



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Strategic Cemetery and Crematorium Development</b>
<b>Date:</b>	15 March 2012
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
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<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	<p>Over the last number of years officers have been working on a clear phased approach to cemetery and crematorium development in the city based on an analysis of data gathered, trend information and the development of a robust plan to meet current and future service requirements.</p> <p>As part of the approach a process has been undertaken to identify a site for development as a new cemetery and a report was brought to February Committee to provide Members with information on a potential site at Dundrod.</p> <p>At this meeting Members agreed 'that officers proceed with discussions regarding the Dundrod site and present a report on options to a future meeting of the committee'.</p>

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	<p>Since the Committee meeting in February several Members took part in the site visit that was organised to view the land that has been identified as a potential site.</p> <p>Officers from the department, Legal Services and Estates have held an initial meeting with the landowner and his representative. Various issues were discussed at this meeting including the ownership boundaries and "title" of the site in question.</p> <p>Following this meeting correspondence has been sent to the landowner's</p>

	solicitors for clarification of several points around ownership. On receipt of this information officers will bring a report to Committee outlining the next stages in the process.
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<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><u>Financial</u> There is provision of £13.9 M in the Council's capital programme for new cemetery provision for Belfast City Council.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> There are no human resource implications at this stage.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None at this stage although the final phases of the project will inevitably increase the Council's land ownership and associated liabilities.</p>

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
	There are currently no equality or good relation implications however this will continue to be reviewed as the project is developed.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	Members are asked to note the steps taken to date in relation to the site at Dundrod.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	Update reports will be taken to Committee by the Policy and Business Development Manager on a regular basis.

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

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