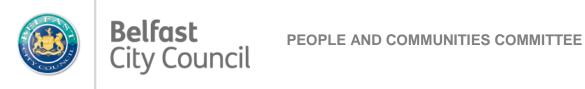
## Agenda Item 5a



| Subject:                                                                                                                               | Cave Hill Mountain Biking Pilot Update                                                             |           |  |  |
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| Date:                                                                                                                                  | 5th December 2023                                                                                  |           |  |  |
| Reporting Officer:                                                                                                                     | David Sales, Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Service                                    | es        |  |  |
| Contact Officers:                                                                                                                      | Stephen Leonard, Neighbourhood Services Manager, CNS<br>Eimear McCullough, Lead Officer - OSS, CNS |           |  |  |
| Restricted Reports                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                    |           |  |  |
| Is this report restricted?                                                                                                             |                                                                                                    |           |  |  |
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| Insert number                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                    |           |  |  |
| Information relating t                                                                                                                 | to any individual                                                                                  |           |  |  |
| 2. Information likely to                                                                                                               |                                                                                                    |           |  |  |
| 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information) |                                                                                                    |           |  |  |
| 4. Information in conne                                                                                                                | ection with any labour relations matter                                                            |           |  |  |
| 5. Information in relatio                                                                                                              | on to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be mainta                                | ined      |  |  |
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| 7. Information on any a                                                                                                                | action in relation to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of                              | crime     |  |  |
| If Yes, when will the repor                                                                                                            | rt become unrestricted?                                                                            |           |  |  |
| After Committee                                                                                                                        | ee Decision                                                                                        |           |  |  |
| After Council I                                                                                                                        | Decision                                                                                           |           |  |  |
| Sometime in the                                                                                                                        | he future                                                                                          |           |  |  |
| Never                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                    |           |  |  |

| Call-in                               |     |   |    |  |
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| Is the decision eligible for Call-in? | Yes | х | No |  |

| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 1.1 | To seek Members agreement to a short-term extension of the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place between the City Council and Cavehill Mountainbikers club.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2.0 | Recommendations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2.1 | Members are asked to: - Agree to a two-month extension of existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BCC and Cavehill Mountainbikers Club.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3.0 | Main report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3.1 | Background On the 9 <sup>th of</sup> November 2021 People and Communities Committee agreed the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BCC and Cavehill Mountainbikers Club which has underpinned a Mountain Biking Pilot Project in Cavehill Country Park focusing on a partnership approach to the Club's management of the 'The Middle' trail (see Appendix 1).                               |
| 3.2 | The MOU agreement, which commenced on 20/12/21 for a two-year duration, states that longer-term extension of the agreement with the Club is "subject to successful conclusion (in the opinion of the Council) of the pilot focusing on 'The Middle' trail, "satisfactory review and evaluation and internal Council committee approval".                                                                      |
| 3.3 | A project Oversight Board has met regularly throughout the pilot period comprising of representatives from BCC; Cavehill Mountainbikers Club; Belfast Hills Partnership; and Cavehill Conservation Trust. In line with the MOU, now that the December 2003 end date is approaching officers intend to evaluate the pilot project using the agreed evaluation framework and bring a final report to Committee. |
| 3.4 | Members are asked to agree to a two-month extension of the existing MOU between BCC and Cavehill Mountain bikers Club (Attachment 2). This extension to the MOU will enable that existing management arrangements with the Club to remain in place until the report detailing the findings of the evaluation and recommendations are brought to Committee in early 2024.                                      |
| 3.5 | Financial & Resource Implications None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 3.6 | Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments There are no Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments associated with this report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached                                                                                                      |
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|     | Appendix 1 – 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 P&C Report - 'MOU BCC and Cavehill Mountainbikers Club' Appendix 2 – BCC & CMB signed MOU 2021 |

