



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Dunville Park and Woodvale Refurbishment
Date:	9 August 2012
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1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the refurbishment of Dunville and Woodvale Park. There are several strands to the works as outlined below.</p> <p><u>Construction Work</u></p> <p>The Committee is asked to note that the physical work has commenced on the refurbishment of both parks with the contractors taking possession on 25 June 2012. The contract period on both projects is twelve months; completion is therefore expected by the end of June 2013.</p> <p>Computer generated images illustrating how each park will look following the works are attached as Appendices A and B.</p> <p><u>Diversionsary Activities During Works</u></p> <p>Discussions have been ongoing between Council Officers and local community representatives with the aim of putting in place a diversionary programme to support the physical works programme. The aim of these interventions is to help gain local support for the projects and to seek to minimise anti social behaviour around both of the sites during the works period. In both cases the programme has commenced with diversionary activities having been developed through local community networks and delivered from within each community over the July holiday period and throughout the construction period. The budget for these activities is retained by the Council, requisitions are handled through Council staff and procurement will be in line with Council policy and procedure.</p>

2	Key Issues
	<p><u>Future Management Options</u> The Committee is reminded that at its meeting in May 2012 it received an update report which included proposals to undertake development work with each community to look at future management options for each of the parks. At that meeting Members stressed the importance of ensuring that there was community engagement in the process and that the management option selected would be community specific. An external facilitator has now been appointed. It is intended that an initial workshop with community representatives will be held in August 2012. A separate workshop will be held for each of the two parks to ensure that the discussion is focused on the local community.</p>

3	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> There are no additional financial implications at this time.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> There are no additional human resource implications at this time.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> This piece of work is important part of exploring how we can manage our assets in a more efficient and effective manner and in a way that brings community involvement to the fore.</p>

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
	None.

4	Recommendations
	It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of the report.

5	Decision Tracking
	A further report will be presented to members in October 2012.

7	Key to Abbreviations
	None.

8	Documents Attached
	None.