



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Refurbishment of Dunville and Woodvale Parks
Date:	14 April 2011
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The committee will recall that it has received a series of update reports over the past number of years regarding the refurbishment of Dunville Park and Woodvale Park. These two parks were selected for refurbishment as part of the parks improvement agenda in conjunction with the Belfast Regeneration Office (BRO) neighbourhood renewal work
1.2	At its meeting on 15 October 2009 the Parks and Leisure Committee agreed to commend the proposals for the refurbishment of Woodvale and Dunville Parks to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for advancement to the 'committed' section of the capital programme.
1.3	Subsequently at its meeting on 19 February 2010, the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agreed to advance the proposals subject to budget limits and £1m match funding being provided by the Department for Social Development (DSD) for each park.
1.4	The current position is that the proposals for both schemes are currently with the Planning Service and a decision from the Department for Social Development (Belfast Regeneration Office) regarding matched funding was announced on 24 March 2011.
1.5	Economic appraisals have been carried out on behalf of the Department for Social Development (Belfast Regeneration Office) and the recommended options are as follows: Dunville Park: Option 2 Woodvale Park: Option 4a
1.6	An extract from the economic appraisals which sets out the options considered is attached as Appendix 1 (Dunville Park) and Appendix 2 (Woodvale). A illustration of the proposed preferred options is attached as Appendix 3 (Dunville Park) and Appendix 4 (Woodvale Park)

1.7	The project programme anticipates invitation of tenders in September 2011 to enable work to commence towards the end of 2011.
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2	Key Issues
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2.1	The recommendations of the economic appraisal are little changed from the outline proposals but as part of the gates process the committee must confirm the recommended proposals from a service perspective.
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3	Resource Implications
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3.1	<u>Financial</u> There are no additional financial implications; provision of £1m to be funded by loan has been made for each of these proposals in the capital programme.
3.2	<u>Human Resources</u> There are no additional human resource implications
3.3	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u> The undertaking of the works will enhance the quality of life for residents of the surrounding area.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
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5	Recommendations
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5.1	It is recommended that the committee agree to proceed with the refurbishment of the both the Woodvale and Dunville parks on the basis of the option recommended in the economic appraisal and to commend this decision to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.
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6	Decision Tracking
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	Quarterly reports will be brought to committee to provide an update on the progress in respect of the two proposals.
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	Key to Abbreviations
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	SP&R: Strategic Policy and Resources Committee BRO: Belfast Regeneration Office DSD: Department of Social Development
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	Documents Attached
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	Appendix 1: options from economic appraisal (Dunville Park) Appendix 2: options from economic appraisal (Woodvale Park) Appendix 3: Illustration of preferred option for Dunville Park Appendix 4: illustration of preferred option for Woodvale Park
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