



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee.
<b>Subject:</b>	Funding Application by Feile an Phobail to Alpha Programme for a Natural Amphitheatre in Falls Park
<b>Date:</b>	14 June 2012
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director, Parks and Leisure.
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Ricky Rice, City Park Manager

<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	Committee is reminded of a previous report presented in April 2012 regarding the production of a Development Plan for Falls Park, City Cemetery and the surrounding area for the benefit of the local community. It is envisaged the Development Plan which is included as part of the management plan under Green Flag will provide a cohesive approach for the local community and assist in bringing investment to this area.

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	<p>In the context of the development plan Parks officers have received a letter from Feile an Phobail (Appendix A) outlining a proposal for Feile an Phobail to apply for £30,000 funding from the Alpha programme to build a natural Amphitheatre in Falls Park.</p> <p>The proposed amphitheatre will be designed to enable public events to take place such as festivals, music events, art and craft workshops. It will allow the local community a natural seating area to enjoy picnics, a place where children's and family events can take place. The natural amphitheatre will include pathways that will allow accessibility for all.</p>

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>There are no financial requirements for Belfast City Council at this stage other than minor ongoing maintenance costs associated with this proposal, for example, maintenance of proposed electrical points. It is anticipated this will</p>

	<p>be absorbed within existing revenue budget for the Park.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> Belfast City Council Parks and Leisure Landscape Architect Officers will be involved in the design of the natural amphitheatre.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> The construction of a natural seating area, surrounded by terraced earth banks which will be landscaped and planted to form a natural performance and leisure arena for the local community.</p>
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<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
	The natural amphitheatre will provide a safe area for children to play at an outdoor green space that is accessible to people with disabilities.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	It is recommended Committee note the contents of the report and agree that the Director of Parks and Leisure send a letter of support to the Alpha funding programme.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	Ricky Rice, City Park Manager, South and West Belfast will prepare a letter of support by 10 June 2012.

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

<b>8</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix: Proposal by Feile an Phobail for a funding application to Alpha programme for a Natural Amphitheatre in Falls Park.