Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	**Proposed Shankill Community Greenway**
Date:	6th September, 2010
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Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to introduce the presentation from the Greater Shankill Partnership Board regarding proposals for the creation of the Greater Shankill Greenway.

Relevant Background Information

The Committee is reminded that, at its meeting on 12th June, it agreed to receive a presentation from the Greater Shankill Partnership Board in respect of proposals to create a Greater Shankill Greenway.

The Partnership Board has commissioned work regarding a greenway following the publication of the Strategic Regeneration Framework for the Greater Shankill Area. This work has focused on realising the potential natural assets which surround and run through the Greater Shankill, such as Belfast Hills, the Ballygomartin and Forth rivers.

The proposed greenway would link the Belfast Hills and the City Centre, by travelling up the Shankill Road and then branching towards (1) Woodvale Park and its adjacent lands around Paisley Park and Springvale towards the Springfield Road and (2) to follow the courses of the Ballygomartin and Forth Rivers towards the Belfast Hills.

The initial feasibility study has been completed by the Paul Hogarth Company, who also carried out the work on the Connswater Community Greenway project. The Partnership Boards wishes to present the findings to the Committee and to seek to commence engagement with the Council.

Resource Implications
None

Recommendation
The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and agree to a further report being presented to the Committee in October 2010 which will consider the potential implications for the Council.

Decision Tracking
Further report to be brought to October Committee by the Director of Parks and Leisure.

Key to Abbreviations
None.

Documents Attached
None