



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Shankill Cemetery Artwork
Date:	14 November 2012
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Fintan Grant, City Park Manager, Area North

1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The Shankill Area Social History group (SASH) have contacted Belfast City Council with a request to erect a mosaic in the grounds of Shankill Graveyard.</p>
2.	Key Issues
	<p>The feature will measure 1.2m in height by 2m across and will depict a visual history of the cemetery and the surrounding Shankill area. Notable people include Ambrose Sterling; Great War and RAF casualty who died aged 14 years old.</p> <p>The artwork will be a permanent feature at the entrance to the cemetery. A solid structure with a concrete base will be built and the artwork will be attached to this.</p> <p>An area of mature shrubbery will be removed to facilitate the erection of the artwork. Removal of this vegetation was already planned as part of a winter work programme in conjunction with Green Flag standards.</p> <p>It is envisaged that the erection of this artwork will contribute to increased tourism in the area and provide locals and visitors with information on those interred within the graveyard.</p> <p>Local groups i.e. Alternatives and the Youth Safety Network have been involved in the design of the feature.</p>

3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Human</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>Belfast City Council has been asked to cover the cost of installation. It is envisaged that this cost will not exceed £1500. This will be the council's contribution towards the project. Parks Area North budget will incur the expenditure.</p> <p><u>Assets</u></p> <p>Use of Shankill Graveyard to erect the mosaic. The council will incur future maintenance costs associated with this artwork.</p>

4.	Equality and good relations implications
	<p>There is no known associated equality considerations associated with this request.</p>

5.	Recommendations
	<p>It is recommended that the Committee supports this request.</p>

6.	Decision Tracking
	<p>All actions relating to this request will be managed and monitored by Michael Largey (Community Park Manager)</p>

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	<p>SASH – Shankill Area Social History</p>

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