



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Proposed Northern Ireland Electricity Wayleave at City of Belfast Golf Course
Date:	9 February 2012
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1.	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Northern Ireland Electricity Limited (NIE) is seeking to alter the arrangements related to a short length of their cable across council land at City of Belfast Golf Course. The alteration will involve the installation of approximately 1 metre length of cable underground instead of the existing overhead cable at the same location. The existing and proposed cables both run from an existing pole on the golf course to the boundary of the council's property where it adjoins a private house at 598 Antrim Road, Mallusk, Newtownabbey.
1.2	NIE require the council to complete a standard wayleave agreement to facilitate the new arrangement. The wayleave agreement provides for the termination of the arrangement on 12 months notice or if the council wishes to redevelop the land.

2.	Key Issues
2.1	The proposed underground cable installation for a distance of approximately 1 metre across council land will replace an existing overhead cable. Council officers will agree with NIE the method of installation of the proposed cable which will run under an existing mature hedgerow.
2.2	NIE's standard wayleave agreement will be completed prior to commencement of the proposed works.

3.	Resource Implications
3.1	<u>Financial</u> No financial implications.
3.2	<u>Human Resources</u> Existing Parks and Cemeteries and Estates Management Unit resource will undertake the process associated with completion of the proposed wayleave agreement.
3.3	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u> The short length of the proposed cable route, combined with the provisions for termination of the arrangement contained in the proposed wayleave agreement, mean the proposal will have minimal impact on the asset.

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

5.	Recommendations
5.1	Committee is recommended to approve the installation of an underground cable by Northern Ireland Electricity Limited at the location identified on the attached map (Appendix 1) and authorises completion of wayleave agreement in respect of same.

6.	Decision Tracking
	The Director of Parks and Leisure will ensure timely completion of proposed wayleave agreement.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	NIE – Northern Ireland Electricity Limited

8	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: Map showing approximate position of existing pole and proposed new underground cable marked in blue. Land in council ownership is shaded yellow.