



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Stadia Proposals
<b>Date:</b>	10 February 2011
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure

<b>1. Relevant Background Information</b>	<p>Members will be aware that in the draft budget from the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure a commitment of £110m over the period from 2012-2015 has been made to develop regional stadia at Casement Park, Windsor Park and Ravenhill.</p> <p>The closing date for the public consultation on the draft budget is 9 February 2011 and the council's response to all the draft departmental budgets was considered by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 4 February 2011.</p> <p>During the development of the three business cases for the stadia the Directors of Parks and Leisure and Property and Projects represented the council on the oversight board convened by DeCAL and Sport NI.</p>
<b>2. Key Issues</b>	<p>It is important that the council continues to engage with DeCAL, the sports governing bodies, other stakeholders and particularly in the first instance with Sport NI who will oversee the stadia development for DeCAL.</p> <p>It is proposed that officers engage with Sport NI to examine how the council might contribute to the stadia proposals to ensure that the developments have the maximum regeneration and community development impacts.</p> <p>It is also proposed that at the appropriate time a political delegation meet with Sport NI to explore the issues around the stadia development.</p>
<b>3. Resource Implications</b>	None.

<b>4.</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
	None.

<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	It is recommended that Members agree that officers should continue to engage with Sport NI and other stakeholders regarding the stadia development and agree that a meeting is sought with Sport NI for a political delegation to discuss with them how the council could best contribute to the stadia proposals.

<b>6.</b>	<b>Decision tracking</b>
	The Director of Parks and Leisure will arrange a meeting with Sport NI before the end of March 2011.

<b>7.</b>	<b>Guide to abbreviations</b>
	None.

<b>8.</b>	<b>Documents attached</b>
	None.