



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Boxing Sculptures - Update Report
Date:	14 August 2014
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1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The Committee is reminded that it received a presentation from the Belfast Boxing Ring at its meeting on 15 November 2012. The Ring sought the support of the Council to recognise the contribution of the sport of boxing to the City through the provision of number of commemorative sculptures. Members are reminded that the proposals for the sculptures were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cathedral Gardens – statue to Rinty Monaghan• Dunville Park – statue to John Caldwell• Woodvale Park – statue to the boxing greats of the Shankill Road <p>The Committee received a further report in August 2013 which noted that Strategic Policy and Resources had agreed to include the Sculptures as an emerging project on the Capital Programme and agreed that it be progressed to Strategic outline case. Steady progress has been made and we are now in a position to seek tenders in relation to the two agreed sculptures at Cathedral Gardens and Dunville Park. A separate tender process will follow in relation to the development of an appropriate commemorative art piece which will be located in Woodvale Park.</p>

2.	Key Issues
	<p>The key issue for the Committee to note is that work is progressing on the production of the three sculptures.</p> <p>In previous reports, Members were asked to note that there was no</p>

	<p>reference to the ongoing management and maintenance of the sculptures upon completion. It is however implicit that as these will be Council assets they will be maintained and insured by the Council.</p> <p>Details of the sculptures will be provided to the Insurance Manager. Our experience of similar bronze sculptures, such as that of Dame Mary Peters and the Yardmen indicate a very low level of maintenance is required.</p> <p>A further report will be brought to the Committee for information following the tender process with estimated timescales.</p>
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3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial Implications</u></p> <p>The provision of the sculptures has been agreed through the Capital Programme.</p> <p><u>Human Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional human resource implications</p>

4.	Equality Implications
	There are no equality implications.

5.	Recommendations
	The Committee is asked to note the report and agree to the undertaking of the management and maintenance of the sculptures upon completion.

6.	Decision Tracking
	A further report will be brought to the Committee before the end of the year.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8.	Documents Attached
	None