



## Belfast City Council

Report to: Development Committee

Subject: Renewing the Routes Variations

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### **Background Information**

This report seeks endorsement of proposed amendments to identified projects including the reallocation of resources.

### **Key Issues**

Members are asked to approve the proposed variation resulting from the continued review of activity and refinement of the final project implementation for the Renewing the Routes Programme.

As part of the Integrated Development Plans for Falls IDF, the Bog Meadows Environmental Project proposed a project which included an environmental improvement scheme at the entrance of the Reserve and the erection of a tourism sign to highlight the attraction on the Falls IDF route. The tourism signage for Bog Meadows has been installed as one of the package of seven tourism signs installed along the Falls Road utilising IDF resources.

The progression of the project proposed for Bog Meadows has proved difficult due to proposed changes in the ownership of land required for the implementation of the project. Unfortunately the Friends of Bog Meadows, who would be the beneficiaries of the project, have been unable to reach agreement with the prospective owners to either acquire an interest in the land or secure agreement for the project. These difficulties and the complexities surrounding land ownership have resulted in a situation where the project cannot be implemented within the timescales of the Renewing the Routes Programme.

The Committee is therefore requested to endorse the proposed reallocation of remaining funds (£25,155) from the Bog Meadows Environmental Project to supplement the final phase of the commercial improvement activity proposed for the adjacent area of Falls Road.

#### **Resource Implications**

There are no additional financial implications arising from the proposed reallocation of IDF resources between the different projects.

#### **Recommendations**

Members are requested to approve the reallocation of the previously agreed budgets of £25,155 in respect of the Bog Meadow project to supplement the commercial improvement budget for the adjacent area of Falls Road.

#### **Decision Tracking**

Following Committee approval, detailed proposals will be developed for the scheme variations to facilitate final implementation.

Timeframe: March 2010

Supporting Officer: Shirley Mc Cay.

#### **Key to Abbreviations**

IDF- Integrated Development Fund