



Belfast City Council

Report to: Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Subject: Capital Programme 1: Development of Mary Peters Track;

Date: 15 April 2011

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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	At the meeting of Strategic Policy & Resources (SP&R) Committee on 22 October 2010 it was agreed that Officers would undertake some preliminary works in support of this proposal.
1.2	At a Special Meeting on 9 February 2011 Council agreed in principle to undertake the development of the Mary Peters track and agreed that it be included within the capital programme.
1.3	At their meeting on 14 April 2011 the Parks & Leisure (P&L) Committee will be considering a further report on the proposal (a copy of that report is attached as Appendix A1).

2	Key Issues
2.1	The recommendation to the P&L Committee is for them to agree, from a service perspective, to proceed with the development of the Mary Peters Track to provide a new 8 lane IAAF specification track with a spectator stand and associated works (the option recommended by an economic appraisal) and to commend their decision to the SP&R Committee for delivery in time for the 2013 World Police & Fire Games.
2.2	The decision of the P&L Committee in respect of this proposal will be available for the meeting on 15 April 2011 to enable the SP&R Committee to consider whether the proposal should advance to full commitment to invest.
2.3	This SP&R report is written on the assumption of a positive commendation from the P&L Committee.
2.4	It is then for the SP&R Committee to consider, from a corporate capital finance

	perspective, the commendation from the P&L Committee and decide whether to approve the advancement of the development of the Mary Peters track.
2.5	Award of contracts for capital projects are made to the firms submitting the most economically advantageous tenders on the basis of a cost/quality evaluation in accordance with BCC procurement guidelines.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	Provision of £3m, to be funded by loan, has been made for this proposal in the capital programme.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	None.

5	Recommendations
5.1	It is recommended that the SP&R Committee consider, from a corporate capital finance perspective, the commendation from the P&L Committee and agree to approve the advancement of the development of the Mary Peters track with a full commitment to invest including invitation of tenders, award of contracts to the firms submitting the most economically advantageous tenders and application to the relevant Government Department for sanction to raise a loan for £3m to cover the Council's anticipated project expenditure.

6	Decision Tracking
6.1	Regular reports will be presented to the SP&R Committee on the progress of this, and other, capital projects.

7	Key to Abbreviations
7.1	SP&R - Strategic Policy & Resources P&L - Parks & Leisure Committee DFPNI - Department of Finance and Personnel NI IAAF - International Association of Athletics Federations

8	Documents Attached
8.1	Appendix 1 – copy of report to be presented to P&L Committee on 14 April 2011 regarding the proposal for the development of the Mary Peters track