



<b>Report to</b>	Development Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Loop River Licence Agreement Renewal
<b>Date:</b>	17 September 2013
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John McGrillen, Director of Development, ext 3470
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<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	<p>In February 2007 the Community and Recreation Committee approved the use of the Scout Association's Courtney Hall, situated on the Cregagh Road, as alternative accommodation for Loop River Play Centre. Previously the play centre was located in Belfast City Council's Loop River Park but this was sold for housing development. The Council have occupied the Hall since 2007 and Community Services can confirm a continued need for this facility for a programme of activities during the day. Community Services have reviewed other properties in the area and have advised that this is the most suitable premises for the play centre to be located. The current Licence was renewed in July 2011 for 18 months with the play centre having use of the building during the day from Monday to Friday. This Licence has been continued on a month by month basis with the Council continuing to pay £190.00 per week as originally agreed in 2007.</p>

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	<p>At the Council's request the Scout Association have undertaken remedial works including removing an old ceiling and replacing lighting. These works have brought the centre up to the required health and safety standard as required by the Council's Facilities Management Unit. The Scout Association in turn have asked for a longer licence agreement than the present month by month arrangement. A further 2 year agreement from the 1 November 2013 is proposed by Community Services.</p>

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	<p>The proposed licence would operate with the Council continuing to pay a rental amount inclusive of heat and electricity of £190.00 per week which will be met from within existing budgets.</p>

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
4.1	There are no relevant equality and good relations implications attached to this report.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	Note the content of the report and agree to recommend to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that a new Licence Agreement is completed with the Scout Association for a period of 2 years from the 1 November 2013 at a cost of £190.00 per week.

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

<b>7</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
CDM – Community Development Manager	