



Belfast City Council

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| Report to: | Strategic Policy and Resources Committee |
| Subject: | Connswater Community Greenway Land Assembly Update |
| Date: | 25 April 2012 |
| Reporting Officer: | Gerry Millar, Director of Property and Projects |
| Contact Officer: | Celine Dunlop, Estates Surveyor, Property and 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 CCG 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. |

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| 2 | Key Issues |
| 2.1 | The area of land outlined red on the plan attached at Appendix '1' consisting of 0.622 acres was identified as being required for the Greenway. These lands are owned by the DRD and are held as part of the Road Protection Corridor for the Connsbank Link and Hollywood Arches Bypass. Although DRD cannot dispose of these lands while the proposal for the Connsbank Link and Hollywood Arches bypass scheme remains extant they had agreed to grant the Council a licence to use the land at nil consideration and this proposal was approved by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on the 18 th June 2010. |
| 2.2 | DRD subsequently instructed LPS to assess a rental value for the land and this has been assessed at £60.00 per annum. |

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| 3 | Resource Implications |
| 3.1 | Financial The licence fee for the use of the DRD land for a Civic Square will be £60.00 per annum. |
| 3.2 | Human Resources Staff resources required from Estates Management Unit and Legal Services. |
| 3.3 | Asset and Other Implications The additional land will form part of the CCG which when complete will be managed and maintained by the Council. |

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

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| 5 | Recommendations |
| 5.1 | It is recommended that the Committee grant approval for the Council to acquire the lands outlined red on the plan attached at Appendix '1' from DRD for a licence fee of £60.00 per annum. |

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| 6 | Decision Tracking |
| 6.1 | Action to be completed by Celine Dunlop and Lisa Armstrong by 30 th April 2012. |

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| 7 | Key to Abbreviations |
| CCG Connswater Community Greenway | |
| DRD Department for Regional Development | |
| LPS Land and Property Services | |

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| 8 | Documents Attached |
| Appendix 1 | |