

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Friday, 12th December, 2014

MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Reynolds (Chairman);
Aldermen Campbell, R. Patterson and Robinson;
Councillors Clarke, Corr, Haire, Hargey, Hendron,
Jones, Kennedy, McCarthy, Mullan and Newton.

In attendance: Mrs. S. Wylie, Chief Executive;
Mr. R. Cregan, Director of Finance and Resources;
Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects;
Mrs. J. Minne, Director Organisational Development;
Mr. J. Walsh, Town Solicitor;
Mr. S. McCrory, Democratic Services Manager; and
Mr. J. Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported from Councillors Attwood, M. E. Campbell, Mac Giolla Mhín and McVeigh.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 21st November were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 1st December.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Notice of Motion re: Motor Neuron Disease Charter

The Committee was advised that the Council, at its meeting on 1st December, had referred the undernoted motion, which had been moved by Councillor E. Groves and seconded by Alderman Kingston, to the Committee for consideration:

“This Council calls on all Members and officers to sign the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Charter. This five-point charter recognises the rights and priorities of people living with MND and their carers, sets out what good care looks like for them and is designed to raise awareness and understanding of this devastating disease.

The Council also requests the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to give consideration to hosting a civic reception within the City Hall and for the City Hall to be illuminated for that event in

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appropriate colours to allow campaigners to raise awareness on this important issue.”

After discussion, the Committee endorsed the motion, agreed to the holding of a small reception and approved the illumination of the City Hall in appropriate colours for the event.

Notice of Motion re: Black Minority Ethnic Steering Group

The Committee was advised that the Council, at its meeting on 1st December, had referred the undernoted motion, which had been moved by Councillor McNamee and seconded by Councillor Keenan, to the Committee for consideration:

“This Council, cognisant of its responsibility as an equal opportunities employer and civic leader, seeks to establish a BME (Black Minority Ethnic) steering group to encourage and promote ethnic representation within the Council's workforce and seeks to address the issue of under-representation of people from the BME community in political life, supplementing and strengthening the work already undertaken as part of the Workforce Race Action Plan 2012 to 2015.”

A Member pointed out that, given the implications of establishing such a Working Group would impact upon the new Council, the motion should be considered by the Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee. In addition, these types of issues were considered by the Council's Good Relations Partnership and that it should be considered in the context of the overall review of the remit and future role of the Partnership which was currently underway.

The Committee concurred with this course of action.

Investment Programme

Capital Programme – Update

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of report

1.1 The Council's Capital Programme is a rolling programme of investment which either improves existing Council facilities or provides new facilities. This report provides –

- **key highlights since the last Committee report in October**
- **specific project updates**
- **an update on planned communications and engagement activities for capital projects**

1.2 Members are asked to note that a detailed report on the Capital Programme will be brought to Committee in January in conjunction with a finance paper. It had been intended to take this paper in this month however Members will be aware that they have been updated on a number of occasions in relation to the risks associated with the ERDF projects and a number of crucial decisions are awaited from Invest NI in relation to these projects which will inform the content of this paper.

2.0 Relevant Background Information

Capital Programme – Key highlights – June-August 2014

2.1 Significant progress has been made in the delivery of the capital programme since it was agreed by SP&R Committee in February 14. The Property & Projects Department is happy to arrange site visits to any capital project.

2.2 Key highlights since the last update report in October include -

- the new Adventurers Learning Centre at the Zoo and the new pavilion at Suffolk have been completed and handed over
- tenders have been awarded for the new pavilions at Dixon and Waterworks as part of the £15million pitches strategy with work commencing this month
- construction works are continuing on the extension to the Waterfront to provide dedicated conference and exhibition facilities, Phase 2 of the Connswater Community Greenway, the £11.7m Girdwood Hub; the new £1.7m 3G pitch at Cliftonville; Half Moon Lake and Drumglass Park and work will begin early in the New Year to install the 30 docking stations across the city centre for our Public Bike Share Scheme
- Super-Connected voucher scheme - Over 850 applications have been received for connection Vouchers and over £1m has been allocated in the form of grants. 10 of the 16 demand stimulation (information) events have been run and have been very positively received by attendees.
- Super-Connected wi-fi in public buildings. The tender has closed and BT have been selected as the service provider. In total wi-fi will be installed in 119 buildings including the City Hall; Waterfront; Ulster Hall; St. George's Market; Belfast Castle and Malone house where work has begun while another 113 venues will go live by the end of the March including community centres; leisure centres; sports and bowling pavilions, the Zoo and Smithfield Market.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1** Members have agreed that all capital projects must go through a three Stage process where decisions on which projects progress are taken by SP&R. This provides assurance as to the level of financial control and will allow Members to properly consider the opportunity costs of approving one capital project over another capital project. Importantly it will also enable Members to focus on delivering the projects which can have maximum benefits and investment return for the city and local areas.

Capital projects – Updates

- 3.2** Tamar Street – Members will recall that they agreed last month that this project is rescoped as a wider masterplan for the Ballymacarrett area and is dropped back down to Stage 1- Emerging Project on the Capital Programme. It was noted that master-planning would also provide an opportunity for any future development plans for the site to reflect wider community need and compliment the adjacent CCG Phase 2 works at C.S Lewis Square and the ‘Best of East’ centre which is currently under construction. Members further agreed that the site should be cleared to facilitate an interim use of the site. Members are asked to note that this recommendation has now been reflected in the Capital Programme.
- 3.3** In light of this agreement SP&R Committee is now asked to agree that this site is transferred to the corporate landbank from the Development Department. Members are asked to note that interest has already been expressed in the use of the cleared site to facilitate contractors working on the adjacent CCG Scheme including its potential use by the Rivers Agency as a storage compound for piling. This would complement lease arrangements which are being progressed to enable the CCG contractor’s lease of hard standing space at the adjacent Connswater Community.
- 3.4** Fleet Programme - Members are asked to note that the Director of Finance & Resources has agreed to the purchase of an additional Bergman vehicle and has confirmed that this is within the affordability limits of the Council and the original agreed budget for the Fleet Replacement Programme for this year.

Capital Programme – Communications and Events updates

3.5 Members are asked to note the activity undertaken between August and November 2014 in relation to the capital programme and the wider Investment Programme. A detailed breakdown of all activity has been circulated. Highlights include:

- **97 articles placed in local/regional/national media for Investment Programme projects, with 97% rated as positive or factual, including:**
 - **launch of £15 million Pitches Strategy in partnership with the GAA;**
 - **'breaking ground' on new Belfast Waterfront extension;**
 - **appointment of contractor for Phase 2 of Connswater Community Greenway;**
 - **employability and sub-contracting events relating to major developments;**
 - **continued rollout of Super-connected Belfast programmes and activities;**
 - **announcement of charges for Belfast Bike Share Scheme;**
 - **'Careers in the City' event at City Hall; and**
 - **closure of Tropical Ravine ahead of restoration work starting**
- **Update on overall delivery in City Matters magazine (September/November 2014), reaching 130,000 residents, with individual articles providing more detail on projects**
- **Continued increase in web traffic – our site now attracts an average of over 145,000 visitors per month. Investment pages attracted their highest figures for 2014 in October and November, coinciding with major announcements and increase in press activity.**
- **Facebook and Twitter continue to be valuable engagement tools, with regular posts on key projects now reaching up to 127,000 Facebook users**
- **Branded signage now installed at high visibility points within all capital projects**
- **Detailed communications plans developed for capital schemes, including upcoming projects like the Innovation Centre and the North Foreshore**
- **Regular updates and news items provided in Intercom, Team Brief, Interlink and TV screens in frontline locations, as well as new Chief Executive's blog**

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3.6 Upcoming activity is currently being planned for the following projects and initiatives:

- Further employability and sub contracting events – December 2014
- Rollout of free wifi to 119 public buildings – December 2014/January 2015
- Public information re: Phase 2 of Connswater Community Greenway – January 2015
- Opening of Adventurers' Learning Centre at Belfast Zoo – TBC
- Funding announcements for Innovation Centre and North Foreshore – TBC
- Completion of work at Half Moon Lake – TBC

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and

- Note that a detailed report on the Capital Programme will be brought into Committee in January

Project Updates

- *Tamar Street* – note that the SP&R Committee last month agreed that the Tamar Street proposed capital programme project (which was a Stage 2 – Uncommitted project) is rescoped to become a wider masterplan for the Ballymacarrett area and is dropped down to a Stage 1 – Emerging Project and that the site was cleared to maximise the potential of the site. Members are asked to note that this has now been reflected on the Capital Programme. In light of this agreement SP&R Committee is asked to agree that this site is transferred to the corporate landbank and to note that interest has been expressed in the use of the cleared site to facilitate contractors working on the adjacent CCG Scheme
- *Fleet Programme* – note that the Director of Finance & Resources has agreed to the purchase of an additional Bergman vehicle and has confirmed that this is within the affordability limits of the Council and the agreed Fleet Replacement budget for 2014-15.

Communication and Engagement – Capital Programme projects

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- **note the communications and engagement activity which is planned over the coming months.”**

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

Democratic Services and Governance

Election Accounts

The Committee was advised that there was a requirement for the Election Accounts for the running of the Local Government Elections in May, 2014 to be notified to the Council. The total cost of the Elections was £618,114 as compared with the cost of £343,578 for the Local Elections in 2011, an increase of £274,536. That increase was due principally to the fact that in 2011 the costs were split three ways – for a European Parliamentary Election, a Local Election and a Referendum on the voting system for Parliamentary Elections, with the Electoral Office being responsible for two of the three – whereas in 2014 the costs were for a Joint Election with the Council being responsible for half the costs. In addition, the Local Elections in May, 2014 were to the new Belfast District Council which had a significantly larger population. There was also ten District Electoral Areas in 2014 compared to nine in 2011 and that necessitated the holding of an additional count. A full statement of expenditure in respect of the Elections is set out below:

Category	£
Postage to Candidates' Election addresses	£252,845
EONI Postage cost	£34,750
Registers	£675
Advertising	£11,643
Stationery/Printing	£17,452
Use of Polling Premises	£3,293
Equipment	£264
Hire of Equipment	£5,727
Transport and Travel	£6,412
Ballot Papers	£29,500
Count/Verification Staff	£103,825
Poll Staff	£151,728
TOTAL	£618,114

The Committee noted the information which had been provided and commended the Democratic Services Manager and his staff on their running of the Elections.

**Requests for the Use of the City Hall
and the Provision of Hospitality**

The Committee was advised that the undernoted requests for the use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality had been received:

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Organisation/ Body	Event/Date - Number of Delegates/Guests	Request	Comments	Recommendation
Ulster University Business School	Annual Conference for the Council for Hospitality Management Education 4th May, 2016 Approximately 180 attending	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of a drinks reception	Delegates will be staying in accommodation in Belfast and the meeting will take place within the city. This event would contribute to the Council's Key Theme of 'City Leadership – Strong, Fair, Together'.	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of wine and soft drinks Approximate cost £500
Belfast City Council, Parks and Leisure Department	City of Belfast International Rose Trials – Judges Reception and Dinner 16th July, 2015 Approximately 150 attending	The use of City Hall and the provision of Hospitality in the form of a Civic Dinner	The annual City of Belfast International Rose Trials will be held during Rose Week. The Trials are renowned worldwide for attracting international rose growers in addition to a significant number of visitors. This event would contribute to the Council's Key Theme of 'City Leadership, Strong, Fair and Together'.	The use of City Hall and the provision of Hospitality in the form of a Civic Dinner. Approximate cost £4,500
St. Patrick's Parish Trust	"St. Patrick's 200 years Past and Present" 9th March, 2015 Approximately 220 attending	The use of the City Hall and provision of hospitality in the form of tea/coffee and biscuits	This event seeks to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Church and to acknowledge its contribution to the general life and well-being of the city. This event will highlight the good relations which existed between the religious communities in the City and the financial support received from the Protestant Community for the building of St. Patricks. This event would contribute to the Council's Key Theme of 'City leadership, strong, fair and together' and 'Better support for people and communities'.	The use of the City Hall and provision of hospitality in the form of tea/coffee and biscuits Approximate cost £550

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<p>The Corrymeela Community</p>	<p>“The Poet, The Peacemaker and the President” (celebrating 50 years of Reconciliation) 30th October, 2015 Approximately 450 attending</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall and the provision of Hospitality in the form of a drinks reception</p>	<p>This event will celebrate 50 years of Corrymeela and its work in supporting communities all over Belfast through respite care. It will highlight the many projects undertaken by Corrymeela and will provide an opportunity to celebrate and share 50 years of reconciliation. This event would contribute to the Council’s Key Themes of ‘City Leadership – Strong, Fair, Together’ and ‘Better support for people and communities’.</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall and the provision of Hospitality in the form of a drinks reception</p>
<p>Patient and Client Council</p>	<p>Celebration and Prize-giving Event 30th April, 2015 Approximately 120 attending</p>	<p>The use of City Hall</p>	<p>This event will celebrate and recognise the contribution of the Patient and Client Council in gathering information which will help improve services for the community. This event would contribute to the Council’s Key Themes of ‘Better support for people and communities’ and ‘Better Services – listening and delivering’.</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall</p>
<p>Youth Philanthropy Initiative</p>	<p>Go YPI Northern Ireland 2015 23rd June, 2015 Approximately 160 attending</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall</p>	<p>This event will celebrate the work undertaken by young people within their communities to research ways in which they can make a difference. The event will highlight how pupils develop their employability and teamwork skills while enhancing stronger connections within their communities. This event would contribute to the Council’s Key Theme of ‘City Leadership – Strong, Fair, Together’ and ‘Better support for people and communities’ and in</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall</p>

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			addition would contribute to the Council's thematic area of Children and Young People.	
IN! Magazine	The IN! Awards 13th June, 2015 Approximately 400 attending	The use of the City Hall	<p>This event aims to promote and celebrate the positive achievements of Northern Ireland's leaders in the fields of sport, music, fashion and film & television.</p> <p>This event will recognise individuals from the aforementioned fields who have excelled and promoted Northern Ireland both nationally and internationally.</p> <p>This event would contribute to the Council's Key Themes of 'City Leadership – Strong, Fair, Together' and 'Better opportunities for success across the city'.</p>	The use of the City Hall
Glortha Aduaidh/ Northern Voices	Glortha Aduaidh/ Northern Voices Peace III Event 17th February, 2015 Approximately 120 attending	The use of the City Hall	<p>This event will celebrate the official closure of this Peace III project and the launch of the radio and television documentary series which looks at the social impact of the City's troubled past from all perspectives.</p> <p>This event would contribute to the Council's Key Themes of 'City Leadership – Strong, Fair, Together' and 'Better opportunities for success across the city'.</p>	The use of the City Hall
Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment	Speak Up 24th February, 2015 Approximately 50 attending	The use of the City Hall	<p>This event will highlight the problems experienced by so-called "whistleblowers" and encourage people to speak out about possible wrong-doing.</p> <p>This event would contribute to the Council's Key Theme of 'City Leadership – Strong, Fair, Together' and 'Better support for people and communities'.</p>	The use of the City Hall

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<p>Malaysia and You Belfast 2015</p>	<p>Malaysia and You Belfast Night 2015 8th March, 2015 Approximately 350 attending</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall</p>	<p>Malaysian Night 2015 is the climax event of a week long programme called Malaysia and You 2015. This programme consists of a series of events which includes a mini charity carnival, sports tournament, interactive bazaar and ends with a formal dinner which the organisers wish to take place in the City Hall. The aim of the programme is to promote cultural diversity, encourage charity activity and also to forge closer relationships between Malaysians and the citizens of Belfast. This event would contribute to the Council's key themes 'City Leadership - strong, fair, together' and of 'Better support for people and communities'.</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall</p>
<p>Atlantic Youth Trust</p>	<p>Tall Ships Belfast Ball 18th April, 2015 Approximately 400 attending</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of a drinks reception</p>	<p>This event provide the opportunity to raise awareness of tall ships races and celebrate the return of the tall ships to Belfast for an historic third time. This event would contribute to the Council's key themes 'Better opportunities for success across the City' and 'Better support for people and communities'.</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of a drinks reception Approximate cost £500</p>
<p>Confederation of British Industry</p>	<p>CBI Northern Ireland Council Meeting 15th September, 2015 Approximately 50 attending</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall and the provision of appropriate hospitality</p>	<p>This event will provide the opportunity to bring together business leaders to discuss the business needs and future expansion of industry in the City. This event would contribute to the Council's Key Theme of 'City Leadership – Strong, Fair, Together' and 'Better support for people and</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall and the provision of appropriate hospitality Approximate cost £500</p>

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			communities’.	
Royal Town Planning Institute Northern Ireland	Annual Dinner 23rd April, 2015 Approximately 100 attending	The use of the City Hall	This event will highlight the work of RTPi, one of the leading training providers in the field of Town Planning and for this reason the City Hall has hosted their conferences in the past. Belfast City Council and RTPi have both benefitted due to the long relationship enjoyed by both parties. This event would contribute to the Council’s key themes ‘City Leadership - strong, fair, together’ and of ‘Better support for people and communities’.	The use of the City Hall

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

Finance/Value-for-Money

Extension of Existing Webcasting Contract

The Committee was reminded that, in 2011, it had agreed to tender for the provision of a webcasting service to allow for the live webcasting of meetings of the Council. The Council had received only one expression of interest, from Public-I, for the provision of this service. The contract was agreed for the provision of up to 60 hours of broadcasting per year at a monthly cost of £1,500.

The Democratic Services Manager reported that the contract with Public-I had been signed in September, 2011 for a two year period with the possibility of a one year extension. The option for the extension had been activated in September, 2013 and it had ran out in 2014.

He explained that Members would be aware of the current discussions which were ongoing with the Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee about the venue for future meetings of Committees from April next year and whether or not the proceedings of such Committees should be recorded by way of an audio recording or the webcasting option. A further report in that regard would be considered by that Committee in due course.

Given the uncertainty about exactly how many meetings would be required to be webcast in the future, he recommended that the existing contract with Public-I be extended on a monthly basis up until April, 2015 to allow for the decision to be taken. At that point a new tendering exercise would be undertaken to source a provider for the webcasting service.

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The Committee adopted that recommendation.

Minutes of Meeting of Budget and Transformation Panel

The Committee noted the contents of the minutes of the Budget and Transformation Panel of 10th December.

Asset Management

Leases, Licences and Disposables

The Director of Property and Projects submitted for the Committee's consideration the undernoted report:

“1 Relevant Background Information

1.1 At its meeting on 21 October 2014 the Development Committee agreed to recommend to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that:

(i) North Queen Street Community Centre:

A new licence agreement for facilities at Centre is granted to Holy Family and Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Club.

(ii) Glen Road :

A new lease for additional premises on the Glen Road is granted to An Munia Tober.

(iii) Ballymacarrett Recreation Centre:

A new lease for Ballymacarret Recreation Centre is granted to Connswater Community and Leisure Services.

(iv) Denmark Street Community Centre:

The rent payable for use of the Centre by Denmark Street Residents Association is reviewed under the terms of their Lease.

1.3 (v) Land to the rear of 26-32 and 36-40 Ladybrook Park

At its meeting on 12 September 1991 the former Parks Committee agreed to the disposal of land to the rear of houses at 8-40 Ladybrook Park, to the adjoining householders. Subsequent to the Committee approval a number of disposals

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took place, however the Council continue to hold title to the areas of land to the rear of 26-32 and 36-40 Ladybrook Park.

1.4 The subject land does not form part of any other land in Council ownership and is effectively inaccessible other than by the occupants of the houses on Ladybrook Park. In addition the householders may seek to claim to have been in possession of the land for sufficient time to establish possessory title. Despite this the Council has received an enquiry from the owners of 38 Ladybrook Park seeking to formally acquire the portion to the rear of their property from the Council. The area in question is outlined red on the location map attached as appendix 1.

1.5 (vi) Disposal of Land at Orangefield Playing Fields

At its meeting on 11 December 2014 the Parks and Leisure Committee received a report regarding the disposal of 54 square metres of land at Orangefield Playing Fields Director of Property and Projects will provide an update to Committee on the decision of the Parks and Leisure Committee.

1.6 The relevant land is not currently used for parks purposes and no other service use has been identified following circulation of details to other Departments.

1.7 (vii) Licence Agreement – Bicycle Stands at Lagan Valley Regional Park

At its meeting on 11 December 2014 the Parks and Leisure Committee received a report on the proposed installation of bicycle stands at three Parks and Leisure sites within the Lagan Valley Regional Park.

1.8 At its meeting on 20 August 2013 the Development Committee approved a BCC contribution to the installation of bicycle stands and signage, to be installed, at those sites within LVRP which fall within the Belfast Local Government Area. The installations reported to the Parks and Leisure Committee form part of the works to which this funding is being applied.

2 Key Issues

2.1 (i) North Queen Street Community Centre – New Licence Agreement to Holy Family and Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Club

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A new licence agreement would be based on the previous agreement for a period of 5 years from 1 February 2014. A revised rent is proposed of £1,075 per annum.

2.2 (ii) Glen Road – New Lease to An Munia Tober

The new lease until 30 September 2017 will include the former traveller liaison office, the remaining space within the compound and the adjacent car park at an annual rent of £2,315 per annum.

2.3 (iii) Ballymacarrett Recreation Centre Lease Renewal

The new lease will be for a period of 5 years from 1 October 2014 at a revised rent of £10,775 per annum.

2.4 (iv) Denmark Street Community Centre – Denmark Street Residents Association Rent Review

Rent review from 1 April 2013 at a revised amount of £3,786 per annum.

2.5 (v) Land to the rear of 26-32 and 36-40 Ladybrook Park

The Council no longer have any practical means of gaining access to the land at the rear of Ladybrook Park. The disposal price agreed in recent times for similar portions of land has been £4,000 per acre. It is considered that disposal at this same figure of £4,000 represents the best price the Council could hope to achieve for the land.

2.6 (vi) Disposal of Land at Orangefield Playing Fields

As some use has been made of this land by adjoining owners, its disposal will assist in clarifying the Council's responsibilities at this location. The agreed disposal price of £1500 is considered to represent 'best price' in accordance with the Council's statutory responsibilities as set out in the Local Government Act (NI) 1972.

2.7 (vii) Licence Agreement – Bicycle Stands at Lagan Valley Regional Park

A Licence Agreement between BCC and LVRP is required in order to regulate the installation and pre-installation processes and the transfer of ownership of the bicycle stands to BCC following their successful installation. The Director of Property and Projects will provide a verbal update to Committee on the decision of the Parks and Leisure Committee.

3 Resource Implications

Finance and Assets

3.1 (i) North Queen Street Community Centre – New Licence Agreement to Holy Family and Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Club

- A licence fee of £1,075 per annum would become payable from 1 February 2014.

3.2 (ii) Glen Road – New Lease to An Munia Tober

- An annual rent of £2,315 would become payable until 30 September 2017.

3.3 (iii) Ballymacarrett Recreation Centre Lease Renewal

- A rent of £10,775 per annum would become payable under the new lease from 1 October 2014.

3.4 (iv) Denmark Street Community Centre - Denmark Street Residents Association Rent Review

- A rent of £3,786 per annum will become payable from 1 April 2013.

3.5 (v) Land to the rear of 26-32 and 36-40 Ladybrook Park

- A figure of £80 (£4,000 per acre) has been agreed with the owners of 38 Ladybrook subject to Committee approval.
- If the formal disposal of the entirety of the land was achieved this would provide the Council with a capital receipt of approximately £730.00. However it is not expected all householders will take up any further offer of the land and total capital receipts from the land are likely to be somewhat less than this. As part of the arrangement with householders it would be expected they would bear their own legal costs.

3.6 (vi) Disposal of Land at Orangefield Playing Fields

- Disposal will result in a capital receipt of £1,500 to the Council.

3.7 (vii) Licence Agreement – Bicycle Stands at Lagan Valley Regional Park

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- **As the bicycle stands are designed to benefit Council facilities no licence fee is appropriate in this case.**
- **The introduction of these new installations is designed to enhance the attractiveness of the Parks (and LVRP) to cycle users, ownership of the stands will transfer to Council after installation.**

3.8 Human Resources

Staff resources from the Estate Management Unit, Community Services, Parks and Leisure Department and Legal Services will be required to complete all agreements.

4 Recommendations

It is recommended that Members agree to the following subject to incorporation of appropriate terms, as required, in legal agreements to be prepared by the Town Solicitor:

4.1 (i) North Queen Street Community Centre

To a further licence to Holy Family and Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Club for 5 years from 1 February 2014 subject to an annual fee of £1,075 per annum.

4.2 (ii) Glen Road – New Lease to An Munia Tober

To a new lease until 30 September 2017 at a yearly rent of £2,315 on the terms outlined above.

4.3 (iii) Ballymacarrett Recreation Centre Lease Renewal

To a further lease to CC&LS for 5 years from 1 October 2014 with provision to extend for a further 5 years subject to a rent of £10,775 per annum.

4.4 (iv) Denmark Street Community Centre Denmark Street Residents Association Rent Review

To a revised rent of £3,786 per annum payable from the rent review date of 1 April 2013.

4.5 (v) Land to the rear of 26-32 and 36-40 Ladybrook Park

To dispose of the land to the rear of 38 Ladybrook Park to the dwelling's owners at a price of £80 (£4,000 per acre) with each party bearing their own legal costs. In addition to this authority

for officers to contact again the remaining householders at 26, 28, 30, 32, 36 and 40 Ladybrook Park with a view to agreeing disposal terms based on the figure of £4,000 per acre, with each party bearing their own legal costs.

4.6 (vi) Disposal of Land at Orangefield Playing Fields

To authorise the disposal of 54 square metres of land at Orangefield Playing Fields for the sum of £1500, subject to each party bearing their own legal costs.

4.7 (vii) Licence Agreement – Bicycle Stands at Lagan Valley Regional Park

To authorise the grant of a licence agreement to allow LVRP's contractors access to the Council sites within LVRP, for the installation of approved bicycle stands and for ownership of those stands to transfer to the Council upon their successful installation."

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

Connswater Community Greenway – Estates Update

The Committee was reminded that the Council, as part of the City Investment Strategy, had agreed to coordinate the acquisition of lands to enable the Connswater Community Greenway Programme to proceed.

It was reported that Phase I of the Greenway had been completed and Farrans had been appointed to construct the final phase, with work commencing on site mid-January, 2015. Farrans had a requirement to erect a site compound close to the Holywood Arches and Council officers had identified an area as being suitable and available for use by that company for the duration of the contract.

In addition, the Council would require an easement from the Crown Estate to allow the construction of a boardwalk as part of the Connswater Community Greenway over the Connswater River at the Connswater Retail Park. As part of the scheme, the Council had proposed to take a lease from the Crown Estate for an area of land which would be created on completion of the East Belfast Flood Alleviation at the Newtownards Road bridge.

The Committee approved the use of an area of land by Farrans to erect a site compound for a licence fee of £60 per annum; and agreed to acquire an easement from the Crown Estate for a 150 year lease for the land to be created at the Newtownards Road bridge at a cost of £1,750 plus reasonable legal and surveyors' fees, with such costs to be reimbursed by the Rivers Agency.

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Disposal of Former Maysfield Leisure Centre

The Committee was reminded that, at its meeting on 22nd August, 2014, it had approved a number of recommendations which would enable a further Development Brief to be prepared for the Council's remaining land at Maysfield that would also include a portion of the land currently owned by the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company.

The Director of Property and Projects reported that a Development Brief had been advertised on 14th October, 2014 seeking responses to be made by the deadline of 21st November. Members had noted at a previous meeting on 17th October that agreement had been reached in principle with the Transport Holding Company for inclusion of a portion of their adjoining car park, subject to detailed terms being agreed and also that a further report be submitted to the Committee on any submissions received for consideration and approval.

The Director reported that, by the closing date, a total of four submissions had been received. An evaluation had been undertaken by a Panel from the Council's Estate Management Unit/Legal Services and included the appointed disposal agent. The submissions' proposals varied from speculative/mixed-use schemes to owner/occupation office and all had met or exceeded the Land and Property Services Agency land evaluation for the site. After initial evaluation, further written clarification had been sought on each submission to ensure the fullest opportunity was afforded to address any issues identified by the Panel and which required further exploration.

Following the assessment, it was recommended that the Committee award the Brief to All-State NI as their submission best met the criteria set out in the Development Brief. That would be subject to their bid being consistent with the land tenure presented in the Brief or as required by the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company without any adverse financial impact to the Council. However, if All-State NI could not resolve the tenure issue within one week from the date of the next full Council meeting then the Committee was recommended to accept the submission ranked second from McAleer and Rushe. That was also subject to detailed terms to be agreed by the Estates Manager and Legal Services.

Moved by Councillor Hargey,
Seconded by Councillor Kennedy,

That the Committee agrees to adopt the recommendation in relation to the award of the Brief.

On a vote by show of hands twelve Members voted for the proposal and one against and it was declared carried.

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Good Relations and Equality

Minutes of the Meeting of the Diversity Working Group

The Committee approved and adopted the minutes of the Diversity Working Group of 5th December and adopted the recommendations in relation to the following:

Memorabilia in the City Hall

The decision of the Group to recommend that the Committee agrees the following:

- (1) that the Celtic Myths and Legends window be relocated from its current position to the East end of the front corridor, ground floor, City Hall and that the Ulster Defence Regiment stained glass window be replaced in the space vacated by the Celtic Myths and Legends window;
- (2) to adopt a Refreshment Strategy for a number of the exhibition spaces;
- (3) to include both options for the “30 Years”, that is, Option 1 – the City Speaks and Option 2 – the City Commemorates, with the consultants to look at both options on a lesser scale in the narrative and that the content be reviewed by Academics; and
- (4) to defer consideration of the proposals for the layout of the memorabilia in the rotunda to enable political discussions to take place.

Decade of Centenaries Programme for 2016

The decision of the Group to recommend the following to the Committee:

1. To note the information in the above report in relation to the preparation for the decade of Centenaries
2. To agree there will be one Council commissioned exhibition to cover the period of 1916 incorporating a number of themes as well as the key events.
3. To approve that an event be held on the theme of commemoration, reaffirming the principles approved by the Council in relation to the Decade of Centenaries and ethical remembering up to a cost of £1,000 depending on sufficient funding being made available by OFMDM by the end of March.

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4. To note that the estimated cost of commissioning one exhibition, civic events and activities will cost in the region of £174,000 and to consider asking the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to fund the programme to a similar level as the previous strand at a cost of £129,000 with authority given to officers to seek external funding and a report brought back to the Committee in due course.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Good Relations Partnership

The Committee approved and adopted the minutes of the Good Relations Partnership of 8th December and adopted the decisions in relation to the following:

Interface Regeneration Art Scheme – Duncairn Gardens

The decision of the Partnership to recommend to the Committee that it approves funding of up to £10,000, 75% of which could be recouped from the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, for two artworks at Lepper Street and Syringa Street.

Proposed Artwork Project – East Belfast

The approval of funding of £5,000 towards the provision of two or three artworks in East Belfast, subject to additional funding being made available by the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister through its District Councils' Good Relations Programme.

Holocaust Memorial Day

The decision to recommend to the Committee that it approves the hosting of a Holocaust Memorial Event in the City Hall on 20th January, 2015 at a cost of no more than £1,000, 75% of which would be recouped from the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

International Conference – “Combating Hate Crime in Europe”

The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the above-mentioned event to enable further information to be obtained.

Draft Smoking Policy

The Director of Finance and Resources submitted for the Committee's consideration a report in relation to revised smoking policy to take into account the use of electronic cigarettes.

Moved by Alderman Robinson,
Seconded by Councillor Hargey,

That the Committee agrees to defer consideration of the matter to enable further information to be obtained.

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On a vote by show of hands, ten Members voted for the proposal and three against and it was declared carried.

Human Resources

Standing Order 55 – Employment of Relatives

It was reported that, in accordance with Standing Order 55 and the authority delegated to him, the Director of Finance and Resources had authorised the appointment of a number of individuals who were related to existing officers of the Council.

Chairman