



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Proposed Container at Waterworks
Date:	14 March 2013
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Fintan Grant, City Parks Manager (North)

1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The Committee will be aware that there is a well established and vibrant fishermen's group operating within the Waterworks Park. This grouping has been in existence for several years and has cross community membership. The group has recently approached Council Officers and some elected members requesting the installation of a container at the site adjacent to the upper pond (see Appendix A). The purpose of this container would be to provide a storage facility for the equipment used by the group and also to provide a dry area. The proposal excludes the inclusion of heating, water, power and sewage.</p> <p>The proposal is for a 12m long container. To keep within the constraints under permitted development the height of the container, which will have a pitched roof, must not exceed 4m. In addition the group has asked that the container be masqued as a log cabin to provide a more sympathetic structure to the surrounding environment and in keeping with a more traditional view of fishing. Appendix B provides an illustration of the structure. Appendix C provides a more technical indicative outline.</p> <p>The estimated cost of this would be in the region of £30,000.</p> <p>The Department of Culture Arts and Leisure has intimated that it may be in a position to provide the necessary funding for this within the current financial year. A proposal has been sent to the Department and is currently under consideration.</p>

2.	Key Issues
	<p>The Committee is asked to consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The fishermen's group is well established within the park and this proposal will help sustain the group in the future; 2. There is the possibility that other interest groups in the future may approach the Council for similar accommodation; 3. The container and associated security fencing will increase the maintenance responsibility, it is anticipated that routine maintenance will be minimal; however, vandalism to the fencing and / or the container would have a more significant impact, the value of the container is estimated to be in the region of £15,000 and the fencing £7,000, the other £8,000 is the cost of preparation and installation; 4. The estimated time scale for the project to be delivered in approximately four months to allow for procurement, construction and installation; 5. The Committee is being asked to give consent to the installation of the container and fencing and accept the associated maintenance and public liability responsibility associated with it.

3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial Implication</u></p> <p>The cost of the container, fencing and installation will be in the region of £30,000 and will be met by the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure. The ongoing maintenance will be absorbed within existing budgets.</p> <p><u>Human Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional human resource implications</p> <p><u>Asset and other implications</u></p> <p>The installation of the container will help support a well established group within the park,</p>

4.	Equality Implications
	<p>There are no equality implications.</p>

5.	Recommendations
	<p>It is recommended that the Committee consent to the request to provide and locate a container as indicated in Appendices A, B and C on the basis that the cost is met by the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure; and agree to accept the associated maintenance and public liability responsibilities.</p>
6.	Decision Tracking
	<p>An update report will be presented by the City Park Manager (North) to a future meeting of the Committee.</p>
7.	Key to Abbreviations
	<p>None</p>
8.	Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix A – Location map showing proposed location Appendix B – Photograph showing indicative image of the container Appendix C – Detail drawing outlining specification</p>