



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Connswater Community Greenway Update
<b>Date:</b>	23 October 2009
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Gerry Millar, Director of Improvement, Ext 6217
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### Relevant Background Information

Belfast City Council, as part of the City Investment Strategy, has agreed to coordinate the acquisition of lands to enable the Connswater Community Greenway Programme to proceed. The Council will secure rights over the land needed for the Greenway and shall be responsible for the management and maintenance of this land and any assets on the land. The Greenway must be accessible for 40 years to comply with the Big Lottery Fund letter of offer, although the intention is to secure rights for longer if possible.

### Key Issues

A key part of the Greenway is the creation of a network of paths and associated landscaping on the area of land between the junction of the Knock and Loop Rivers adjacent to Clanmil Housing Association's properties at Linen Court off Woodcot Ave. Council officials have agreed with the landowner, J&J Properties, subject to Committee approval, to purchase two small plots of land outlined red on the attached plan and measuring 0.291 acres for £10000.

### Resource Implications

#### Financial

The proposal requires a maximum expenditure of £10000 plus legal fees to purchase the land required. Land purchase costs are included within the Connswater Community Greenway budget including in the City Investment Fund and there will be no additional cost to the Council.

Human Resources

No additional human resources required

Asset and Other Implications

The additional land will form part of the Connswater Community Greenway which when complete will be managed and maintained by the Council.

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee grant approval to the purchase of the plots of land outlined red on the plan attached at Appendix 1.

**Decision Tracking**

Action by Celine Dunlop to be completed by Dec 2009.

**Key to Abbreviations**

N/A.

**Documents Attached**

Plan at Appendix 1.