



Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Grosvenor Extension and Limited Refurbishment
Date:	15 April 2014
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Belfast City Council entered into a new 10 year lease for Grosvenor Recreation Centre with Roden Street Community Development Group Limited from 1 April 2014.
1.2	The centre now maintains a usage figure of over 90% including extensive use of the 3g multi sports pitch. This high level of usage has created large demands on the centre and especially on the shower and changing facilities. The existing shower and changing facilities at Grosvenor Recreation centre require upgrades to more effectively meet the needs of the physical activity providers in the area such as users of the 3G pitches, local schools, women's groups, centre users etc.
1.3	To help sustain the high level of services currently provided at Grosvenor Recreation Centre, RSCDG are working with DCAL to secure additional investment to refurbish key areas of the centre. Firm plans have now been developed and relate to the refurbishment of the showers and changing rooms in a single storey extension and refurbishment of the weights room. See appendix 1, 2 and 3
1.4	Property Care have confirmed that any planned maintenance for the centre could be carried out in quarters 3 and 4 to coincide with the work on the proposed extension. They have also confirmed they do not foresee that the extra work will create any additional demands on the maintenance budget.

2	Key Issues
2.1	This project will enhance the Grosvenor Recreation Centre by increasing the quality of both the changing facilities and the weights room. The former is especially required due to the increased demands from users of the 3G pitch and centre users.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	The total cost of £250,000.00 will be met by DCAL with the work being carried out by the end of this financial year.
3.2	Estates Management have reassessed the rent should the extension go ahead and as such it will rise by £425.00 to £18,525.00
3.3	As the grant is paid net of rent the amount RSCDG receive will remain the same.
3.4	BCC will provide technical oversight and assurance of the project

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	There are no Equality or Good Relations Implications

5	Recommendations
5.1	<p>Committee are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the contents of the report and receive a presentation from RSCDG outlining the project • Consider the proposal to extended the Grosvenor Recreation Centre and agree a recommendation to the SP&R committee.

6	Decision Tracking
Cate Taggart to implement committee decision.	

7	Key to Abbreviations
RSCDG - Roden Street Community Development Group DCAL - Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure	

8	Documents Attached
Appendix 1 - Proposed Plans Appendix 2 - Proposed Floor plans regarding changing rooms Appendix 3 - Proposed Floor plan regarding gym expansion	