



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Development Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Benview and Ballysillan Play Centre Licence Renewal
<b>Date:</b>	15 January 2013
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<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	Community Services has had a Licence Agreement with Benview/Ballysillan Tenant's Association since June 1997 to use part of the Benview Community Centre to run a Belfast City Council play centre. We are seeking to renew this Licence Agreement for a further 18 months from the 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2012.

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	Benview Community Centre is an independently owned and managed centre located in the Ballysillan area. It has served as a venue for the Council play service since the closure of Ballysillan Play Centre in 1998. Currently, Council's Play Service operates a number of projects in and from the centre as well as utilising office space as an administrative base. The Benview play service is a crucial aspect of our play service development.

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	<u>Finance</u> This licence has operated with the council paying a licence fee to the Tenants Association of £4025.56 for partial use of their facility. The fee also covers all utility charges. This fee will be met from within existing budgets. The Council provides 19.5 hours per week of cleaning the premises.
3.2	<u>Human Resources</u> Officers from Legal Services and Estates Management Unit to complete Licence Agreement.

3.3	<u>Asset &amp; Other Implications</u> None
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<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
	There are no equality or Good Relations considerations.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	It is recommended that the Licence Agreement is renewed for a further 18 months at the existing rent of £4025.56 per annum. The Licence Agreement will be subject to the approval of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in accordance with Standing Orders 46 and incorporation of appropriate terms as confirmed/agreed by Legal Services.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	Director of Development to liaise with Director of Property and Projects with a view to bringing a report to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in due Course.