



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Refurbishment of Floral Hall
Date:	6th September, 2010
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Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to introduce the presentation by Consarc consultants regarding the feasibility study of options for refurbishment of the Floral Hall.

Relevant Background Information

The Committee is reminded that, at its meeting on 12th August, it agreed to receive a presentation from Consarc Consultants regarding the future of the Floral Hall. The Committee is further reminded that, following discussions between the Council, the NI Tourist Board and the Belfast Building Preservation Trust, it was agreed to revisit the 2004 business case in respect of the Floral Hall.

To bring the project up to date Consarc was appointed to undertake a review of the original 2004 business case and to consider the feasibility of restoring the Floral Hall in a sustainable way. This initial piece of work has now been completed and it is proposed that the Committee receive a presentation outlining the conclusions of the report and be given an opportunity to ask questions and comment upon it.

It is intended that a further report will be brought in October outlining recommendations as to future actions and next steps in respect of the Floral Hall.

Resource Implications

Financial

There are no additional financial implications at this time.

Human Resources

There are no additional human resource implications at this time.

Asset and Other Implications

The refurbishment of the Floral Hall would add significantly to reputation of the Council and would reinstate and preserve an important element of our modern heritage.

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.

Decision Tracking

Further report to be brought to October Committee by the Principal Parks and Cemeteries Development Manager.

Key to Abbreviations

None

Documents Attached

None