



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Mary Peters Track
Date:	13 October 2011
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
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1	Relevant Background Information
	Committee is reminded that at its meeting in September 2011 it asked that a monthly progress report be submitted on the refurbishment of the Mary Peters Track.

2	Key Issues
	<p>The current position is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The council committed £3m to the refurbishment of the Mary Peters Track in February 2011.2. Pre-application discussions have been held with Planning Service.3. Officers have engaged with PSNI regarding design out crime and a report will follow.4. A tree survey and ecological report have been completed.5. A presentation has been made to the Board of the Lagan Valley Regional Park within which the track is located as part of the pre-planning discussions;6. Queen University, from whom the council hold a lease to the land on which the track has been constructed, are aware of the proposals.7. A design team has been appointed and a proposal was submitted to the Planning Service in September. <p>In the coming months officers will continue to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. liaise with the Planning Service;2. work up detailed design proposals based on the submission to the planning service;3. work up a specification regarding future management of the facility which will be subject to external expressions of interest;4. work with Northern Ireland Athletics to manage closure during the works phase; and

	<p>5. put in place a communication plan to update users, interested parties and the general public of the proposals.</p> <p>Subject to planning and any issues that might arise the current anticipated programme is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2011: issue tender. • March 2011: commence work on site. • March 2013: project completion.
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3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> There are no additional financial implications.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> There are no additional human resource implications, work is being progressed within existing resources.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> The refurbishment of the track will safeguard the future of facility and provide improved facilities for users of the track and spectators.</p>

4.	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
	<p>Equality considerations will be taken account of in the design of the facility which will be DDA compliant.</p> <p>When completed it is proposed to have a delivery plan in place which will seek to ensure wide access to the facility.</p>

5.	Recommendations
	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note the report; and 2. consider whether it would like to receive a short presentation on the proposals which will be submitted to the Planning Service for approval at a future meeting.

6.	Decision Tracking
	<p>Further report to be presented by the Departmental Portfolio Programme Manager in November 2011.</p>

7.	Key to abbreviations
	<p>None.</p>

8.	Documents attached
	<p>None.</p>