



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Fields in Trust, Queen Elizabeth II Challenge
Date:	9 June 2011
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1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>At its meeting in February 2011 Committee were made aware that the National Playing Fields Association (Fields in Trust) had launched the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. The challenge is an officially endorsed legacy initiative to mark the two landmark events scheduled to take place in the UK in 2012; HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London 2012 Olympics. The programme aims to permanently protect 2012 playing fields in communities all across the country ensuring access to outdoor sport, play and recreation both now and for future generations.</p> <p>Committee authorised the Director of Parks and Leisure to seek nominations from the Party Groupings in relation to those sites which could be eligible to participate in the initiative.</p> <p>The following list of nominations was received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orangefield Playing Fields• Ormeau Park• Barnetts Demense• Lagan Meadows• Connswater Community Greenway• Blythfield Park <p>Legal Services have considered each site in terms of ownership, title, restrictions and conditions that may apply. The details are set out in Appendix 1.</p>

2	Key Issues
	<p>Fields in Trust are expecting the submission of potential sites to their selection process as soon as possible and based on Legal Services' consideration it appears that only two would be suitable without considerable and lengthy investigative work. These are:</p>

	<p>1. Orangefield 2. Lagan Meadows</p> <p><i>It is proposed that the two sites are submitted to the Fields in Trust Queen Elizabeth II challenge.</i></p>
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3	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> None</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> Some Officer time in Parks & Leisure plus advice from Legal Services and Property & Projects Department (Estates Management Unit)</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> The nominated properties would be renamed in accordance with the 'Fields in Trust' requirements</p>

4	Equality and Good Relation Implications
	None.

5	Recommendations
	It is recommended that the Committee submit Orangefield and Lagan Meadows to Fields in Trust as part of the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge

6	Decision Tracking
	Fields in Trust will announce the results late in 2011 and Committee will be informed of the outcome.

7	Key to Abbreviations
	None.

8	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: Eligibility of nominated sites.