



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Whiterock Leisure Centre – Main Hall Repairs.
Date:	9 June 2011
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks & Leisure
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1.0	Relevant Background Information
1.1	<p>A request has been made to close the Main Hall at the Whiterock Leisure Centre from Monday 15th August – Wednesday 31st August (inclusive) for essential maintenance. This repair has been highlighted as a priority requirement as part of the building condition survey 4 year plan. It has been recommended for completion during the financial year 2011-2012.</p> <p>In addition to the remedial works a further priority maintenance project for the main hall area is related to the construction of two one wall handball courts. It is envisaged that this work would be completed immediately after the floor has been repaired and to facilitate new lines being painted in order to match the dimensions required for this new service development.</p> <p>Historically such projects would have been undertaken around the Christmas period. However committee have approved the closure of two swimming pools (Avoniel LC & Falls LC) for remedial works during the festive season and officers are attempting to minimise any further service disruption at this time.</p> <p>Therefore, the request to complete the works following the conclusion of the Whiterock LC summer scheme and prior to the commencement of the autumn programme is deemed to be the most appropriate alternative.</p>

2.0	Key Issues
2.1	The latter part of August has traditionally been a less busy period for the Main Hall in Whiterock LC. It is utilised at the start of the month with the summer scheme which is due to finish on August 5 th and also will accommodate any requests in relation to the West Belfast festival which shall also be completed by the date that closure is being recommended.

3.0	Resource Implications
3.1	<u>Human Resources</u> Appropriate staff will be afforded the option of using the closure as an opportunity to avail of annual leave.
3.2	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u> Alternative Halls are available at Falls Leisure Centre & Andersontown Leisure Centre. Whiterock LC will also still have its 3 rd generation synthetic pitch available during this period to help accommodate some displaced five – a side bookings.

4.0	Equality and Good Relations Implications
4.1	None.

5.0	Recommendations
5.1	It is recommended that Members approve the contents of this report.

6.0	Decision Tracking
6.1	N/A

7.0	Key to Abbreviations
7.1	None.

8.0	Documents Attached
8.1	None