### Development Committee Tuesday, 15th January, 2013

# 3 Resource Implications

3.1 £20,000 has been included in the annual Tourism, Culture and Arts Unit over a number of years to support tours directly and is included in the budget estimates 13/14. It is recommended that this budget is retained but allocated towards establishing an industry led tour group, co-operative marketing and business development.

#### 4 Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are ask to note the contents of the report and;
  - agree that we stop Council-led tours for the year 2013
  - agree an exit strategy with partner-led tours and Late Night Art where appropriate
  - invest the existing tour budget into support the collective offer of tours across the city
  - support the sector to develop/address gaps through business development programmes
  - provide in-kind support and endorse the Introductory Guiding Course for language students."

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

### Play Centre Licence Renewals

The Committee was reminded that, since the closure of Ballysillan Play Centre in 1998, the Council had leased facilities within the independently-owned Benview Community Centre to deliver a range of play service development projects in that area. It was reported that the licence agreement for the Council's use of the facility was due to be renewed at a cost of £6,038.35, which would cover the period from 1st July, 2012 till 1st January, 2014.

The Committee agreed to the payment of £6,038.35 to extend the licence agreement, subject to approval by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in accordance with Standing Order 46 and subject also to the drawing-up of an appropriate legal agreement.

# Pride of Place- 10th Anniversary Celebration Event

The Committee was reminded that the Pride of Place Cities Competition provided community groups from throughout Ireland with an opportunity to showcase initiatives which would have a lasting and positive impact upon their communities. The Community Services Manager reminded the Committee that the Council had been awarded Best Local Authority in the 2012 awards ceremony and over the years had enjoyed success in