



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Update on refurbishment of Dunville and Woodvale Parks
Date:	13 June 2013
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1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The Committee will be aware that work is nearing completion at both Dunville Park and Woodvale Park. The contractors took possession of each respective site on 25th June 2012, both are 12 month contracts and work is scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2013 although with snagging lists it may this may now be the 1st week in July.</p> <p>Reopening of the Parks</p> <p>The parks will reopen to the public immediately following completion of the works. However, owing to the holiday period it has been agreed that the official reopening will be held in early August 2013. Members are asked to note that a formal invite to the reopening will be posted to all Members of the Committee. Members should also note that it is currently intended to undertake the official reopening of both parks on the same day and that the Minister for Social Development hopes to be in attendance. A schedule for each opening will be provided to Members who may attend either or both events. Work is currently ongoing to develop a programme of events and activities for the parks.</p> <p>Future Management Options</p> <p>Discussions on the future management of the parks are continuing with each of the communities and a further report will be brought to the Committee in due course. The responses from both communities have been positive to date.</p>

2	Key Issues
	The key points for the committee to note is that the work on the refurbishments are nearing completion. The official opening will be in early August and work is ongoing to implement a new management model which will seek to give the community greater influence over activities in the parks.

3	Resource Implications
	<u>Financial</u> There are no additional financial implications. <u>Human Resources</u> There are no additional human resource implications

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	There are no equality implications

5	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is asked to note the report.

6	Decision Tracking
	A further report will be brought to Committee in September 2013.

7	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8	Documents Attached
	None