



Subject:	Appointment of Members to Community Centre Committees
Date:	12th May 2015
Reporting Officer:	John McGrillen, Director of Development
Contact Officer:	Catherine Taggart, Community Development Manager

Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The constitution of Community Centre Committees allows for appointees from the Council: <i>'from time to time as it considers appropriate with at least one of these being a member of the Community and Leisure subcommittee' (Section (4) (c) (1)).</i>
1.2	Appointees to the Community and Play Centre Committees were originally agreed by the Community & Leisure Services Sub Committee in September 2005. Following the transfer of responsibility for Community Services to the Development Committee further nominations to Community and Play Centre Committees have been agreed on an ongoing basis with the most recent on 2 December 2013. This current membership lapsed at the end of the former Belfast City Council on 31 st March 2015 and the appointment process is now therefore being repeated.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to submit expressions of interest through their party groups to sit on the Community and Play Centre Committees listed in Appendix 1.
2.2	Members are also asked to agree to the principle that each of the Community and Play Centre Committees includes at least one member from the People and Communities

	Committee.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	<p>The Council directly manages a range of Community and Play Centres across the City. The facilities operate a model of partnership work with locally elected Centre Committees to develop services and to reflect and respond to the needs of the local communities. Under this model, staffing and day to day management of the centre 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 '<i>Constitution for Local Partnership in Council Community Centres</i>'.</p> <p>Community Centre Committees are therefore Independently constituted organisations.</p>
3.2	<p>On March 31st 2015 the composition of Community and Play Centres ceased with the end of the old Council. Party Groups are therefore invited to consider the list of Centres appended and submit the completed appendix with expressions of interest for each of the Committees to Community Development Manager, Catherine Taggart, no later than Wednesday 27th May 2015. There is no limit on the number of Members who may wish to sit on a committee and Members may, if they choose, sit on more than one Committee. Historically Members generally seek appointment to Committees associated with the Community and Play Centres within the areas that they represent. Once received the expressions of interest will be brought back to a subsequent People and Communities Committee for ratification.</p>
3.3	<p>Members should note that not all centres have a community committee and this is for a variety of reasons including lack of public or sector interest in that locality. This model was not replicated in Castlereagh and therefore none of the transferring centres have a community committee. At its April 2015 meeting, the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agreed to develop an outcome based city strategy and framework for community centre provision. The community centre committee approach will be reviewed as part of this work and gaps will be addressed in line with any resulting recommendations which will be tabled with committee for consideration and approval.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The Committees are independent and can therefore apply for external funding to support the development of the centre programme and address local issues. BCC also contribute</p>

3.5	<p>£600 to support the work of the Committee and this is met from within existing budgets.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no Equality or Good Relations Implications.</p>
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4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
4.1	Appendix 1 – List of Community and Play Centre Committees