



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee.
<b>Subject:</b>	Commemorative Floral Bedding Displays 2013
<b>Date:</b>	10 January 2013
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director, Parks and Leisure Department.
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Ricky Rice, City Park Manager, South West Belfast.

<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	<p>The Committee is requested to note that Parks Officers have received requests from two organisations, Girls Brigade, Northern Ireland and Tiny Life, a premature baby charity based in Northern Ireland. Both organisations wish to commemorate their respective organisations in a floral bedding display within the Council's parks.</p> <p>The Girls Brigade was founded in 1893 and is an international and inter denominational organisation working with girls of every background and ability. The organisation has 23,000 members and is the largest youth organisation in Ireland. They are celebrating their 120<sup>th</sup> worldwide birthday in 2013.</p> <p>Tiny life is a premature baby charity dedicated to reducing premature birth, disability, illness and death in babies born in Northern Ireland as well as providing support to the families of premature or sick babies. The charity is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year in 2013.</p>

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	<p>Both organisations have been in contact with Parks Officers requesting that the Council highlight their relevant organisations' milestones. This may include, for example, incorporating their logos into a floral bedding display within a park in Belfast. Following discussions with the organisations it is the officers' assessment that it is possible to provide a bedding display for each organisation and therefore help to promote both celebrations in a positive manner by means of bright and colourful floral displays. The content of floral displays will not be controversial and further discussions are required with both organisations to agree designs and to determine locations to optimise visibility.</p>

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><u>Financial</u> Bedding displays are part of the revenue budgets for Parks and Leisure Department and therefore there are no additional financial implications. There may be some information signage required at each of the two displays and the cost of this will be met by the organisations. All information signage will be agreed and authorised in advance by the Council.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> There are no Human Resource issues other than officer time</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None.</p>

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
	There are no Equality or Good relations issues.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee is requested to grant permission to proceed with a floral bedding display for both the Girls Brigade and the Tiny Life Charity in the summer of 2013.</li> <li>• Committee is further requested to grant delegated authority to the Director of Parks and Leisure to accede to similar requests of a non controversial nature.</li> </ul>

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	Ricky Rice, City Park Manager, South West Belfast.

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

<b>8</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None