



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>North Foreshore Giant's Park - Proposed licence to carry out Site Investigation Works</b>
<b>Date:</b>	17 February 2012
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	Members will be aware that a site of some 8.5 acres at the North Foreshore Giant's Park has been allocated to Arc 21 for the development of an organic composting facility. Arc 21 has procured Natural World Products Ltd as its preferred operator and a planning application for the proposed development will be lodged with the Department of the Environment Planning Service later this year. See site location map – Appendix 1.

<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	The planning application will necessitate site investigation works and Arc 21 has appointed Golder Associates to carry out the works and prepare a report.
2.2	Golder Associates has appointed a sub-contractor, Hanmar Site Investigation Services, who will require access to the site to drill boreholes and dig trial pits. The approximate location of these is shown on the attached site plan.
2.3	The sub-contractor, Hanmar Site Investigation Services will require a licence for Belfast City Council to carry out the works which will commence mid March 2012 and last for approximately 2 weeks. The contractor will be required to provide a methodology statement, a risk assessment report and insurance cover to the satisfaction of the Director of Property and Projects. The licence will also indemnify the Council against any claim which may arise as a result of the licensee's use and occupation of the site.

<b>3.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	<u>Financial</u> The licence will be for a period of approximately 2 weeks and will restrict the contractor to works in connection with drilling boreholes and digging trial pits. This is considered a reasonable request in furtherance of Arc 21's proposal to develop the site for organic composting. I propose a nominal fee of £1.00.  <u>Other Implications</u> None

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

<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
5.1	It is recommended that Belfast City Council grant a licence to Hanmar Site Investigation Services for the purpose of drilling boreholes and digging trial pits at the North Foreshore Giant's Park. The licence will commence mid March and last for a period of approximately 2 weeks. All works, including reinstatement works, must be agreed with the Director of Property and Projects prior to licence commencement.

<b>6.</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 – site location map