

**Community and Recreation (Parks and Cemeteries Services)  
Sub-Committee, Tuesday, 7th November, 2006**

**Exchange of Land at Carr's Glen Linear Park**

The Sub-Committee considered the undernoted report in relation to a proposed land exchange at the Carr's Glen Linear Park:

**“Relevant Background Information**

The Belfast Education and Library Board (BELB) is formulating plans for re-development of the Boys' Model School on the Ballysillan Road, Belfast. BELB owns the school site and the area of undeveloped land shown shaded blue on the attached map (Appendix 1). The blue area is to be developed by BELB for the provision of outdoor play but it is currently separated from the school site by a pathway in Council ownership (pathway shown hatched on Appendix 1). The pathway provides pedestrian access to Carr's Glen Linear Park. The Council's existing land ownership is shown shaded green on Appendix 1.

The exchange of lands would be subject to the agreement of detailed terms including an agreed specification for the replacement path and associated works plus (subject to negotiation and title) to potential formalisation of a right of way for the Council along the laneway leading directly from Ballysillan Road to the cross-hatched land. It is anticipated there will be no financial receipt or cost to the Council from the land exchange.

**Key Issues**

- BELB intends to develop an outdoor play area on its land shown shaded blue on Appendix 1. It wishes this area to be amalgamated within the boundary of the main school.
- To successfully implement the redevelopment scheme BELB requires a portion of Council owned land (the hatched area shown on Appendix 1).
- In exchange for the Council's land BELB will transfer the cross-hatched area (Appendix 1) to the Council and construct a replacement path to Council requirements.
- The exchange of land would be subject to detailed terms to be set out in a formal legal agreement. There will be no financial receipt or cost to the Council from the land exchange.

**Resource Implications**

**Financial**

No additional revenue of capital costs. Future maintenance of a small additional length of pathway will be found from within existing resource.

### **Human Resources**

No additional human resources required. Legal Services Department and Estates Management Unit resource required to agree terms and formulate appropriate legal agreement.

### **Asset and Other Implications**

The proposal preserves the integrity of the Council's land asset.

### **Recommendations**

The Sub-Committee is recommended to approve the exchange of lands between Belfast City Council and the Belfast Education and Library Board, at no cost, as outlined in the body of this report, subject to agreement on detailed terms by the Estates Manager, incorporation of these in an appropriate legal agreement to be drawn up by the Director of Legal Services and reporting of the land exchange to the Development Committee in accordance with Standing Order 62.

### **Key to Abbreviations**

**BELB – Belfast Education and Library Board**  
**The Board – Belfast Education and Library Board”**

The Sub-Committee adopted the recommendation.