



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Council Appointees – Community and Play Centre Committees
Date:	11 August 2010
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Relevant Background Information

The Council has developed a range of Community Centres and Play Centres since the mid 1970s currently managing 25 across the City, and operating a model of partnership work with local elected Centre Committees in the development of this service. The concept of Community Centre Management Committees was introduced at that time to ensure that community centres would reflect and respond to the needs of their local communities.

Under this model, staffing and day to day management of the Centres are the responsibility of the Council, with Centre Committees enabled to exercise oversight of the Centre programme, make recommendations on resources available for programme development, consider bookings, and become involved in local issues. These roles and responsibilities are set out in the document 'Constitution for Local Partnership in Council Community Centres'. This document was agreed by Council in January 1975, and subsequently reviewed in 1989 and 1999

Community Centre Committees are therefore independently constituted organisations. The Constitution of these Committees was agreed by the Community & Leisure Sub - Committee February 1999. The Constitution allows for appointees of the Council 'from time to time, as it considers appropriate. At least one of these will be a member of the Community & Leisure Services Sub Committee' [Section (4)(c) (i)]. Currently 22 Centres operate a Centre Committee.

Appointments to these Committees were initially agreed by the Community & Leisure Services Sub-Committee September 2005. Following the transfer of responsibility for Community Services to the Development Committee, this Committee on 15 October 2008 agreed that Committee Members be afforded the opportunity to seek nomination to Community & Play Centre Committees. Subsequent to this the Development Committee 11 February 2009 approved an additional 5 nominations to Community and Play Centres Committees. A copy of current appointments attached at Appendix 1.

Key Issues

An number of expressions of interest for appointment to Community and Play Centre Committees have recently been received:-
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Councillor Lydia Patterson – Duncairn Community Centre- Councillor Brian Kingston – Hammer Community Centre- |
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Resource Implications

Expenditure in relation to appointments will be met within approved budgets

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee approve the following appointments:-

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Decision Tracking

There is no decision tracking attached to this report

Documents Attached

Appendix A – Appointees for Community & Play Centre Committees 2005-10
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