



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Connswater Community Greenway Update (Part I) – Land Assembly
Date:	15th April 2015
Reporting Officer:	Gerry Millar, Director of Property & Projects
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	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.
1.2	The Council have awarded the contract for the construction of the Greenway to SIAC/Galliford Try and construction is due to commence early April 2011.

2	Key Issues
2.1	An area of land at Linen Gardens off Woodcot Ave consisting of 0.055 acres and shown outlined red on the plan attached at Appendix '1' has been identified as being required for the Connswater Community Greenway. Council officials have agreed to purchase this land from Clanmil Housing for £1650.
2.2	An area of land off Montgomery Road consisting of 0.062 acres and shown outlined red on the attached plan at Appendix '2' has been identified as being required for the Connswater Community Greenway. Council officials have agreed to purchase this land from Fiona Thompson for £2500.
2.3	An area of land at Alexander Road consisting of 0.149 acres and shown outlined

	red on the plan attached at Appendix '3' has been identified as being required for the Connswater Community Greenway. Council officials have agreed to purchase this land from Crane Stockham and Valve for £14,000.
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3	Resource Implications
3.1	The proposal to acquire the lands at Linen Gardens from Clanmil Housing requires expenditure of £1650 plus reasonable agents and legal fees.
3.2	The proposal to acquire the lands off Montgomery Road from Fiona Thompson requires the expenditure of £2500 plus reasonable legal fees.
3.3	The proposal to acquire the lands off Alexander Road from Crane Stockham and Valve requires the expenditure of £14,000 plus reasonable legal fees.
3.4	The purchase costs for all of the land required for the Connswater Community Greenway are included in the Connswater Community Greenway budget of the City Investment Fund and there will be no additional cost to the Council.
3.5	Human Resources Staff resource required from Estates Management Unit and Legal Services.
3.6	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.

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
4.1	The Connswater Community Greenway will have a positive impact in terms of equality of opportunity and good relations.

5	Recommendations
5.1	It is recommended that the Committee grant approval for the Council to purchase the lands outlined red on the plan attached at Appendix '1' from Clanmil Housing for £1650.
5.2	It is recommended that the Committee grant approval for the Council to purchase the lands outlined red on the plan attached at Appendix '2' from Fiona Thompson for £2500.
5.3	It is recommended that the Committee grant approval for the Council to purchase the lands outlined red on the plan attached at Appendix '3' from Crane Stockham Valve for £14,000.

6	Decision Tracking
6.1	Action by Celine Dunlop and Lisa Armstrong to be completed by 31 st March 2012 with respect to the Clanmil land, 31 st July 2011 for the Thompson land and 18 th Aug 2011 for the Crane, Stockham and Valve land.

7	Key to Abbreviations
7.1	N/A

8	Documents Attached
8.1	Plans at Appendix '1' , Appendix '2' and Appendix '3'.