



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Centenary Fields Programme
Date:	16 October 2014
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1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>Committee agreed at its June 2014 meeting to participate in the centenary fields programme. The Royal British Legion and Fields in Trust are working together to deliver the Centenary Fields programme which aims to create a living legacy and at the same time commemorate the sacrifice made by those who gave their lives in the conflict of World War 1.</p> <p>Committee agreed that officers would liaise with Party Group Leaders to receive nominations and that an assessment of feasibility would be carried by Legal Services and the Estates Unit with proposals brought to a future committee.</p> <p>The June 2014 report is attached at Appendix 1.</p>

2.	Key Issues
	<p>Officers sought nominations from Party Groups and the following sites were put forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Belmont Park• Strangford Avenue Playing Fields. <p>Following receipt of nominations, assessments were carried out by Legal Services and Estates to ensure that they were not subject to other restrictions or provisions. The Strangford Avenue Playing Fields site was discounted at this stage as it was acquired in 1992 from the Belfast</p>

	<p>Education and Library Board on the basis of a 10,000 year lease with a restriction that it be used as playing fields and for other recreational purposes. There were no restrictive covenants found for Belmont Park.</p> <p>It is therefore proposed that Belmont Park is recommended to be dedicated as a centenary field to participate to be included in the proposed programme to commemorate the sacrifices of World War 1.</p>
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3.	Resource Implications
	<p>Financial No financial implications</p> <p>Human Resources Legal Services and Estates would be involved in establishing the deed of dedication.</p> <p>Assets The chosen site would be subject to a deed of dedication which would constrain the Council's use of the property in the future.</p>

4.	Equality Implications
	There are no equality or good relations issues at present.

5.	Recommendations
	Committee is asked to agree that Belmont Park is dedicated as a centenary field as part of the programme outlined.

6.	Decision Tracking
	The Assistant Director Parks and Leisure will action the recommendations.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8.	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1. Centenary Fields Programme June 2014