



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Economic Appraisal – Proposal re Midland Boxing Club
Date:	13 June 2013
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1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The Committee will be aware that as part of the ongoing discussions ahead of the implementation of Local Government Reform Council Officers have been meeting with their counterparts in Belfast Regeneration Office to share information and identify potential common interest projects with a view to increased shared working in the run up to April 2015.</p> <p>At a recent meeting there was some discussion around a proposal received by BRO seeking capital funding in relation to the Midland Boxing Club. During the discussions Council Officers were asked to work with BRO to move this project forward and agree to commission and oversee the development of an economic appraisal. The request was premised on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Council's recently published Boxing Strategy; and2. That site on which the existing facility is built is currently leased from the Council.
2.	Key Issues
	<p>The key issue for the Committee to authorise Council Officers to commission the undertaking of a Economic Appraisal to determine the feasibility of a purpose built building to accommodate the needs of the Midland ABC.</p>

3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial Implications</u></p> <p>The cost of the Economic Appraisal will be met by the Belfast Regeneration Office.</p> <p><u>Human Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional human resource implications other than Officer time.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.	Equality Implications
	There are no equality implications.
5.	Recommendations
	The Committee is asked to authorise Officers to commission and oversee the Economic Appraisal on behalf of the Belfast Regeneration Officer.
6.	Decision Tracking
	Not applicable.
7.	Key to Abbreviations
	<p>ABC – Amateur Boxing Club</p> <p>BRO – Belfast Regeneration Office</p>
8.	Documents Attached
	None