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Development Committee Tuesday, 17th September, 2013

Loop River - Lease Renewal

The Committee agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 46, to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it authorises the extension of an existing lease and licence arrangement with the Scout Association for the use of premises at Courtney Hall, situated on the Cregagh Road, as alternative accommodation for the Loop River Play Centre for a further 24 month period from 1st November, 2013, at a cost of £190 per week.

Routine Correspondence - Volunteer Now

The Committee was advised that correspondence had been received from Volunteer Now requesting that the Council agree to write to the Minister for Social Development suggesting that he reconsider a reduction of funding which had been announced in May for volunteering infrastructure within the Volunteering Strategy.

The Democratic Services Officer advised the Members that, whilst the Minister had announced a reduction in the level of funding to volunteering infrastructure, he had merely streamlined the level of funding within the Volunteering Strategy to enhance the amount available for small grants and volunteering innovation programmes. This realignment of funding, he reported, had been endorsed by the Assembly.

The Committee noted the receipt of the correspondence and agreed that no further action be taken.

Children and Young People - Update

The Committee agreed to note the contents of a report which provided an update on the work of the Children and Young People's Service. In addition, it granted delegated authority to the Director to approve awards under the 'Ur City 2' grant aid scheme.

Markets Community Centre - Keyholder Access

The Committee agreed to defer, to its meeting on 22nd October, consideration of the above-mentioned report to enable further consultations to be undertaken

Poverty and Inequality - Way Forward

The Committee considered the undernoted report: