



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Shaftesbury Community and Recreation Centre
Date:	9 June 2010
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Relevant Background Information

Shaftesbury Community and Recreation Centre is a Council owned facility managed by the Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group (LORAG). The Centre has been subject to a major capital investment of around £2.3m. This investment has resulted in the derelict sports pitch upgraded to a 3G facility and an extension to the current building encompassing resources including changing rooms, fitness suite and dance studio.

Key Issues

The sports and health facility at Shaftesbury Community and Recreation Centre was completed in January 2010. LORAG have opened the facility to the public and a programme of activities is now being delivered. The development is an ambitious project for the group and a significant resource for South Belfast.

LORAG are planning an official opening of the facility on a date to be agreed. However in advance of this they have issued an invitation to the Development Committee to visit the new facility at a date and time convenient to and agreed by the Development Committee.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee notes the invitation from LORAG to visit the new sports/health facility at Shaftesbury Community and Recreation Centre and agree to visit the centre.

Decision Tracking

Further to agreement, arrange for Members of the Committee to visit Shaftsbury Community and Recreation Centre.

Timeframe: Autumn 2010

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Key Abbreviations

LORAG – Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group