



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Proposed Electricity Wayleave at Ormeau Park
Date:	9 June 2011
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	At its meeting on 14 October 2010 the Parks and Leisure Committee agreed to lease, on a 99 year lease, a small portion of land at Ormeau Park to Northern Ireland Water (NI Water) for the capital sum of £500. The purpose of the NI Water installations on the leased land is to facilitate the construction, operation and maintenance of equipment aimed at improving the quality of any storm overflow waters which enter the River Lagan. The lease with NI Water was completed on 14 January 2011.
1.2	To enable the operation of NI Water's equipment on the leased land, NI Water require the provision of electricity to the site. In accordance with their normal practice Northern Ireland Electricity Limited (NIE) therefore wish to enter into a Wayleave Agreement with the Council in respect of an underground cable to be brought across Council land to service the NI Water site.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The proposed electricity supply facilitates the Council's tenant, NI Water.
2.2	NIE wish to enter into a Wayleave Agreement with the Council on their normal terms. This includes provision for removal or re-siting of the cable, at NIE expense, should the Council ever wish to develop the relevant land. A minimal fee of £2.10 per annum would be paid by NIE to the Council.
2.3	The approximate route of the proposed underground cable is shown on the attached drawing supplied by NIE. The exact route across Council

	land remains to be agreed and accurately mapped.
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3	Resource Implications
3.1	<u>Financial</u> Minimal. Rental receipt of £2.10 per annum is the standard NIE payment for a Wayleave of this nature.
3.2	<u>Human Resources</u> No additional human resources required.
3.3	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u> Facilitates operations on land already leased by the Council. It has minimal impact on the value of the amenity at Ormeau Park and no negative impact on the financial value of this property asset.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	No know equality or good relations issues associated with this matter.

5	Recommendations
5.1	Committee is recommended to approve the grant of a Wayleave Agreement to Northern Ireland Electricity Limited to provide a power supply to lands leased by the Council to Northern Ireland Water at Ormeau Park, subject to agreement of the route of the cable/wayleave and payment of a yearly fee of £2.10, payable by NIE to the Council,

6	Decision Tracking
6.1	Director of Parks & Leisure to ensure completion of Wayleave Agreement within two months of the decision of this Committee being ratified by full Council.

7	Key to Abbreviations
7.1	NI Water – Northern Ireland Water Limited NIE – Northern Ireland Electricity Limited

8	Documents Attached
8.1	Appendix 1 – Map provided by NIE showing approximate route of proposed electricity cable/wayleave marked in red.