

# Appendix A – February 2014 SP&R Report – Capital Programme Update – Project status and photographs

Since March 2013 work has been completed on a wide range of projects including -

- the opening of the **£3m upgrade at Mary Peter's Track** which included a new eight-lane track, a revamped field events area and spectators stand. The new track, the same as the one laid in the Olympic stadium in London, now meets the highest international standards for athletic events
- the **successful relocation of the Belfast Welcome Centre** to Donegal Square which opened in December 2013. This £1.8million project was part funded by the ERDF
- the opening of **£4million refurbishments at Dunville and Woodvale Parks**, which were match funded by the DSD. The refurbishments included a 3G pitch and changing accommodation, play areas, paths and fencing and artwork
- the installation of the new **£200,000 John Luke Bridge in Clement Wilson Park**
- the development of the **£487,000 Mountain Bike Trail** at Barnett's Demesne in partnership with SportNI and Lagan Rural Partnership
- the **£470,000 new pitch at the Hammer Complex** which was developed in partnership with SportNI
- **3 community gardens** have been opened across the city at Finlay Park, Knocknagoney Linear Park and Whiterock
- **8 outdoor gyms** opened across the city
- a new **£600,000 fuel station at Duncrue** for Council vehicles

Work is also well underway on -

- the **£4million Phase 1 of the Connswater Community Greenway project** including literally moving a river with the realignment of Knock River in Orangefield Park at the end of January. Other key highlights include the installation of the landmark Sam Thompson bridge
- the **new 3G pitch at Marrowbone** which is due for completion in April
- Phase 3 of the **Alleygating Programme** with the majority of the gates to be installed by the end of March

Preparatory work is also continuing on a wide range of projects including -

- The three strands of the **£16.7m Super-Connected Belfast project** have been agreed – voucher scheme, wireless and Wi-Fi. The pilot Voucher scheme received more applications than any other city and puts us on course to be the most successful of all the cities. The success of the Belfast Voucher scheme has led to the Department of Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) using our scheme design and administration processes as the template for all other cities. The full voucher scheme was launched on 14<sup>th</sup> February
- **Pitches strategy** – The development of new 3G pitches and changing accommodation is taking place at 10 sites across the city. Planning permission has been granted for the new pavilions at Waterworks and Dixon, planning permission has been applied for all other sites with the exception of Cherryvale.
- **MUGA Programme** – work is underway on a number of refurbishments including Willowbank and New Lodge while preparatory work is commencing on the new builds at Springfield Av Site A, Clarendon and Annadale
- **Girdwood Hub** – Letter of offer received and discussions on terms and conditions are continuing with SEUPB.
- the **Belfast Waterfront Exhibition and Conference Centre** with funding secured from ERDF and NITB
- **Belfast Zoo – Adventures Learning Centre** – new £430,000 activity centre at Belfast Zoo part funded through the ERDF. The project is due to commence in April
- **Half Moon Lake and Drumglass Park** with first works due to commence on each site in April
- **Innovation Centre, Creative Hub and the infrastructure at the North Foreshore** – these projects are all subject to ERDF funding and no letters of offer have been received. However Committee has previously agreed that the Council may continue to work at risk on this project in order to meet the tight programme timescale but that **no** construction contracts will be awarded until LOOs are received and all outstanding issues have been resolved.
- **Olympia and Andersonstown regenerations** – as part of Phase 1 of the Leisure Transformation Programme.

# Photos Council projects (Completed/underway/planned since September 2013)

## PROJECTS COMPLETED – Visit Belfast Welcome Centre. Opened December

### 'Before' .... Pre-construction – July 2013

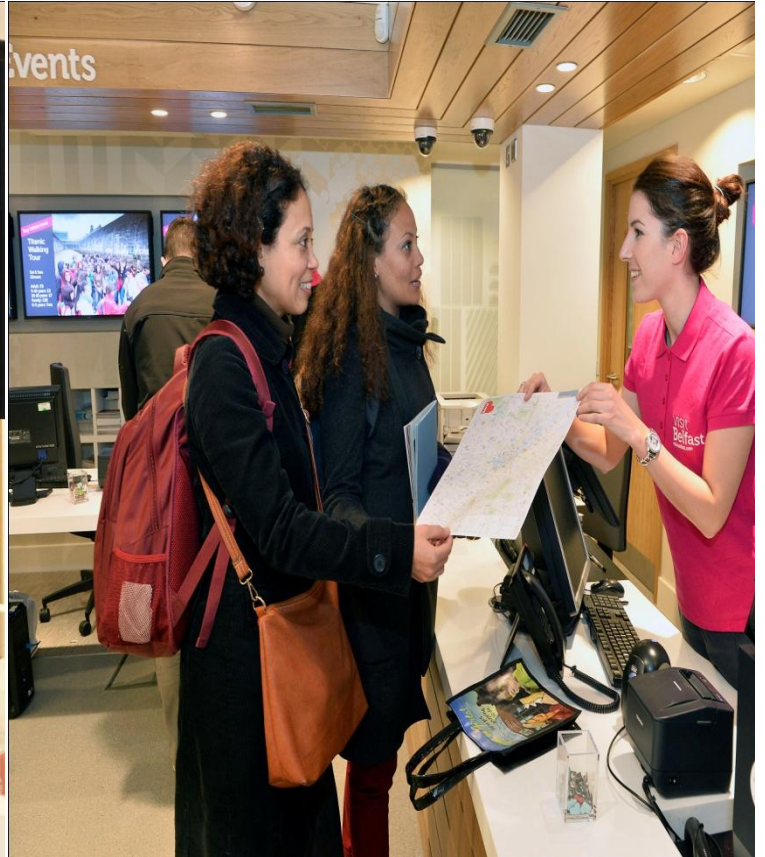


### Construction underway – August 2013





Opened – December



External shot – December 2013





## PROJECTS UNDERWAY – Connswater Community Greenway – Phase 1.

Moving a river..... Realignment of Knock River in Orangefield Park – this means that the river which once flowed on the outskirts of the park now flows through the heart of the park which will reduce the risk of flooding to residents situated around the park.





## New pathways





## PROJECTS UNDERWAY – MUGA refurbishments

### Dover street MUGA



### Finlay Park refurbishment – Completed





**New Lodge MUGA – Under construction. Due for completion mid March**



**Clara Street MUGA – Under construction. Due for completion end of March**





**PROJECTS UNDERWAY – Marrowbone Pitch – New 3G pitch at Marrowbone Millennium Park in partnership with DSD and DCAL**

**Before...**



**Construction underway (January 2014)**





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**PLANNED PROJECTS – Belfast Waterfront Exhibition and Conference Centre - New £29.5million extension to the Waterfront to provide dedicated exhibition and conference facilities. ERDF FUNDING SECURED**

### **Updated concept designs**



### **Artist impression**





**PLANNED PROJECTS – Girdwood Hub** – New £10million integrated community facility on the site of the former Girdwood Barracks in North Belfast. Peace III funding secured.

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