



**Belfast City Council**

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Proposal for a mural at Springfield Avenue Playground
<b>Date:</b>	13 January 2011
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
<b>Contact Officers:</b>	Stephen Walker, Principal Parks and Cemeteries Development Manager

	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	<p>At a meeting with representatives from the Clonard Residents Association at the start of December officers were asked to convey the Council's consent to a proposal to create a mural on the recently constructed play area at Springfield Avenue, in West Belfast.</p> <p>Members are reminded that the Belfast Regeneration Office met the construction costs of providing the play area and that the council undertook the design and project management of the scheme, have accepted the transfer of the facility and the management and maintenance liabilities associated with it.</p> <p>During the construction phase there were ongoing problems with antisocial behaviour. Local residents are keen to take ownership of the facility to discourage such behaviour and have proposed that local school children and youth groups work with artists to produce 8 murals on 2.5m x 2.5m boards (8' x 8') boards.</p> <p>The proposal is that the murals will represent children and young people's view of Clonard and its history. Ten children will be involved with each mural and a range of local organisations will be represented. The funding for the project will be through the Integrated Services for Children and Young People.</p>

	<b>Key Issues</b>
	The primary issue for the Committee is whether it wishes to convey its consent to the proposal.

	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><u>Financial</u> There are no financial implications.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> There are no additional human resource implications.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> The mural would add colour and vibrancy to the play area, in addition it would provide the symbolic ownership of the facility by the community.</p>

	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
	None identified

	<b>Recommendations</b>
	It is recommended that the Committee accede to the request to provide a mural at the Springfield Avenue playground.

	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	Officer responsible: Principal Parks and Cemeteries Development Manager  Actions to be completed by: April 2011

	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None