



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Extension of the Facilities Management Agreement at Mary Peters Track
Date:	10 March 2011
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Stephen Stockman, Area Manager (South/West)

1. Relevant Background Information	<p>The committee is reminded that the Parks and Amenities Sub-Committee granted approval on 11 May 2004 to enter into a new facility management agreement with Northern Ireland Athletics (NIA) for a period of five years up to 31 July 2009 with a view to extending for a period of two years provided there was no breach of any of the company's obligations under the agreement.</p> <p>At its meeting on 11 June 2009 the Parks and Leisure Committee granted approval to extend the period of facilities management agreement with NIA for a further two years to 31 July 2011.</p> <p>To date this agreement has worked very well to the advantage of both the Council and NIA with an annual increase in user figures.</p> <p>The Council agreed at its meeting on 9 February 2011 to allocate £3million from the Capital Programme to the upgrade of the Mary Peters Track.</p> <p>This refurbishment of the site is likely to take place in late Spring 2012 and it is anticipated that the track will be closed for an extended period during 2012.</p>
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2. Key Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To allow for continuity of management for the short period before the refurbishment is due to commence it is proposed that the existing facilities management agreement with Northern Ireland Athletics be extended.• The timeframe for the extension of the existing agreement will be to 30 April 2012 and on a month by month basis thereafter to allow for possible delays with the contractor taking possession of the site.• A process to invite expressions of interest for the facility management of the refurbished site will be issued in early 2012.
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3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> The existing arrangements with NIA incur an annual expenditure in the region of £77,000 when an annual percentage increase in line with the rate of inflation is applied.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> There are no additional human resource implications for the council.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> The extension will ensure that the site is managed to current standards until the contractor commences work on site.</p>
4.	Equality and Good Relations Implications
	There are no associated implications.
5.	Recommendations
	<p>Members are asked to:</p> <p>(i) agree to the proposed extension of the existing facilities management agreement to 30 April 2012 and on a month by month basis thereafter to allow for possible delays with the contractor taking possession of the site.</p> <p>(ii) Agree to a process to invite expressions of interest for the facilities management of the new site being initiated in 2012.</p>
6.	Decision Tracking
	Subject to approval the necessary arrangements to extend the agreement will be put in place by the City Park Manager for the area in conjunction with the Leisure Sports Development Unit.
7.	Key to Abbreviations
	NIA: Northern Ireland Athletics
8.	Documents Attached
	None.