



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Proposed use of City Of Belfast Playing Fields, Mallusk</b>
<b>Date:</b>	13 March 2014
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of Parks & Leisure
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Paddy McGrattan, Sports Development Officer

<b>1.</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	<p>The Director of Parks and Leisure has received a request from the Irish Football Association for the use of Council facilities at The City Of Belfast Playing Fields, Mallusk.</p> <p>The Irish Football Association wishes to organise the inaugural Schoolgirls Soccer Festival Day on Wednesday 11 June 2014.</p> <p>The event will run from 10:00am until 3:30pm</p> <p>This event will build on the existing successful partnership between Belfast City Council and the IFA with regards to developing Soccer for Women and girls through the Futsal programme</p>

<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	<p>The event will involve 80 teams from year 8/9 and 80 teams from year 9/10.</p> <p>In total around 1600 girls are expected to participate.</p> <p>The event will include teams from 22 Belfast schools.</p> <p>The area will require to be marked into 32 small sided pitches.</p> <p>Teams will also need access to changing rooms.</p> <p>The request is for in kind support which is in the form of a waiver of the hire charges.</p>

<b>3.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><u>Financial</u> There will be a cost associated with the granting of free use of the pitches and changing facilities. It is estimated that lost income would be in the region of £1,152.00 which is the hire of 16 full size pitches for 6 hours.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> There will be no requirement to bring in extra staff both to mark out the pitches and to cover the use of the facility</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> Not Applicable.</p>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Equality Implications</b>
	There are no equality or good relations implications at this stage. Equality and good relations implications will continue to be monitored in a centralised approach and regular updates will be sent to the Equality and Diversity Officer.

<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	Members are asked to accede to the request for the free use of The City of Belfast Playing Fields for this event.

<b>6.</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	None

<b>7.</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
	IFA – Irish Football Association.

<b>8.</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None