



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Summer Intervention Programme Activities
Date:	10 May 2012
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Katrina Morgan, Leisure Operations Manager

1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>At the June 2011 meeting of the Parks and Leisure Committee, delegated authority was approved for the Director of Parks and Leisure to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) authorise officers to engage in inter-departmental discussions on the development of either community-led or Council-led programmes or activities over the Summer period; and(ii) open any park and/or leisure site/venue, or part thereof, where appropriate, in order to accommodate organised programmes or activities during the holiday period.

2	Key Issues
	<p>This year there is further work ongoing across the Council to develop programmes which could help relieve heightened community tensions arising over the summer period.</p> <p>By supporting summer intervention activities, it is likely that the Council would be required to be involved in either leading in the delivery of organised programmes or supporting community-led programmes. This might require the opening of council-owned sites and leisure centres which, the Committee had agreed previously could be closed on certain key dates.</p>

3	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> It is understood that some of the activity programmes will be funded through a variety of government funded schemes. However, there may be some staff and other costs associated with running and hosting programmes. A minimum of two staff would be required to open a leisure centre or other building and overtime costs associated with this would be approximately £47.00 per hour.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> Opening and staffing venues previously planned to be closed will have a cost implications from pay and overtime however these cannot be fully quantified at this time.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None.</p>

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
	All activities associated with the summer intervention programme have the objective of assisting in easing tensions at key dates over the summer period and would have a positive effect on good relations throughout the City.

5	Recommendations
	<p>Members are asked to give delegated authority to the Director to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) authorise officers to engage in further inter-departmental discussions on the development of either community-led or council led programmes of activities over the summer period; and (ii) open any parks and leisure site/venue (or part thereof) where appropriate in order to accommodate organised programmes or activities during the holiday period when venues may normally have been closed.

6	Decision Tracking
	An update on the summer programme activities will be brought to September Committee.

7	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8	Documents Attached
	None