



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Capital Programme – Suffolk Playing Fields
Date:	22 February 2013
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Following on from a December 2012 Council decision, the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agreed, at its meeting on 14 December 2012 (an extract from the minutes is attached as Appendix A for ease of reference), to the advancement of a proposal for a two room changing pavilion and meeting room at Suffolk Playing Fields through the Gates governance process as an uncommitted proposal for the Capital Programme, with further reports being presented at relevant stages for further consideration for inclusion in the Capital Programme against financial resource availability and prioritisation against other emerging proposals.

2	Key Issues
2.1	A Strategic Outline Case (SOC) has since been prepared and approval is now sought for the advancement of the proposal to the 'committed' section (Stage 1) of the Capital Programme and for an economic appraisal to be undertaken and an Outline Business Case (OBC) prepared.
2.2	This project forms part of the wider Pitches Programme which includes the pitches under the pitches strategy together with the other pitches which the Council has committed resources to.
2.3	High level costs have been estimated at £117,500. These will be fully appraised in Stage 2.
2.4	The outcome and recommendation of the economic appraisal and OBC will be reported back to the Committee in due course for further approvals.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	Quotations will be sought for the economic appraisal, the cost of which is likely to be in the region of £5,000 to £10,000.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	Equality and good relations considerations will be taken into account in the economic appraisal and equality impact assessment.

5	Recommendations
5.1	It is recommended that the Committee consider, from a corporate capital finance perspective, the advancement of the proposal to the 'committed' section of the Capital Programme and agree to approve a full economic appraisal being undertaken.

6	Decision Tracking
The Director of Property and Projects will be responsible for the development of this project through the capital programme delivery process.	

7	Key to Abbreviations
SOC – Strategic Outline Case OBC – Outline Business Case	

8	Documents Attached
Appendix A – Extract from minutes of SP&R Committee of 14 December 2012	

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Item 4f: Suffolk Football Club – Proposed Changing Facilities

The Committee was reminded that the Parks and Leisure Committee, at its meeting on 15th November, had considered a report outlining proposals from the Suffolk Football Club and recommending that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee include on the Capital Programme list of uncommitted projects the provision of a two room changing pavilion and meeting area at the Suffolk Playing Fields. That Committee had agreed to defer consideration of the matter to enable clarification to be obtained on the process for referring projects between Area Working Groups and Standing Committees.

The Director of Property and Projects reported that, subsequently, the Council, at its meeting on 3rd December, had amended the decision to provide that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee include the abovementioned project within its list of uncommitted programmes.

The Committee agreed to the advancement of the proposal for a two room changing pavilion and meeting room at the Suffolk Playing Fields through the Gates governance process as an uncommitted proposal, with further reports being presented at relevant stages for further consideration for inclusion in the Capital Programme against financial resource availability and prioritisation against other emerging proposals.