



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>MUGA Programme</b>
<b>Date:</b>	13 February 2014
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	<p>Committee is asked to note that Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 24 January 2014 agreed a MUGA programme.</p> <p>A MUGA is a Multi-Use Games Area which is suitable for a variety of informal sports including football, netball and basketball etc. Due to their nature the majority of MUGAs are accessible and free to use. The Council currently has 37 MUGAs across the city.</p>

<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>																																				
	<p>Phase 1 of the MUGA Programme is broken down into two strands – refurbishments and new builds. The sites and investment have been agreed are as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">MUGA PROGRAMME – PHASE 1</th> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Phase 1A – Refurbishments - £275,000</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">1.</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Clara Street</td> <td style="width: 65%;">Completion by end of March 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2.</td> <td>Victoria Park</td> <td>Completion by mid April 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3.</td> <td>Finlay Park</td> <td>Completion by mid February 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4.</td> <td>New Lodge</td> <td>Completion mid March 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">5.</td> <td>Willowbank</td> <td>Completion mid March 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6.</td> <td><i>Dover Street</i></td> <td>Complete December 2013</td> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Phase 1B – New Builds – approx £815,000</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">7.</td> <td>Springfield Av Site A</td> <td>New build. Preparatory work to commence now. Due for completion March 15* <i>(Costs to be confirmed)</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">8.</td> <td>Annadale</td> <td>New build. Preparatory work to commence now. Due for completion March 15*</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">9.</td> <td>Clarendon Playing Fields</td> <td>New build. Preparatory work to commence now. Due for completion March 15*</td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">*Dependent on planning permission etc.</p>	MUGA PROGRAMME – PHASE 1			Phase 1A – Refurbishments - £275,000			1.	Clara Street	Completion by end of March 2014	2.	Victoria Park	Completion by mid April 2014	3.	Finlay Park	Completion by mid February 2014	4.	New Lodge	Completion mid March 2014	5.	Willowbank	Completion mid March 2014	6.	<i>Dover Street</i>	Complete December 2013	Phase 1B – New Builds – approx £815,000			7.	Springfield Av Site A	New build. Preparatory work to commence now. Due for completion March 15* <i>(Costs to be confirmed)</i>	8.	Annadale	New build. Preparatory work to commence now. Due for completion March 15*	9.	Clarendon Playing Fields	New build. Preparatory work to commence now. Due for completion March 15*
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	<p><b>MUGA Refurbishment</b> Members will be aware that there is already a very successful rolling programme of improvements in place for the Council's playgrounds which is based on robust independent condition surveys. A similar process will be put in place to assess the remaining existing MUGAs and the results of this assessment will form the basis of a rolling programme of refurbishments for the Council's MUGAs going forward.</p> <p>Members will also be aware that a number of MUGAs are transferring in under the Local Government Reform (both from DSD and from Lisburn/Castlereagh) and these will be included in the inspection programme.</p> <p><b>New Builds</b> It has been agreed that officers progress the development of a policy framework in relation to the provision of new MUGAs. This will be carried out in parallel to the work being progressed on the condition surveys and will be brought back to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at the same stage to allow Members to consider an overall Programme.</p> <p>Work is also ongoing on re-base lining the Pitches Strategy and looking at Facilities Management Agreements. The work on development of a rolling MUGA programme will be looked at in the context of these.</p>
3.	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><u>Financial</u> Phase 1A will be financed through non-recurrent underspend and the new builds will be progressed under the Capital Programme.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> Staff from Parks &amp; Leisure and Property &amp; Projects will deliver the MUGA programme.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> The MUGA Programme will enhance facilities for local people</p>
4.	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
	There are no equality implications.
5.	<b>Recommendations</b>
	Committee is asked note the report.
6.	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	Director of Parks and Leisure
7.	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
	MUGA - Multi Use Games Area DSD - Department of Social Development
8.	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None

