



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject	Environmental Improvement Scheme in City Cemetery
Date:	14 August 2014
Reporting Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director, Parks and Leisure Department.
Contact Officer:	Ricky Rice, City Parks Manager, South and West

1.	Relevant Background Information
-----------	--

	<p>Parks Officers have been in discussion with the Department for Social Development with a view to implementing enhancement works to the entrance points and walls surrounding the City Cemetery along part of the Whiterock and the Falls Roads. Similar enhancement works which have been completed to the wall of Milltown Cemetery, see attached photograph, (Appendix C). These improvements have been very favourably received. The works will include cleaning, painting, infilling masonry gaps and re-pointing where necessary (Appendix D). Blue limestone paving is proposed at the occasional use entrance of the Cemetery. Recessed up lighters are proposed at both entrance points to the Cemetery and Falls Park entrance (Appendix A).</p>
--	--

2.	Key Issues
-----------	-------------------

	<p>The walls and entrance pillars of the City Cemetery and Falls Park are deemed to be listed buildings and the Department of Social Development have applied and received approval from the Department of Environment to carry out the above works (Appendix B)</p> <p>The work is weather dependent and is due to start in early September 2014 and scheduled to be completed by December 2014.</p>
--	---

3.	Resource Implications
-----------	------------------------------

	<u>Financial Implications</u>
--	--------------------------------------

	The Department of Social Development Department is funding the
--	--

	<p>scheme and the current estimated cost for the scheme is £273,000. It is proposed that Belfast City Council take over maintenance of the lighting scheme and pay for ongoing electricity costs of the up lighting of the City Cemetery. Costs are estimated to be in the region of £1,000 per annum.</p> <p><u>Human Resources implications</u></p> <p>There are no human resource implications, other than that of Officer time.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>The enhancement works to the City Cemetery wall and entrance gates will give a positive contribution to the general area and improve the visual appearance of the cemetery.</p>
--	---

4.	Equality Implications
	There are no equality implications

5.	Recommendations
	It is recommended that Committee approve the above proposal for the Department of Social Development to carry out enhancement works to the walls and entrance points of the City Cemetery and Falls Park, subject to a suitable licence and legal agreement as required between Belfast City Council and the Department of Social Development. It is also subject to confirmation that all works can be completed by March 2015 to ensure that no financial liability transfers to the Council post April 2015.

6.	Decision Tracking
	Ricky Rice, City Parks Manager

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8.	Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix A. Proposed lighting installation.</p> <p>Appendix B. Approved planning application for enhancement works to the Walls and entrance gates at City Cemetery</p> <p>Appendix C Completed works at Milltown Cemetery</p> <p>Appendix D Current state of walls at Falls Park entrance</p>