



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Update on refurbishment of the Mary Peters' Track
Date:	10 November 2011
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Committee is reminded that at its meeting in September 2011 it asked that a monthly progress report be submitted to Committee on the refurbishment of the Mary Peters Track.

2	Key Issues
2.1	<p>The current position is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. as reported to Committee in October, the planning application has been lodged and is currently out for consultation;2. detailed design work is underway at risk and it is proposed to go to tender, at risk, at the end of November 2011. <p>As previously indicated in the October update the following actions will be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. work up a specification regarding future management of the facility which will be subject to external expressions of interest;2. work with Northern Ireland Athletics to manage closure during the works phase;3. put in place a communication plan to update users, interested parties and the general public of the proposals; and4. subject to planning or other issues that might arise the current anticipated programme is:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• November 2011: issue tender• March 2012: commence work on site• March 2013: completion. <p>Work is continuing on the preparation of a specification for a future management arrangement for the facility following completion of the works and it is hoped that this will be ready for advertisement in January/February 2012.</p>

	<p>Discussions are continuing with NIAF regarding arrangements during construction works. Members will be aware that school athletics days are accommodated at Mary Peters Track and notification has been issued to participating schools that the track will not be available during the summer of 2012.</p> <p>Discussions have commenced regarding how best to communicate the proposals and the details around the project.</p> <p>In summary, the Committee is asked to note that the project remains on target.</p>
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3	Resource Implications
3.1	<p><u>Financial</u> There are no additional financial implications.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Human Resources</u> There are no additional human resource implications; work is being progressed within existing resources.</p>
3.3	<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
4.1	Equality considerations will be taken account of in the design of the facility which will be DDA compliant.
4.2	When completed it is proposed to have a delivery plan in place which will seek to ensure wide access to the facility.

5	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is asked to note the report and accompanying presentation of plans.

6	Decision Tracking
	A further report will be presented to Committee in December 2011.

7.	Key to abbreviations
	None.

8.	Documents attached
	None.