Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject	**Tree planting Ceremony at Mary Peters Track for Mary Peters**
Date:	16 October 2014
Reporting Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Ricky Rice, City Parks Manager.

1.	**Relevant Background Information**
	Belfast City Council Parks Officers have been approached by members of staff from the Woodland Trust concerning permission to commemorate the end of Dame Mary Peters tenure as Lord Lieutenant of Belfast by holding a small event involving the planting of a tree or a number of trees in the grounds of Belfast City Council's Mary Peters Track. No firm date has been confirmed. However it is proposed the event will happen during the month of November 2014.

2.	**Key Issues**
	Belfast City Council has a lease with Queens University concerning the use of the facility and Belfast City Council Officers have reviewed the lease and are of the opinion that Belfast City Council can provide the Woodland Trust permission to plant the trees. It is proposed Belfast City Council would be responsible for the maintenance of the trees.

3.	**Resource Implications** **Financial implications** Woodland Trust will provide the trees and supply an appropriate contractor to plant the trees. Belfast City Council will be responsible for the maintenance of the trees and in the context of the environment of this

	location the maintenance costs of the trees will be negligible. **Human Resource implications** There are no Human Resource implications other than Officer time.	
4.	**Equality Implications**	
	There are no equality implications.	

5.	**Recommendations**
	It is recommended Committee provide approval for the Woodland Trust to hold a small event involving the planting of a small number of trees to commemorate the end of Dame Mary Peters tenure as Lord Lieutenant of Belfast, subject to the Woodland Trust's contractor providing appropriate public liability insurance for the planting of the trees.

6.	**Decision Tracking**
	Ricky Rice, City Parks Manager

7.	**Key to Abbreviations**
	None

8.	**Documents Attached**
	None