



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Proposed licence from DSD at River Terrace</b>
<b>Date:</b>	12 June 2014
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard Director of Parks and Leisure
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<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	Following a request from St John Vianney Youth Centre to explore the option of establishing a community led garden on land at River Terrace the Parks and Leisure Committee at its meeting on 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 approved the further investigation of the potential for the development of the community garden at River Terrace with a further report to be brought to Committee in due course.

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	The land at River Terrace required for the redevelopment as a community garden is owned by DSD. DSD have agreed in principle to grant the Council a licence at nil cost to allow the Council to develop the land as a community garden. It is proposed that the licence remains in place until the land is transferred to the Council on the 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015 as part of Local Government Reform.

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	<u>Finance</u> £50k of capital funds allocated to South Belfast could contribute to the build of a community garden at River Terrace. DSD have agreed to nil rent for the licence.
3.2	<u>Assets</u> The land at River Terrace is due to transfer to the Council from DSD under Local Government Reform on the 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015.
3.3	<u>Human Resources</u> Officers from Estates and Legal Services will subject to Members approval complete the licence.

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
4.1	There are no implications at this stage. However equality and good relations factors will be taken into account in any activities delivered at the community garden or through the project.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	Members are asked to approve the taking of a licence from DSD to allow Parks and Leisure to further the investigation of the potential for the development of a community garden at River Terrace, subject to terms to be agreed between Legal Services, Estates Management Unit and DSD. This report is subject to Strategic Policy and Resources approval.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
Director of Property and Projects to ensure completion of the Licence from DSD if approved by Members	

<b>7</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
DSD Department for Social Development	

<b>8</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
Appendix 1 - Plan.	