



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Installation of Creative Legacies' Connswater Public Art Piece
Date:	16 March 2011
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Creative Legacies is an Enhanced Development and Outreach Initiative that contributes to the development of Belfast as a shared cultural space, helping it become a peaceful, welcoming and open place for all to share equally. Creative Legacies is delivered through the Tourism, Culture & Arts Unit within the Development Department and funded through Peace III.
1.2	As part of the Creative Legacies programme, five new pieces of shared public art are being created. These are being placed geographically across Belfast North, South, East, West and Shankill.
1.3	The Klub, a local community organisation were successfully selected to create the new public art piece for East Belfast. Young people from The Klub have been working with artist Daniela Balmaverde to design their art work.
1.4	The piece is entitled <i>Moving Forward</i> , with the main themes including local people and places, past and present. The young people have ensured that the art work reflects the redevelopment in the area. They have created a positive, energetic piece which displays the enthusiasm of residents who are involved in the life of the community.
1.5	Several options for the site of the art piece were explored with the participants, including:
1.6	Option 1: A gable wall in Tamar Street on the Comber Greenway was selected but the company had gone into liquidation.
1.7	Option 2: The new civic square managed by Connswater Greenway. However

	alternative themes are being explored for this space and it is no longer an appropriate site for this artwork.
1.8	Option 3: Ballymacarrett Recreation Centre has been identified as an initial site with a possibility of moving the piece to other sites if appropriate.
1.9	At present option 3 is the most feasible option.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The design has been signed off by the steering group and is soon to be fabricated. The piece in total is 17.08 metres in length and 2.4 metres high. It is made up of 14 panels each 2.4 metres x 1.22 metres and is digitally printed on to aluminium, see Appendices 1 and 2. The piece will be secured to the railings surrounding Ballymacarrett Recreation Centre overlooking the Comber Greenway. The artwork will need no maintenance and the artist will secure the services of professional sub-contractors for installation. Installation is scheduled for week commencing 21 March 2011 subject to approval.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	<u>Financial</u> Included within Creative Legacies budget.
3.2	<u>Human Resources</u> Within the Creative Legacies programme.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	There are no Equality and Good Relations Considerations attached to this report.

5	Recommendations
5.1	It is recommended that Members; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note the contents of this report and 2. agree for this Creative Legacies public art piece to be placed on the railings at Ballymacarrett Recreation Centre.

6	Decision Tracking
There is no decision tracking attached to this report.	

7	Documents Attached
Appendix 1 - Design Appendix 2 - Design on site	