



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Belfast Boxing Ring Proposal</b>
<b>Date:</b>	15 March 2012
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<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	<p>The Parks and Leisure Department has received a proposal from the Belfast Boxing Ring seeking support for the erection of a number of statues to acknowledge the valuable contribution which boxing has made to city. Outline proposals from the Belfast Boxing Ring are attached at Appendix 1.</p> <p>The Belfast Boxing Ring was established in 2010 with the aim of celebrating the rich and diverse history of boxing in the city.</p>

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	<p>The Belfast Boxing Ring's initial focus is on the erection of a statue commemorating Rinty Monaghan at Cathedral Gardens which is a Council property.</p> <p>Cathedral Gardens will form part of the consideration for the development of the University of Ulster and whilst Parks and Leisure committee may at a future committee give license for the erection of a statue, consideration of any firm proposals would need to be considered in the context of the above.</p> <p>At this stage the Belfast Boxing Ring are seeking support from committee and requesting attendance at a future committee to present their proposals.</p>

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><u>Financial</u> It is envisaged that there will be no financial impact as the project will be</p>

	privately funded.  <u>Human Resources</u> Human Resource implications are unknown at this stage.
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<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
	The proposal highlights the Boxing heritage of the city as follows:  ‘The Belfast Boxing Ring is a non-sectarian and not-for-profit project which aims to celebrate those citizens who, through dedication and boxing excellence, have brought pride to the city. This will be achieved – subject to a range of public and private funding – through the erection of three statues which will mark the proud legacy which the sport has given Belfast. The Belfast Boxing Ring seeks to promote what unites Belfast as a city and can promote community cohesion: the sport of boxing is a perfect basis for this aim.’

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	Committee is asked to note the proposal from Belfast Boxing Ring and agree to a presentation from the Belfast Boxing Ring at a future committee.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	Assistant Director of Parks & Leisure Service to liaise with the Belfast Boxing Ring

<b>7</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
	None.

<b>8</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 Belfast Boxing Ring Outline Proposal