



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee.
Subject:	Progress report on redevelopment of Mary Peters Track
Date:	11 October 2012
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1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The Committee will be aware that work is continuing to upgrade the Mary Peters Track.</p> <p>Members will be further aware that there was an urgency to complete the works. This stemmed from a desire to host the athletics element of the forthcoming World Police and Fire Games (WPFG). Owing to the condition of the track at the time the Games Committee wished to see tangible progress in advance of taking the preferred venue decision. Members will be aware that the Games Committee subsequently identified the Mary Peters Track as the preferred location for the Athletics events.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to note that the works are due to complete by January 2013 and be available for use by April 2013.</p> <p>The current position is promising. The contractor has made good progress on the upgrade works and as a result the field area is largely completed, the laying of the new track is well underway, however, progress has been stifled owing to the recent poor weather. Nevertheless the track and field area are on schedule for completion during November 2012. It is possible that these elements of the track will be handed back to the Council before the new year. This is currently subject to discussions between Council Officers and the contractor. Work is continuing on the spectator stand which is scheduled to be completed early in 2013.</p>

2	Key Issues
	The Committee is asked to note that the scheme remains on schedule to be

	<p>completed by the end of January 2013 and to be in use by April 2013.</p> <p>In addition, the Committee is asked to consider whether it would like to visit the track in the new year once the works have been completed. This would provide an early opportunity for the Committee to see the track first hand.</p>
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3	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> There are no additional human resource implications at this time.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> There are no additional human resource implications</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> The investment will deliver a high quality athletics facility for the city and will enable athletes of all levels and abilities to train and compete on a surface comparable to major venues across the world.</p>

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
	There are no equality implications.

5	Recommendations
	The Committee is asked to note the report and to agree to a site visit following completion of the works to the track in the New Year.

6	Decision Tracking
	A further update report will be brought to the Committee at its meeting in December 2012.

7	Key to Abbreviations
	World Police and Fire Games (WPFG)

8	Documents Attached
	None