



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>North Belfast Play Forum</b>
<b>Date:</b>	13 June 2013
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Stephen Walker, Departmental Portfolio Programme Manager

<b>1.</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	<p>The Committee is reminded that at its meetings in December 2011 and August 2012 it received a report on proposals by the North Belfast Play Forum to convert the existing polymeric surface in to a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation facility. This request came from the Forum who had indicated increased difficulties in attracting existing users to use the facility as users preferred the newer 3<sup>rd</sup> generation facility.</p> <p>At its meeting in December 2011 the Committee had been informed that the Forum had made application to BIFFA for funding and were seeking a contribution from the Council as 3<sup>rd</sup> party funder, up to £10,000. The Committee agreed to this. In August 2012 it was reported to the Committee that the Council had received notification from BIFFA that a contribution of £5,102.04 was required to meet the 10% required as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Funding Body. .</p> <p>The Committee is asked to note that the cost of the works have increased since the initial application to BIFFA . The estimated cost is now £63,000. Therefore the Council is being asked to contribute the original £10,000 it had agreed to the project with the shortfall, approximately £3,000 being met by Belfast Regeneration Office.</p> <p>The project has now progressed. The lease agreement has been completed and it is hoped that the works will be completed in the summer.</p>

<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	The Committee is asked to reaffirm its decision in December 2011 to contribute up to £10,000 to meet the cost of the replacement third generation carpet.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><b><u>Financial Implications</u></b></p> <p>The cost can be met from existing budgets.</p> <p><b><u>Human Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>There are no additional human resource implications other than Officer time.</p> <p><b><u>Asset and Other implications</u></b></p> <p>There are no other implications.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Equality Implications</b>
	There are no equality implications.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	The Committee is asked to authorise the expenditure of up to £10,000 to meet the cost of the works.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	A further report will be brought to Committee following completion of the works by the Departmental Portfolio and Programme Manager.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
	None
<b>8.</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix A – Previous Reports from December 2011 and August 2012