. The centrepiece of this programme will be a series of stage and outdoor works from France, part funded by the Institute Francais as part of a UK wide programme curated with a small select group of partners including Sadlers Wells, London; The Hippodrome, Birmingham; The Lowry, Manchester; Edinburgh International Festival and the Belfast International Arts Festival.

Belfast has been chosen for the UK and Ireland premiere of **La Spire** from Chloé Moglia / Rhizome. A 45 minute aerial ballet by six women on spirals of fine steel wire, forming three loops of seven meters in diameter and over eighteen meters in length. Conceived as a drawing traced in space, La Spire contrasts the urban environment in which it sits with a sense of surrounding emptiness. The six performers perform astonishing acrobatics, high up in the air, above a mesmerized audience. A memorable acrobatic performance for all the family.

Subject to location and schedule, the artists behind La Spire, are also willing to give free and complimentary workshops to the public around acrobatics, suspension and movement as part of the Festival's accompanying and customary outreach and education programme.

Schedule and Locations

Performances are proposed for Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October 2019 in Botanic Gardens. Given that the artists are performing off the ground and at height, health and safety will be of paramount importance and will largely dictate the location of the work, which the artists will have final say on. An initial assessment suggests that the most

suitable surface and location is Botanic Gardens, which last saw a project of this nature by Festival with BCC support 5 years ago in 2014.

Performances would take place either in the afternoon or subject to external lighting, at twilight and be free of charge to all audiences.

3.4

IV. 1 Day Music Festival in Lower Botanic Gardens

Tomorrowland is a globally recognised and respected brand, known for putting on unique, high quality events. As part of their 15 year anniversary celebrations, Tomorrowland have expressed particular interest in hosting one of their satellite 'UNITE' parties, which bring together countries from all over the world for one Saturday evening at the end of July.

The event will host international DJ's and performers, and the event is also 'live streamed' in both directions, from Belfast, out to the main show in Belgium, along with multiple other countries worldwide, and the show's from Belgium and the other countries also are 'streamed in' for the audience in Belfast. All global shows are fully synchronised with one another. An event like this in terms of this scale and nature has not been done on the island before.

Tomorrowland propose to start the event in the afternoon of 27 July until 11pm or possibly midnight, to tie in with the live stream from the show in Belgium. The venue they have requested to use for the event is Botanic Gardens – lower section nearby the Queens PEC. The space is very much in fitting with the core Tomorrowland brand values in relation to being 'in nature'. The event would be held on Saturday 27th July and they would require two weeks prior and after for build and take down. The event will have a licensed bar, food stalls, drinks and pyrotechnics.

They anticipate an audience of 12,000- 15,000.

3.5

V. Request The Use of Victoria Park

The organisers are a not-for-profit group who by organising this event will showcase Belfast to an international audience and provide a platform for emerging local talent. This will be the 10th anniversary of the Energia 24 Hour International Race, and the fifth year in a row that it will be staged in Victoria Park. Given this is an established annual event with a successful track record, Committee are asked to agree the request for 2019 and all subsequent annual 'Energia 24 Hour International Race' events at this location. Any

request will be subject to the completion of the necessary documentation and their meeting compliance requirements as detailed in paragraph 2.1 above.

The event includes use of the park and free use of the Bowling Pavilion for administration and access to toilets.

Each entrant will be required to pay a registration fee of £80 and the proceeds will be used to cover the cost of managing and facilitating the race. Entrants can raise sponsorship for their nominated charity.

The organisers intend to bring food vendors and marquees to the event and they estimate that 400 people will be in attendance. The Organisers will provide additional toilets, first aid cover and stewards for the event. Set up will commence at 8am on Friday 21 June, with the main event taking place on Saturday 22 June, 12 noon to Sunday 23 June, 12 noon. The event will be dismantled and the site will be cleared on Monday 24 June.

The event will result in the partial closure of Victoria Park.

Due to the scale of the event there will be some minor disruption to existing activities. The event organisers would require Belfast City Council to assist with the following:-

- Close the car park for the setup of Race HQ, marquees etc. in advance of and during the event;
- Request that the bowlers arrange no 'home matches' that weekend;
- Close the tunnel to the park to prevent access for vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians onto the race circuit and impede the event;
- Provide alternative 'through' access across the Park to Sam Thompson Bridge (if required)
- The parkrun have been informed of the event and the parkrun will go ahead at 9.30am with the race starting at 1pm on the Saturday afternoon;
- Ensure no other event bookings take place in the park during that weekend.

Financial & Resource Implications

There are significant benefits for the City of Belfast in terms of income generated from events such as these in terms of income from shops, hotels, restaurants, coffee shops, taxi companies, tourist venues, public transport, air, bus and rail companies.

I. Request for The Use of Lower Botanic Gardens for “Circus Extreme” event

An appropriate fee will be negotiated for use of Lower Botanic Gardens taking into account costs to the Council, minimising negative impact on the immediate area but also the potential wider benefit to the city economy.

II. Request use of Botanic Gardens for the Belfast Mela

Funding for this event has been budgeted in 2019/20 estimates at £20k.

III. Belfast International Arts Festival in Botanic Gardens

Funding for the programme has been budgeted for in the 2019/20 estimates at £20k. 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.

IV. 1 Day Music Festival in Lower Botanic Gardens

An appropriate fee will be negotiated for use of Lower Botanic Gardens taking into account costs to the Council, minimising negative impact on the immediate area but also the potential wider benefit to the city economy.

V. Request The Use of Victoria Park

There is no financial or resource implications.

3.7	<p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>Council officers will liaise with organisers in relation to the potential environmental impact of these events, and ensure that the legal agreements appropriately reflect the level of risk to Council.</p>
3.8	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>It is anticipated that these events will deliver a positive impact for equality and good relations.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>