



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Skegoneill Health Centre
Date:	11 December 2014
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1.	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the current status of the site of the former Skegoneill Health centre.

2.	Key Issues
2.1	The Committee is reminded that in December 2013 it agreed that the former Skegoneill Health Centre site be transferred to the Corporate Land Bank subject to approval by Strategic Policy and Resources. At this time it was highlighted to Members that the site had remained derelict and unused since the closure of the health centre and that the site had been used as a location for a bonfire in 2012 and 2013. The site was used as a bonfire location again this year.
2.2	The matter was considered by Strategic Policy and Resources in January 2014, who agreed to the transfer subject to agreement around the bonfire issue. However as highlighted the bonfire issue remains unresolved and the site continues to be a hot spot for anti-social behaviour. This has led to concerns by local residents and the PSNI. The site remains therefore within the operational control of the Parks & Leisure Committee.
2.3	Members are asked to note that the site has recently been identified in the published BMAP as "Land Identified for Open Space" and thus has very limited development potential at this time. The Council, via involvement of the Good Relations Unit/Community Safety Unit is working alongside

	Parks & Leisure officers on addressing the community issues outlined in this report.
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3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional financial costs at this time, although there maybe future capital and revenue implications.</p> <p><u>Human Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional human resource implications at this time other than officer time.</p>

4.	Equality Implications
	There are no equality implications.

5.	Recommendations
	The Committee is asked to note the report and that officers are continuing at look at options for the site and working to help address the issues outlined.

6.	Decision Tracking
	Further update reports will be brought in due course.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	PSNI – Police Service of Northern Ireland

8.	Documents Attached
	Appendix A – December 2013 Committee Report