



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Water Damage to Property
<b>Date:</b>	10 February 2011
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Rose Crozier, Head of Parks and Leisure

<b>1.</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	Members have requested an update on the impact of the weather conditions experienced over the Christmas and New Year period on our properties.

<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	<p>Our property maintenance section attended over 60 call outs to our properties over the Christmas and New Year period. Many of these related to burst pipes or leakages. Some buildings have only cosmetic damage that will be fixed in due course (i.e. when fully dried out, some joinery, painting required etc), but the mechanical repairs are completed and all the systems are fully operational again.</p> <p>Flooding in particular sites i.e. Malone House and Wilmont House will require more extensive work. We are working closely with our insurance manager to assess where claims can be made to reduce the impact on the property maintenance budgets.</p>

<b>3.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><u>Financial</u> The total costs of the water damage have yet to be fully assessed and all attempts will be made to reduce the impact on the department by liaising closely with our insurers. However, our insurance policies are subject to a significant excess amount and the majority of the damage will not be reclaimable.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> Our Property Maintenance Section worked closely with contractors over the affected period to ensure all work was carried out as quickly as possible.</p>

	<u>Assets</u> The work underway will secure our assets and the ongoing conditions surveys will assess essential maintenance requirements going forward.
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<b>4.</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
	None.

<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

<b>6.</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	N/A

<b>7.</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
	None.

<b>8.</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1: Breakdown of issues by individual site.