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City Council**

2nd October, 2019

## **MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Tuesday, 8th October, 2019 at 5.15 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

Variation of Minute

That the minutes of the meeting of 10th September are taken as read and signed as correct, subject to the variation to the minute under the heading 'Request for the hire of Botanic Gardens for a series of music events' to note that it was:

Moved by Councillor D. Baker  
Seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and

Resolved – "That the Committee agrees to grant authority to Aiken Promotions' for the use of the great lawn at Botanic Gardens for a series of music events with attendances under 5,000 persons in the year 2020, to include set up and take down, and that a report would be submitted for the Committee's consideration in relation to any promoter who was seeking to use the Council's Parks for similar events in future years."

- (c) Declarations of Interest

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

- (a) Alley-Gating Programme (Pages 1 - 2)
- (b) Anti-Social Behaviour - Holylands Area (*Report to follow*)

3. **Committee/Strategic Issues**

- (a) Waste Collection Update (*Report to follow*)
- (b) Local Air Quality Management Update for Belfast (Pages 3 - 10)

4. **Operational Issues**

- (a) Street Naming (Pages 11 - 12)
- (b) Update on Grass Cutting at sites not owned by Belfast City Council (Pages 13 - 16)
- (c) Feasibility of Funding for Cloth Nappy Scheme (Pages 17 - 20)
- (d) Request for the Use of Lower Botanic Gardens - City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter (Pages 21 - 24)
- (e) Combined Report - Request for the Use of Parks (Pages 25 - 28)
- (f) Request to Plant Trees as part of Queen's Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project (Pages 29 - 32)
- (g) DAERA Consultation on Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in NI (Pages 33 - 38)
- (h) Association of Port Health Authorities (APHA) Membership (Pages 39 - 42)
- (i) Solace/Waste Forum Update (Pages 43 - 48)

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

- (a) Use and Condition of Council Pavilions - Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor McReynolds, to raise
- (b) Porta-Cabin at Wedderburn Park - Councillor Graham to raise (Pages 49 - 50)
- (c) Update on the Pilot Extending Opening Hours in Council Parks - Councillor M. Kelly to raise



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<b>Subject:</b>	Motion – Alley-Gating Programme
<b>Date:</b>	8th October, 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Louise McLornan, Democratic Services Officer
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Louise McLornan, Democratic Services Officer

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To bring to the Committee’s attention a Motion regarding the Alley-Gating Programme, which will be presented to the Council at its meeting on 1st October.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider the Motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b> The following motion regarding the Alley-Gating Programme, which will be proposed by Councillor Brooks, and seconded by Councillor M. Kelly, will be presented to the Council at its meeting on 1st October:

3.2	<p>“This Council will undertake a review of the effectiveness of its alley-gating programme to date, and look to build delivery partnerships with other agencies, should internal funding not be available to gate those areas still on waiting list”.</p> <p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.</p>
3.3	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>None</p>



<b>Subject:</b>	Local Air Quality Management Update for Belfast.
<b>Date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Siobhan Toland, Director of City Services Alastair Curran, Scientific Unit Manager

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	<p>At the People and Communities Committee meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019, a Member advanced a Notice of Motion concerning ambient air quality for the city. Actions arising from the Notice of Motion included that the council would agree to engage formally with the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) on areas of concern and to produce reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing monitoring and reporting of air pollution, including recommended limits in line with the more stringent World Health Organisation Standards; and</li> <li>• Introducing a Clean Air Zone in Belfast, in line with UK Government Guidance.</li> </ul>

1.2	This report serves to provide an interim response to the Committee in respect of enhancing the council's current monitoring and reporting of air pollution and regarding the introduction of a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) for Belfast. This interim report has been provided as an update on monitoring and CAZs and in advance of any direct engagement with DAERA or DfI.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider the contents of the report and to agree that recommendations regarding the adoption of WHO air quality standards and Clean Air Zone / Low Emission Zone legislation should be formally provided to DAERA and DfI as part of the council's consultation response to the forthcoming DAERA Air Quality Strategy for Northern Ireland.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues.</u></p> <p>Current national statutory obligations in respect of ambient air quality management are broadly established through the requirements of Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> Daughter Directive. The 2008 Directive includes detailed requirements for ambient air quality monitoring, monitoring locations and reference monitoring methodologies for sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, oxides of nitrogen, carbon monoxide, benzene, particulate matter (both PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> fractions), lead and ozone. Limit values for these pollutants have been established with regard to World Health Organisation standards, guidelines and programmes.</p>
3.2	<p>The numerous European ambient air quality management requirements have been transcribed into Northern Ireland legislation via Part III of the Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, the Air Quality Standards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 and supporting statutory policy and guidance. Part III of the Environment (NI) Order 2002 places a duty upon councils to periodically review and assess ambient air quality within their districts in order to determine the likelihood of achieving national air quality objectives by relevant compliance dates. These national objectives are broadly analogous to the various EC limit values detailed within the 2008 Directive. The council conducted its first review and assessment of ambient air quality for the city in 2003 and as a consequence, declared four Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) in 2004 for exceedences of nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter objectives. These AQMAs were all declared around arterial road transport routes into and out of the city and source apportionment subsequently revealed that the exceedences were principally connected with road transport emissions. Since this first review and assessment, the council has developed a series of Air Quality</p>



Action Plans with partner organisations including DfI, Translink, the Freight Transport Association, the Road Haulage Association and Sustrans. Members will be aware that DfI has responsibility for public transport, roads, road improvement schemes and active travel, etc. The council has also completed a series of further review and assessments, updating and screening assessments and progress reports in order to monitor progress towards achieving the air quality objectives. Particulate matter concentrations have declined over recent years to the extent that only pollutant of present concern is nitrogen dioxide.

3.3 In order to accurately measure compliance with the objectives for nitrogen dioxide, the council has installed a series of real time analysers across the city within our AQMAs and within the city centre at Lombard Street. These real time monitoring sites have been located so as to comply with the requirements of European legislation and the government's local air quality management technical guidance (LAQM.TG(16)). The Lombard Street monitoring site is classified as an urban background site and is therefore not influenced significantly by any single source or road, but rather by the integrated contribution from all sources upwind of the site. This site therefore provides an indication of the underlying levels of air pollution to which residents and workers within the city centre are likely to be exposed. The other monitoring sites for nitrogen dioxide are located within our AQMAs at the Ormeau Road, Upper Newtownards Road, Stockmans Lane and Roden Street. These sites are classified as roadside and are therefore representative of 'worst case' nitrogen dioxide concentrations. It should be noted however, that nitrogen dioxide concentrations are known to drop off rapidly with distance from the kerbside.

3.4 These automatic monitors are augmented by a series of around 60 nitrogen dioxide diffusion tubes located at relevant receptor locations across the city. Diffusion tubes are passive samplers consisting of small plastic tubes containing a chemical reagent to absorb the nitrogen dioxide directly from the air. Due to their size, diffusion tubes can be located on the façades of homes and can therefore provide an assessment of nitrogen dioxide concentrations where people live. Automatic analysers have to be located within a special air conditioned enclosure and can therefore only be installed in limited locations. Moreover, diffusion tubes typically cost around £10 per tube whereas a nitrogen dioxide automatic analyser and enclosure may cost upwards of £20,000 to install. Current locations of our diffusion tubes and automatic analysers are summarised in the council's 2019 Progress [Report](#) that has recently been technically appraised and accepted by DAERA. As advised previously, all of our diffusion tubes and automatic analysers have been located so as to

	take account of the government's Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance (LAQM.TG(16)).
3.5	LAQM.TG(16) highlights that most local authorities have progressively adapted their monitoring strategy in accordance with air quality issues specific to their administrative area. Defra has also advised that over the years, many local authorities have relocated kerbside monitoring sites to roadside or other sites relevant to public exposure. Monitoring networks have also been progressively extended to identify all potential hot spots, whilst a number of sites have been moved elsewhere or closed in areas where data showed continued compliance. Defra has therefore concluded that the existing monitoring network for most local authorities has been appropriately adapted to respond to all LAQM requirements.
3.6	Members are advised that this adaption approach has been applied to the council's ambient air quality monitoring. It is considered therefore that the current locations of the automatic analysers are appropriate to assess nitrogen dioxide concentrations within the AQMAs. Additional nitrogen dioxide monitoring data is provided through the use of diffusion tubes both within and outside of the AQMAs. The locations of existing diffusion tubes and the need for additional monitoring are periodically reviewed in light of monitoring data, emerging monitoring trends and any significant changes in road transport conditions across the city.
3.7	Members are also advised that the cost of the council's air quality monitoring is presently partly funded via the DAERA local air quality management grant. Monitoring not complying with the government's technical requirements would be unlikely to be funded by DAERA and the purchase, installation, ongoing operation and maintenance costs of additional monitoring equipment would likely have to be fully borne by the council.
3.8	The Notice of Motion also makes mention of the application of more stringent WHO limits. It should be noted that the WHO published air quality guidelines for particulate matter, ozone, nitrogen dioxide and sulphur dioxide via a 2005 global update. The WHO has stated that the 2005 update represents the most current assessment of air pollution health effects, based on an expert evaluation of the scientific evidence. For nitrogen dioxide, the WHO has proposed a 200 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ 1-hour mean and a 40 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ annual mean; equivalent in concentration to European and national air quality standards. WHO has also recommended a 24-hour mean of 20 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ and a 10-minute mean of 500 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ for sulphur dioxide

	<p>whereas the UK and EC have applied a 15 minute mean of 266 <math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}</math>, a 1-hour mean of 350 <math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}</math> and a 24-hour mean of 125 <math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}</math> for sulphur dioxide. There have been no exceedances of any sulphur dioxide standards in Belfast since before 2000.</p>
3.9	<p>The WHO has also advanced an annual mean of 20 <math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}</math> and a 24-hour mean of 50 <math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}</math>, assessed as the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile for PM<sub>10</sub> whereas the EC and UK have adopted a 40 <math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}</math> annual mean and a 24-hour mean of 50 <math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}</math> assessed as the 90.4<sup>th</sup> percentile. Annual mean PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations measured at the Belfast Centre and Stockmans Lane sites during 2018 were 16 <math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}</math> and 15 <math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}</math> respectively. For PM<sub>2.5</sub>, the WHO has recommended an annual mean of 10 <math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}</math> and a 24-hour mean of 25 <math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}</math>, assessed as the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile. For PM<sub>2.5</sub>, the UK has adopted an annual target of 25 <math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}</math> to be achieved by 2020, although this target has not been included by DEARA within council air quality management obligations. However, it is understood that the forthcoming UK Environment Bill 2019 will enshrine World Health Organisation (WHO) limits for particulate matter in UK law It should however, be noted that Belfast City Council monitors PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations at the Belfast Centre Lombard Street site. In 2018, the PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual mean was 10 <math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}</math> and the maximum daily mean was 39 <math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}</math>. PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations at Stockmans Lane are likely to be similar.</p>
3.10	<p>In the UK, it has been agreed that responsibility for meeting air quality limit values has been devolved to the national administrations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Accordingly, it is understood that DAERA will shortly consult upon a Northern Ireland specific Air Quality Strategy. As part of that consultation process, the council will have the opportunity to provide a detailed consultation response, including recommendations for enhanced air quality standards and monitoring, in fulfilment of the requirements of the Notice of Motion.</p>
3.11	<p>In May 2017, government published the Clean Air Zone Framework for England. Whilst this framework applies only in England, similar Low Emission Zone legislation has been introduced in Scotland. Clean Air Zones (CAZs) are designed to deliver immediate action to improve air quality and health with support for cities to grow whilst delivering sustained reductions in pollution and a transition towards a low emission economy. Where the most persistent pollution problems exist, CAZs enable control to be introduced to encourage only the cleanest vehicles to operate within the CAZ. There are two types of CAZ; (i) non-charging – a defined geographic area used as a focus for improving air quality where actions include the use of non-charged based access restrictions such as setting minimum</p>

	<p>emission standards, better land use planning, better traffic management, better fleet procurement, working with businesses to recognise and incentivise action and accelerating the transition towards a low carbon economy and accelerating the uptake of Ultra-Low Emission Vehicles; and (ii) charging – zones where, in addition to the above measures, vehicle owners are required to pay a charge to enter, or move within, a zone if they are driving a vehicle that does not meet the particular standard for their vehicle type within that zone.</p>
3.12	<p>Within Belfast, the current principal area of concern for nitrogen dioxide remains the M1 Motorway and A12 Westlink corridor to include areas around the Stockmans Lane roundabout and York Street. Members will be aware that this route forms part of the Regional Strategic Transport Network, connecting the M1 Motorway to the M2 and M3 motorways and that DfI has published plans to significantly re-engineer the York Street Interchange to ease congestion.</p>
3.13	<p>Where CAZs or LEZs have been introduced in other cities, they have typically either excluded or charged vehicles to enter, based upon the cleanliness of their tailpipe emissions. It is considered that before a CAZ or LEZ could be justified for the M1 Motorway and A12 Westlink corridor, a detailed analysis of the composition of vehicles using the strategic network corridor would have to be undertaken in order to determine whether elevated nitrogen dioxide pollution levels are due to a particular type or Euro class of vehicle or simply due to overall vehicle numbers using this part of the Regional Strategic Transport Network. Moreover, the impact of any vehicle controls to be applied to the M1 Motorway / A12 Westlink corridor would have to be carefully considered in terms of the continuing functionality of the strategic network and in order to ensure that such controls did not simply encourage vehicles to divert through adjacent residential neighbourhoods or through other areas of the city. As highlighted earlier within this report, it is understood that DAERA will shortly consult upon a Northern Ireland specific Air Quality Strategy. It is considered that this consultation exercise will provide an opportunity for the Council to make recommendations to DAERA concerning the need for Clean Air Zone / Low Emission Zone provisions for Belfast and Northern Ireland.</p>
3.14	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There would be procurement, operational and maintenance costs, as well as staff cost, if the council were to increase its ambient air quality monitoring across the city. As no such</p>

3.15	<p>financial provisions exist within current budgets, monies to cover these additional costs would likely have to be generated from ongoing efficiencies within existing budgets.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessments</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None.

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Subject:	Proposal for naming new streets
Date:	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Reporting Officer:	Ian Harper, Building Control Manager
Contact Officer:	Roisin Adams, Business Coordinator

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider applications for the naming of new streets in the City.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>Based on the information presented, the Committee is required to make a recommendation in respect of applications for naming new streets in the City. The Committee may either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant the applications, or</li> <li>• Refuse the applications and request that the applicants submit other names for consideration.</li> </ul>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>									
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The power for the Council to name streets is contained in Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995.</p>									
3.2	<p>Members are asked to consider the following applications for naming new streets in the City. The application particulars are in order and the Royal Mail has no objections to the proposed names. The proposed new names are not contained in the Council's Streets Register and do not duplicate existing approved street names in the City.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="333 629 1399 855"> <thead> <tr> <th>Proposed Name</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Applicant</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Northview Lane</td> <td>Off Northview, BT15</td> <td>Mayfair Homes NI</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Finaghy Park Gardens</td> <td>Off Finaghy Park Central, BT10</td> <td>Alskea Ltd</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Proposed Name	Location	Applicant	Northview Lane	Off Northview, BT15	Mayfair Homes NI	Finaghy Park Gardens	Off Finaghy Park Central, BT10	Alskea Ltd
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3.3	<p>Mayfair Homes, have proposed Northview Lane, as their first choice and Northview Park as the third choice as the new street is accessed directly off Northview. The developer has proposed McArts Lane for the second choice as the new street will have a view of McArts Fort, which is the remains of a hilltop fort.</p>									
3.4	<p>Alskea have proposed Finaghy Park Gardens and Finaghy Park Lane as their first and second choice as the new street is located off Finaghy Park Central. The suffix "Park Gardens" relates to the parkland and trees associated with the site. Whitefield Park Gardens has been proposed as the third choice as the contractor has carried out research into the area and he has advised that 'Finaghy' is derived from old Irish and translates to 'White Field'</p>									
3.5	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no Financial, Human Resources, Assets and other implications in this report.</p>									
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no direct Equality implications.</p>									
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>									
	None									





<b>Subject:</b>	Update on grass cutting at sites not owned by Belfast City Council
<b>Date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Stephen Leonard, Neighbourhood Services Manager, CNS Department

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The committee will recall an update paper presented at the meeting on 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019.
1.2	After discussion, the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted the continued actions which were being undertaken as part of the ongoing review of grass cutting arrangements at sites not owned by the Council;</li> </ul>

1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed that a further report in relation to the review of grass cutting arrangements would be submitted to a future meeting, and</li> <li>• Agreed to the inclusion of a site at McKinstry Road within the grass cutting arrangements that the Council currently operated with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport NI.</li> </ul> <p>This report provides an update for Members and outlines recent work undertaken by officers regarding the potential for sponsorship of roundabouts and verges, in partnership with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport NI.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• note the update information regarding grass cutting at sites not owned by Belfast City Council, and</li> <li>• if Members are content with the initial proposals regarding sponsorship, to endorse officers taking this work forward, with view to a report being brought to the Committee with full details.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Members will recall from the June 2019 report that since 2016/2017, the Council has supplemented grass cutting arrangements for the Department for Infrastructure and Transport NI, by providing five cuts per annum at the following sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Ferguson roundabout;</li> <li>• Kingsway Embankment, Dunmurry;</li> <li>• Knock dual Carriageway, and</li> <li>• Cregagh Road with Knock dual carriageway.</li> </ul>
3.2	<p>Members will further be aware that the maintenance of these sites requires financial resources via the departmental budgets.</p>

3.3	In order to identify opportunities for the Council to help defray these costs, officers have undertaken preliminary research into opportunities to generate income via a sponsorship scheme.
3.4	As well as an opportunity to generate additional external funds to supplement existing maintenance budgets, sponsorship schemes can improve the appearance of roundabouts, improve the image of Belfast as a vibrant location for businesses and community groups, and promote the range of businesses already located locally.
3.5	Such schemes are widely used by other Councils, and a number of models for identifying suitable sites, including roundabouts and verges, and initiating such sponsorship schemes, including procurement options, are available. Officers have also met colleagues in the DfI Roads Service, whose Eastern Division work in partnership with Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council to implement a sponsorship scheme in their council area.
3.6	It is intended that with further benchmarking, and discussion with DfI Roads Service, a suitable scheme will be identified that could be applied in Belfast. Such a sponsorship scheme will need to be considered in the context of the wider, ongoing corporate initiative to develop a commercial framework and strategy, and officers will ensure that as the potential scheme develops, it will be reviewed by the Council's Commercial Working Group and Commercial Panel. Furthermore, officers will continue to engage with DfI in order to maximise the allocation of its resources with the Belfast City Council area.
3.7	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The development of a sponsorship scheme for roundabouts and verges provides an opportunity to generate additional external funds to supplement existing maintenance budgets.</p>
3.8	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications associated with this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	None

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<b>Subject:</b>	Feasibility of funding for Cloth Nappy Scheme
<b>Date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services Siobhan Toland, Director of City Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Alison Allen, Neighbourhood Services Manager

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	At Committee on 6 August 2019, Committee agreed that officers would submit a report to a future meeting which would consider the feasibility of the Council providing one additional cloth nappy kit for use by Belfast City Council ratepayers.
1.2	This report outlines the options available to council to facilitate this request in order to address the current eight week waiting list to access the service within Belfast.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve the establishment of a supplementary agreement with the existing service provider, which will allow the Council to supply an additional cloth nappy kit to the company to be used solely for the benefit of Belfast residents.</li> </ul>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<p data-bbox="272 226 421 255"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 293 1445 421">3.1 The Council has been funding a cloth nappy scheme for four years allowing parents the opportunity to trial the use of cloth nappies and then provide a refund scheme should they wish to continue once the trial has finished.</p> <p data-bbox="165 495 975 524">3.2 The scheme is a two stage process as outlined below</p> <ul data-bbox="325 598 1465 1032" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="325 598 1465 725">• Stage 1- parents contact the council expressing a desire to trial cloth nappies. The Councils' service provider will provide a free trial pack to the family (valued at £32). The Council pays this money directly to the service provider.</li> <li data-bbox="325 799 1465 1032">• Stage 2 – After trialling the nappies, should the family wish to continue with the their use, they can receive a £30 refund insofar as they can prove they have spent over £50 on purchasing cloth nappies, normally by supplying an invoice to the council for verification. It is possible for families to avail of the £30 refund without having to have gone through stage 1.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="165 1106 1445 1234">3.3 The scheme has proved very popular which has resulted in Belfast families having to wait between eight to ten weeks to access the trial outlined in stage 1 and the offer is limited to one child per household.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1285 1430 1518">3.4 Members requested that Officers would explore ways to reduce the waiting times by purchasing an additional trial pack and this has been discussed with the service provider and Council Legal Services. Following the free trial, each kit is returned and reissued to another family, having an additional kit in circulation would therefore alleviate the waiting times.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1570 1453 1756">3.5 It is therefore recommended that a supplementary agreement is put in place with the service provider would include a clause stating that if the council provides direct support in the form of additional Nappy Trial Kit (estimated value £400 per kit) that this should be used exclusively for the benefit of Belfast families.</p>

3.6	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The provision of a trial nappy kit would cost approximately £400. This would be additional to the year running cost of £3,000 for the maintenance of the Cloth Nappy Scheme.</p>
3.7	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations or rural need implication in the provision of the service.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>None</p>

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Subject:	Request for the use of Lower Botanic Gardens by the City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter
Date:	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhoods Department
Contact Officer:	Ryan Black, Director of City and Neighbourhoods Department. Stephen Leonard, Neighbourhood Services Manager, South Belfast

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	City Council Officers have received a request for the City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter to have a family fun day event and a short religious service in lower Botanic Gardens, adjacent to Stranmillis embankment on 28 August 2021 between 12 noon - 6.00pm, following a parade from City Hall to Botanic Gardens.
1.2	Members are reminded that on 4 June 2019, a Committee report was provided, outlining a request from City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter to facilitate the passing through Botanic

<p>1.3</p> <p>1.4</p>	<p>Gardens of this parade on 28 August 2021 from City Hall. This parade is to mark the centenary of the formation of Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The parade will pass a number of buildings with a significant relevance to the Centenary, including City Hall, Ulster Hall and Union Theological College, Botanic Avenue, which was the building used for the newly formed Northern Ireland Parliament between 1921 -1932 while Stormont was being built.</p> <p>This Committee, on 4 June 2019, provided approval for this parade to pass through Botanic Gardens on 28 August 2021 and the decision was ratified by Council at its meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.</p>
<p><b>2.0</b></p>	<p><b><u>Recommendation</u></b></p>
<p>2.1</p>	<p>Committee is requested to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide approval for the City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter to hold an event in Lower Botanic Gardens on 28 August 2021, subject to and on condition that the requestor;</li> <li>• resolves all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction and ;</li> <li>• An appropriate legal agreement is completed, to be prepared by the City Solicitor</li> <li>• The promoter meets all the statutory requirements of the Planning and Building Control Service including the terms and conditions of the Park's Entertainment Licence</li> </ul>
<p><b>3.0</b></p>	<p><b>Main report</b></p>
<p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p>	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Since the 4 June 2019, Officers have received a request for the City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter to include a family fun day event in Lower Botanic Gardens, adjacent to Stranmillis Embankment on 28 August 2021 between 12 noon - 7.00pm, following a parade from City Hall to Botanic Gardens. The parade has already received Committee and Council approval. See appendix A ( People and Communities Committee 4 June 2019, agenda 7i)</p> <p>The event will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Markets stalls</li> <li>• Food vendors</li> <li>• Inflatables</li> <li>• Religious service</li> <li>• Stewarding</li> <li>• Fun rides</li> </ul>

<p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live music.</li> </ul> <p>There will be no sale of alcohol at this event.</p> <p>The organisers are anticipating a figure of 5000 participants during the event. It will be a requirement of the License agreement that the organisers liaise with Queens University PE centre and local communities to minimise any impact the event may incur in the surrounding area.</p> <p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There may be a requirement to have additional staff on site to facilitate this event and if so then costs will be charged to the event organiser. The requester will also be required to provide a £15,000.00 reinstatement bond.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessments</u></p> <p>No equality or Good Relations implications have been identified, however, this is being monitored on an ongoing basis</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p><b>Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>None.</p>

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<b>Subject:</b>	Requests for The Use of Falls Park, Victoria Park & CS Lewis Square
<b>Date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Ryan Black, Director of Neighbourhood Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Alison Allen, Neighbourhood Services Manager

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Members to host events in our parks, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for Both Lives Matter to hold a 'Both Lives Matter Demonstration' at Falls Park on Sunday 13 October 2019.</li> <li>Request for MACS NI to hold a Sleep Out event at Victoria Park on Thursday 14 November 2019.</li> <li>Request for Street Soccer NI to hold a Sleep Out event at CS Lewis Square on Friday 24 January 2019.</li> </ul>

	Both Sleep Out events will take place outside normal park opening hours and will require the closure of part of the facility.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant authority for these events to take place at these locations by these organisations;</li> <li>• Grant authority for any subsequent, annual charity Sleep Out events at these locations by these organisations; and</li> <li>• Authorise the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services to approve the 'Both Lives Matter Demonstration' under the Council scheme of delegation, due to the late application with the event taking place before the Committee decision can be ratified at the November meeting of Council;</li> <li>• For each event. grant authority to the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services subject to satisfactory terms being agreed and on condition that the Event Organiser: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• completes the appropriate Event Management Plans;</li> <li>• resolves all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction;</li> <li>• meets all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety, and licensing responsibilities; and</li> <li>• shall consult with adjoining public bodies and local communities, as necessary.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Request for Both Lives Matter to hold a 'Both Lives Matter Demonstration' at Falls Park.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A request has been received week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 from Both Lives Matter to hold a 'Both Lives Matter Demonstration' at Falls Park on Sunday 13 October 2019 from 3 - 6pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Both Lives Matter has four primary aims: to reframe the abortion debate in Northern Ireland and beyond; to advocate for better care in pregnancy crisis; to create a life-affirming culture that values each woman and her unborn child; and to safeguard the current law which protects both women and unborn children.
- The purpose of the event is to have a cross-community, inter-generational, peaceful protest march against the proposed imposition of liberalised abortion laws on Northern Ireland. There will be no charge to participants.

- **Request for MACS NI to hold a Sleep Out event at Victoria Park in the Connswater Community Greenway Marquee.**

- A request has been received from MACS NI, an organisation that provides a range of support services for children and young people in Northern Ireland who haven't had a fair deal in relation to housing, homelessness, mental health and participation, to hold a Sleep Out event at Victoria Park on Thursday 14 November 2019 in the Connswater Community Greenway marquee. Set up of the event will take place at 2pm and it will be dismantled by 10am on Friday 15 November 2019.
- MACS NI is part of a national campaign with other charities across the UK to end homelessness. This Sleep Out event will raise awareness and funds for vulnerable young people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
- The event will not have an admission charge, registration will be done on site and online. The charity will be collecting donations during the event.
- The event will include food vendors, live music and street entertainment. The event organiser will provide marquees/gazebos, stewards, toilets and will arrange pitch hire and electricity for their event.

- **Request for Street Soccer NI to hold a Sleep Out event at CS Lewis Square.**

- A request has been received from Street Soccer NI to hold a Sleep Out event at CS Lewis Square on Friday 24 January 2020. Set up of the event will take place at 5pm and it will be dismantled by 12 noon on Saturday 25 January 2020.
- Street Soccer NI tackles homelessness through providing employment and housing support, built around football activities and working with some of our societies' most excluded and vulnerable people. This event will raise awareness of homelessness by getting participants to experience sleeping out, whilst raising sponsorship for the charity.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The event will have an admission charge of £20 and registration will be completed online. The charity will be collecting donations during the event.</li> <li>○ The event will include football matches and the event organiser will provide marquees/ gazebos and toilets. Caterers will provide breakfast in the morning, for participants.</li> </ul>
3.2	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no financial or resource implications.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>Council Officers will liaise with the organisers in relation to the potential environmental impact of these events.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment will be considered by Officers for each of the events in line with the Council processes.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None





<b>Subject:</b>	Request to plant trees as part of the Queen’s Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project – future policy for such requests
<b>Date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services Department
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Ryan Black, Director of City and Neighbourhood Services

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	At the People and Communities Committee meeting on 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2019, the Committee was informed of a request received by Officers from Emma Little Pengelly MP to plant 5 small trees on Council land as part of the Queens Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project in March 2019 was discussed. The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the matter to enable a report to be submitted to a future meeting which would detail any policy for such requests.
1.2	At its meeting on 4th June 2019, the People and Communities Committee agreed the proposed policy position for future tree planting requests within Parks and Open Spaces,

1.3	<p>which marked significant occasions and events, and to defer consideration of a request submitted by Emma Little Pengelly MP, to plant five small trees to mark Her Majesty the Queens' Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project, for discussion at the Party Group Leaders meeting.</p> <p>At the meeting of the Party Group Leaders on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019, it was agreed that the request submitted by Emma Little Pengelly MP be resubmitted to the People and Communities meeting for consideration.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• accede to the request submitted by Emma Little Pengelly MP, to plant five small trees to mark Her Majesty the Queens Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Officers received a request from Emma Little Pengelly MP to plant five small trees on Council land as part of Her Majesty the Queens Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project back in March 2019. The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the matter to enable a report to be submitted to a future meeting which would detail any policy for such requests.</p>
3.2	<p>At its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019, the Committee approved the proposed policy and deferred its decision to accede to Emma Little Pengelly's request for discussion at a future meeting of the Party Group Leaders' Forum. The request was discussed by the Forum at its meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 where it was decided that it would be further presented to the People and Communities Committee for consideration.</p>
3.3	<p>Officers within City and Neighbourhood Services will access each tree planting request received by individuals or external organisations and ensure any tree planting request fits into existing tree management plans within Council properties and make recommendations to Committee.</p>
3.4	<p>Permission for tree planting requests may be granted by the People and Communities Committee based on a request by request basis with the assistance of any supporting Arboricultural information put forward by Council Officers.</p>

3.5	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u> There are no Financial or Human Resource implications other than officer time.
3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments</u> There are no known equality or good relation issues associated with this report.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None.

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Subject:	DEARA Consultation on Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Northern Ireland
Date:	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Orla Maguire, Biodiversity Officer

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to make Members aware of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) consultation in relation to the Management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Northern Ireland and to seek Members' approval of the Council's draft response. The consultation response closes on 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	Members are asked to;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>consider the draft response as set out in Appendix 1 and approve its submission to DAERA, subject to any comments or amendment provided, with the proviso that the response is subject to full Council approval at its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>On the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019, DAERA launched a six week consultation in relation to the <b><i>Management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Northern Ireland</i></b>". The purpose of this consultation is to obtain views on the management measures being considered by DAERA for species of Union concern which are widely spread in Northern Ireland. The consultation document is available at <a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations</a>.</p>
3.2	<p>Regulation (EU) No. 1143/2014 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species came into force on 1 January 2015. It imposes strict restrictions on a list of species known as 'species of Union concern'. These are species whose potential adverse impacts across the European Union are such that concerted action across Europe is required. The restrictions mean that (subject to certain defences, or exemptions through permits or licences) species of Union concern cannot be imported into the EU, kept, bred, transported, placed on the market, used or exchanged, allowed to reproduce, grown or cultivated, or released into the environment. There are currently 66 species on the Union list: 30 animals and 36 plants.</p>
3.3	<p>Ten species of Union concern that have been identified as being widely spread in Northern Ireland. For these widely spread species, the Regulation requires effective management measures to be put in place, so that their impact on biodiversity, the related ecosystem services and, where applicable, human health or the economy are minimised. Management measures consist of lethal or non-lethal physical, chemical or biological actions aimed at the eradication, population control or containment of a population of widely spread species.</p>
3.4	<p>The 10 species identified are</p> <p><u>Plants</u></p> <p>Nuttall's waterweed (<i>Elodea nuttallii</i>),  Chilean rhubarb (<i>Gunnera tinctoria</i>),  Giant hogweed (<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>),  Himalayan balsam (<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>),</p>

	<p>Curly waterweed (<i>Lagarosiphon major</i>),  American skunk cabbage (<i>Lysichiton americanus</i>),  Parrot's feather (<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>).</p> <p><u>Animals</u></p> <p>Grey squirrel (<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>),  all subspecies of (<i>Trachemys scripta</i>) otherwise known as "slider terrapins" &amp;  New Zealand Flatworm (<i>Arturdendvus triangulates</i>)</p> <p>3.5 Belfast City Council in principle, supports the management measures focussed on reducing the impact that the 10 widely spread species of Union concern have on native biodiversity and ecosystem services as well as their wider socio-economic impacts.</p> <p>3.6 The Council welcomes a strategic approach but considers that it is not possible to provide specific comments as the document outlines a range of options/approaches such as control to eradication for the 10 species listed. Naturally management measures will depend on the local circumstances however BCC considers clarification is needed at the local level to identify impacts and costs for each of the listed species.</p> <p>3.7 A copy of the draft response is included as Appendix 1 but in summary the council suggests the following should be completed to assist with the implementation of this legislation and to maximise efforts to control IAS across NI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special criteria should be developed to determine the approach taken ie control or eradication at a local level. It is not possible to comment on specific species given that criteria has not been provided to assess the level or type of action/approach likely to be taken for each species. In addition is DAERA the Competent Authority which determines the approach?</li> <li>• The criteria should be unambiguous and evidence based to ensure consistent approaches across NI.</li> <li>• Monitoring of actions should also be undertaken to ascertain effectiveness and plan for future action.</li> <li>• The resource implication for Council and other land owners would need to be determined and subsequently resourced. Funding should be provided to key stakeholders to enable additional action on the control of IAS.</li> <li>• The provision of advice and guidance is essential. Currently there is a lack of guidance from the Department on control options. Costed Case studies and best</li> </ul>
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	<p>practice should be developed to enable effective action. This is particularly relevant for the widespread aquatic species listed.</p>
3.8	<p>BCC would welcome further engagement with DAERA to clarify and assess specific implications of this legislation for Belfast.</p>
3.9	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are none with this report. However, dependent on the approach/level of action deemed necessary by DAERA there may be limited or significant resource implications for the council.</p>
3.10	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are none with this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Draft Consultation Response on “Management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Northern Ireland”.</p>



## **Belfast City Council Response to Management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Northern Ireland**

### **Introduction**

Belfast City Council (BCC) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the management measures being considered by DAERA for species of Union concern which are widely spread in Northern Ireland pursuant to Article 19 of Regulation (EU) No. 1143/2014.

Protection of biodiversity is key to Council policies including the Belfast Local Biodiversity Plan and the Local Development Plan. Biodiversity provides numerous ecosystem services such as water purification, carbon storage and flood protection. Many of these services are under threat.

Invasive Alien Species are widely acknowledged as the second biggest threat to biodiversity loss worldwide. This threat is likely to increase in the future unless robust action is taken at all levels to control the introduction and establishment of these species and address those already introduced. The impacts of IAS are far reaching from disrupting ecosystem services to threatening economic interests. Consequently the Council would welcome additional legislation and action on the control of IAS, supported by the appropriate identification of additional resources.

### **Comments on Consultation Document**

Belfast City Council in principle, supports the management measures focussed on reducing the impact that the 10 widely spread species of Union concern have on native biodiversity and ecosystem services as well as their wider socio-economic impacts.

The Council welcomes a strategic approach but considers it is not possible to provide specific comments as the document outlines a range of options/approaches such as control or eradication for the 10 species listed. Naturally management measures will depend on the local circumstances however BCC considers clarification is needed at the local level to identify impacts and costs for each of the listed species.

The council suggests the following should be completed to assist with the implementation of this legislation and to maximise efforts to control IAS across NI.

- Criteria should be developed to determine the approach taken ie control or eradication at a local level. It is not possible to comment on specific species given that criteria has not been provided to assess the level or type of action/approach likely to be taken for each species. In addition is DAERA the Competent Authority which determines the approach?
- The criteria should be unambiguous and evidence based to ensure consistent approaches across NI.
- Monitoring of actions should also be undertaken to ascertain effectiveness and plan for future action.
- Funding should be provided to key stakeholders to enable additional action on the control of IAS.
- The provision of advice and guidance is essential. Currently there is a lack of guidance from the Department on control options. Costed case studies and best practice should be developed to enable effective action. This is particularly relevant for the widespread aquatic species listed.

BCC would welcome further engagement with DAERA to clarify and assess specific implications of this legislation for Belfast.

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Subject:	Association of Port Health Authorities
Date:	8 October 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Damian Connolly- City Protection Manager

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	Councillor Heading was nominated by the Council to the Board of the Association of Port Health Authorities (APHA). His term on the board is due to end at the AGM on the 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 and APHA are currently seeking nominations for the next two year term.
1.2	Members are asked to note the nomination of Cllr Heading to the Executive Board for a further 2 year term.

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>Members are asked to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>note the nomination of Cllr Heading to the Association of Board Health Authorities Executive Board for a further two year term of office and authorise the expenditure associated with his attendance at Board meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Association of Port Health Authorities (APHA) is a UK wide organisation representing the interests of Local Authorities and Port Health Authorities which have responsibilities for public, animal and environmental health controls at sea and airports.</p>
3.2	<p>Belfast City Council, is a corporate member of the Association and previously Councillor Jeffrey Dudgeon was nominated by the Council on to the APHA Executive Board.</p> <p>Following the Local Government elections in 2019 it was agreed, using the Saint Lague methodology, that Councillor Brian Heading would replace Cllr Dudgeon on the Board.</p>
3.3	<p>The APHA Executive Board is comprised of eight regional representatives; the term of office is for two years but, in order to ensure continuity, half of the posts are appointed each year at the AGM, which, this year, is on the 7th November.</p>
3.4	<p>Cllr Heading's term in office is due to end at the AGM on the 7<sup>th</sup> November and APHA are currently seeking nominations from Northern Ireland members.</p>
3.5	<p>It should be noted that, whilst appointments to the Board are sought every two years, the Council's policy on appointments to outside bodies is for the Council term. Therefore, in adhering to those principles, the Committee is asked to note Cllr Heading's reappointment to the Board for a new term.</p>
3.6	<p>Board meetings are normally held three times per annum at the offices of the Association in Walbrook Wharf, London and normally last approximately three hours.</p>
3.7	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The anticipated costs are travel and subsistence and these are provided for within existing budget allocation</p>

3.8	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents attached</b>
	None

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Subject:	SoLACE/Waste Forum Update
Date:	8 October 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Siobhan Toland, Director of City Services John McConnell, City Services Manager (Resources & Fleet)

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To provide an update to Members on the progress made by SoLACE in conjunction with a Waste Forum made up of TAG (NI) officers, supported by NILGA, in assessing councils needs in terms of collaborating on waste and related Services. This a work in progress, but it is important that Members are aware of this emergent collective approach being undertaken by the 11 councils.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to note; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the update and agree to the resource recommendations.</li> </ul>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>Prior to the RPA (Review of Public Administration) in 2015, the councils were organised into three voluntary Waste Management Groups;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. arc21 (11 x councils)</li> <li>2. NWRWVG (North West Region Waste Management Group) (7 x councils)</li> <li>3. SWaMP2008 (Southern Waste Management Partnership) (8 x councils)</li> </ol>
3.2	<p>Each group operated through a Joint Committee, albeit on a slightly different basis whereby arc21 and SWaMP2008 were incorporated corporate bodies, whilst the NWRWVG was unincorporated. SWaMP2008 was dissolved in 2015. Arc21 can award contracts as a separate entity and hold assets, while SWaMP2008 did not enter into direct contract award. Similarly, the NWRWVG facilitated joint procurement across its councils (with Derry City Council as lead council), third-party contract awards were made through the individual councils.</p>
3.3	<p>The principle objective of the three Groups was to work collectively for their partner councils and others to develop three Waste Management Plans and deliver the various recycling and landfill diversion targets set out in European and domestic legislation.</p>
3.4	<p>Since RPA the picture has fragmented. Currently, there are two Waste Management Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ arc21 representing Belfast City, Ards &amp; North Down, Mid &amp; East Antrim, Antrim &amp; Newtownabbey, Newry Mourne &amp; Down and Lisburn &amp; Castlereagh City</li> <li>➤ NWRWVG representing Derry City &amp; Strabane and Causeway &amp; Glens</li> </ul>
3.5	<p>The three remaining councils (Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon, Fermanagh &amp; Omagh and Mid Ulster), sometimes referred to “<i>NI Othe</i>”, are not part of any Waste Management Group although they have worked together and produced a Joint Waste Management Plan.</p>
3.6	<p>These arrangements, however, are not seen as sustainable in the longer term. As a consequence, SoLACE NI (Society of Local Authority Chief Executives) requested that through the Technical Advisors Group (NI) (Local Government Technical Advisors Group), the councils review the current set-up with a view to making proposals for future arrangements. TAG subsequently established a Waste Forum. The timing is apt as reviews of DAERA’s “<i>Delivering Resource Efficiency - Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy</i>” and councils’ Waste Management Plans are scheduled for the near</p>



	<p>future. Organisational changes within the Waste Management Groups also reinforce the need for a strategic review of current arrangements.</p>
3.7	<p>Given the increasing demands on councils to improve recycling quantity and quality to deliver government targets, develop the Circular Economy, while reducing dependency on landfill, achieving these goals would be enhanced through greater collaboration between councils.</p>
3.8	<p>Members should be aware that NI councils spend in the region of 25-35% of their revenue budget on waste and related environmental services.</p>
3.9	<p><b>Main Report</b></p> <p>Following on from a workshop involving both Chief Executives and senior officers from the eleven Councils in October 2018, TAG (NI) were requested to take forward a Strategic Review of the current arrangements for collaboration between councils for waste and related services.</p>
3.10	<p>Following the establishment of the Waste Forum drawing upon senior officer representation from the eleven councils, a specification was developed and agreed for an independent organisation to undertake a review the current arrangements and develop options for potential future structures and governance arrangements (see Appendix 1).</p>
3.11	<p>At its September 2019 meeting, the Specification was signed off by SoLACE NI. Given the need to engage an experienced organisation to carry out this review, it was agreed that the Strategic Investment Board (SIB) should be appointed to undertake this work as they have the necessary skills and experience having worked with many councils and the Waste Management Groups, and are public sector providers.</p>
3.12	<p>SIB's engagement is carried out in accordance with and for the purposes described in The Strategic Investment &amp; Regeneration of Sites (NI) Order 2003 – namely the exercise of strategic investment functions in relation to the Executive and bodies carrying out major investment projects.</p>
3.13	<p>Members should be aware that the review officially commenced with a workshop on 13 September. It is anticipated that the final report will be available in early 2020 and,</p>

<p>3.14</p> <p>3.15</p>	<p>following approval by SoLACE NI, the outcome will be reported to councils for their consideration.</p> <p><b><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>The fee to support the delivery of the SIB report will be approximately £2,200 per council. This is being supported as part of our waste framework development and within existing budgets. There will also be officer time required to support the process and through the Waste Forum.</p> <p><b><u>Equality / Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None</p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Appendices – Documents attached</b></p>
	<p>Appendix 1: Outline Specification for a Strategic Review of NI Council Waste Management Arrangements</p>

## APPENDIX 1

### Outline Specification for a Strategic Review of NI Council Waste Management Arrangements

#### *Objective*

The Objective of this Review is to provide the Council Waste Forum with recommendations for SoLACE NI regarding improving collaboration of the current waste related services' management arrangements between the eleven Councils in Northern Ireland and how these could be structured to enable enhanced service delivery and efficiencies in the future.

An important aspect of the Review will be to make proposals in relation to both the operational management arrangements across the eleven Councils, and the preferred Governance framework which could support these. In addition, the range of services that could fall within the scope of such arrangements. The following non-exclusive list provides an indication of what could be included within the scope of mutual collaboration between the Councils;

- Health and Safety
- Waste management planning
- Procurement facilitation
- Contract management services
- Awareness & Communications
- Representation/Consultation Responses
- Providing policy advice
- Operating waste facilities

As a consequence, and in line with the formal/informal structures that currently exist across the eleven Councils, a NI Council Waste Forum has been established with senior officer representatives from each Council to contribute to the review. There is consensus within the Waste Forum that increased collaboration is essential to deliver "joined up" waste management services across the Councils. The Forum has been considering the most appropriate mechanism to carry out such a review with the recommendation being that this is best performed objectively by a third party.

The Specification therefore represented the enabling document for a fee proposal to deliver the review from the Strategic Investment Board.

#### *Input*

The Key Inputs are embodied in the people currently involved in the management of waste related services for the eleven Councils, the current Waste Management Groups, the Council Chief Executives, through SoLACE NI, NILGA and the NIEA/DAERA as the regulator.

#### *Processes*

1. Following the project initiation meeting and desktop review of available literature, the following information should be included in the fee proposal:
2. A desktop review of the current governance arrangements across Councils and examples of successful alternative operational structures and governance arrangements.
3. An initial Workshop with the key Council Officers (Council Waste Forum) to develop SWOT and PESTEL analysis to inform both the current position and consider the benefits and areas for improvement of the existing arrangements from the Councils which will inform any preferred option.

4. Individual structured and confidential Interviews with the key stakeholders to ascertain their views both at a personal and organisational level.
5. Develop a range of Options with a preferred option based on the application of an objective scoring methodology across a range of selection criteria.
6. A further Workshop with the Council Waste Forum to consider the options and agree the list and weightings of the option selection criteria.
7. Present the Draft Report to the Council Waste Forum and allow time for any final revisions in relation to the Final Report.

#### *Output*

1. The principle output will be a report identifying the most appropriate inter-Council working arrangements to deliver enhanced collaboration between the Councils. The options appraisal, including consideration of the status quo, should achieve the stated Objective as set out in 1.1 above.
2. The report should also include proposals in relation to the scope of the services that could be included in any preferred option management arrangements.
3. Furthermore, based on the preferred option, the report should recommend appropriate Governance models to enable delivery of increased/enhanced collaboration between Councils.

Members should be further aware that Councils will be required to revise and review their Waste Management Plans in 2020. As noted above there are currently three Waste Management Plans covering the 11 NI District Councils. There are clearly benefits both in terms of procuring the necessary consultancy support and developing common approaches to achieving the future recycling and landfill diversion targets in producing a Joint Waste Management Plan between the 11 Councils. The Plan would contain both Common Sections and be tailored to the pre-requisites of individual Councils. The process of preparing the Joint Plan would in itself represent a high level of Council collaboration.

In addition, there are ongoing opportunities involving groups of Councils on a project by project basis for further collaboration even in the short term. For example; in terms of education and awareness there exists an ideal opportunity to increase and improve the consistency and impact of the 'message' with the public.

# Agenda Item 5b

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25<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Parks & Leisure

Belfast City Council

Belfast

Dear Sirs

Wedderburn Park

We are writing to request permission for a Portacabin at Wedderburn Park. With the hope of entering into a lease agreement with BCC

This Portacabin would be fully funded by our own Club, Finaghy FC & insured by us.

We would hope that BCC would work with us and help us arrange utilities ie drainage, water & electricity.

The Portacabin is 20 ft by 10 ft and will only be used between the hours of 11am – 6pm on Home Game Match Days for serving tea, refreshments, storing equipment, kit washing and committee & team meetings. We are open to allow groups of the community to avail of these facilities also should the need arise or demand be there.

Yours faithfully

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Chairman

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