



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Summer Intervention Programme Activities
<b>Date:</b>	9 June 2011
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	At the April meeting of the Parks and Leisure Committee it was agreed that the department could support summer intervention activities across the city which were being funded by OFMDFM and administered through the council's Good Relations team.
1.2	In addition to this scheme, there is now further work ongoing across the Council to develop programmes which could help relieve heightened community tensions arising over the summer period.
<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	Supporting the summer intervention activities is likely to involve either leading in the delivery of organised programmes or supporting community-led programmes and may require the opening of sites and leisure centres - which the committee previously agreed could be closed on certain key dates.
<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<u>Financial</u> It is understood some of the activity programmes will be funded through a variety of government funded schemes. However, there may be some staff and other costs associated with running and hosting programmes.
	<u>Human Resources</u> Opening and staffing venues previously planned to be closed will have a cost implications from pay and overtime however these cannot be quantified at this time.
	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None.

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
	All activities associated with the summer intervention programme have the objective of assisting in easing tensions at key dates over the summer period and would have a positive effect on good relations throughout the City.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	Members are asked to give delegated authority to the Director to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) authorise officers to engage in further inter-departmental discussions on the development of either community-led or council led programmes of activities over the summer period; and</li> <li>(ii) open any parks and leisure site/venue (or part thereof) where appropriate in order to accommodate organised programmes or activities during the holiday period when venues may normally have been closed.</li> </ul>

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	An update on the summer programme activities will be brought to September Committee.

<b>7</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
	OFMDFM: Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister

<b>8</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None.