



## Belfast City Council

**Report to:** Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

**Subject:** Capital Programme2: Refurbishment of Dunville and Woodvale Parks;

**Date:** 15 April 2011

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<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	At its meeting on 15 October 2009 the Parks & Leisure (P&L) Committee agreed to commend the proposals for the refurbishment of Dunville and Woodvale Parks to the Strategic Policy & Resources (SP&R) Committee for advancement to the 'committed' section of the capital programme.
1.2	Subsequently, at its meeting on 19 February 2010, the SP&R Committee agreed to advance the proposals subject to budget limits and 2x£1m match funding.
1.3	At their meeting on 14 April 2011 the (P&L) Committee will be considering a further report on the proposal (a copy of that report is attached as Appendix A2.

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	The recommendation to the P&L Committee is for them to agree, from a service perspective, to proceed with the refurbishment of both the Dunville and Woodvale parks, as recommended by economic appraisals, and to commend this decision to the SP&R Committee.
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 refurbishment of the Dunville and Woodvale parks.
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	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.
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<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	Provision of £1m, to be funded by loan, has been made for each of these proposals in the capital programme (total £2m).
3.2	Match funding of 2x£1m from DSD/Belfast Regeneration Office was announced on 24 March 2011 but has yet to be formally confirmed in writing.

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
4.1	None.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	It is recommended that the Committee consider, from a corporate capital finance perspective, the commendation from the P&L Committee and agree to approve the advancement of the refurbishment of Dunville and Woodvale Parks 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 £2m to cover the Council's anticipated project expenditure, subject to formal written confirmation of match funding from DSD/Belfast Regeneration Office.

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

<b>7</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
7.1	SP&R - Strategic Policy & Resources P&L - Parks & Leisure DSD – Department for Social Development

<b>8</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
8.1	Appendix 1 – copy of report to be presented to P&L Committee on 14 April 2011 regarding the proposals for the Refurbishment of Dunville and Woodvale Parks (Note: appendices to the P&L report are not included but can be provided on request)