



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Titanic Memorial Garden</b>
<b>Date:</b>	10 May 2012
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
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### 1. Relevant Background Information

A proposal to construct a Titanic Memorial Garden with some associated re-landscaping at the East Entrance of the City Hall was agreed in April 2011 by the Strategic Policy and Resources committee. The Titanic Memorial and the immediately surrounding area had been somewhat neglected for a number of years with only essential maintenance taking place. With the removal of the Wheel and the opening of the East Entrance, the memorial area has taken on a much higher profile given the significant level of interest in the Titanic which has increased further with the marking of its centenary.

The Titanic Memorial Garden was officially opened on 15 April 2012, the 100th anniversary of the Titanic sinking.

The garden is set on two levels with the upper level containing a nine metre long plinth, inscribed with the names of those who died on RMS Titanic and a lower grassed terrace surrounding the existing monument.

### 2. Key Issues

Staff from the Landscape, Planning and Development Unit and the Gardening Team North worked tirelessly and went beyond the call of duty to develop a high quality memorial garden which the city can be proud of.

The garden's memorial plinth supports fifteen bronze plaques which list, in alphabetical order, the names of 1,512 people who perished on RMS Titanic.

When the plaques were being designed, it was believed that a complete list of

	<p>names was already in existence however this was not the case.</p> <p>Many existing lists documented the First Class, Second Class and Steerage, but did not necessarily include all the crew members, the Guarantee Group, the postal workers and the musicians.</p> <p>This is the first time that the names of everyone who perished have been recorded on one monument. 'The Belfast List' as it is now known, is a key feature of the memorial garden</p> <p>Joy Hutchinson and Kelly Frizell from Landscape Planning and Development Unit worked on the design of the garden and in particular Kelly did significant research to compile the 'Belfast List'.</p>
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<b>3.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><u>Finance</u> No impact</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> No impact.</p> <p><u>Asset</u> The memorial garden adds an attractive feature to the city hall grounds to be enjoyed by both citizens and visitors.</p>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
	No impact.

<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	Committee is asked to note the work of the department and in particular staff efforts in the development of the Titanic Memorial Garden.

<b>6.</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	N/A

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

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