



Belfast City Council

Report to: Parks and Leisure Committee

Subject: Licence Agreement for Life Ring at Land Lagans East

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1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>In response to the tragic death in June 2010 of a young man in the River Lagan close to the Stranmillis Weir, DSD has erected a pole and life ring on the south bank of the river close to the weir. While DSD has ownership of the River Lagan at this point, the bank falls within council ownership at Lagan Lands East. This life ring is in addition to other life rings provided by DSD downstream from this point.</p> <p>DSD has now requested that the council enter into a formal agreement to document the installation on council owned lands. The location of the pole and life ring are highlighted with a red circle along with council ownership at Lagan Lands East shaded green on the map attached as Appendix 1.</p>
2.	Key Issues
	<p>Terms for a licence agreement have been agreed with DSD. These terms include commencement on 5 November 2010 for a period of one year, with continuation on a month to month basis thereafter. DSD will also be responsible for installation, maintenance, repair and replacement of the life ring and will fully indemnify the council.</p>

3.	Resource Implications
3.1	<u>Financial</u> None
3.2	<u>Human Resources</u> Legal Services and Estates Management Resources required to finalise the terms and drafting of the agreement.
3.3	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u> The short term nature of this arrangement should not have any impact on council use of this site.

4.	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	No known equality or good relations issues associated with these matters.

5.	Recommendations
5.1	Committee is recommended to approve a licence agreement for this small portion of ground for one year from 5 November 2010 with provision for its continuation on a month to month basis thereafter. This will be subject to the approval of this land disposal by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in accordance with Standing Orders 46 and 60 and incorporation of appropriate terms in a legal agreement to be prepared by Legal Services and subject to completion of the land transaction by the licensee in accordance with the recommendations contained in this report.

6.	Decision Tracking
	Director of Parks and Leisure to liaise with Director Property and Projects with a view to bringing a report to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee within two months.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	DSD: Department for Social Development

8.	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: Map highlighting life ring position with a red circle and Council land ownership at Lagan Lands East shaded green.