

plan for the site. This will be brought back to Committee with a view that this is recommended to the SP&R Committee”

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

Enhancement Work to City Cemetery Walls

The Committee was advised that the Department of Social Development had made £273,000 available for the undertaking of enhancement work to the walls of the City Cemetery. The Committee was apprised of the extent of the work, which would entail the installation of lighting and preservation work to the walls. The Director advised the Committee that once completed the Council would maintain the lighting scheme and pay the associated electricity costs, which were estimated to be in the region of £1,000 per annum.

The Committee granted approval for the work to be undertaken at the City Cemetery.

Chairman



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject	Environmental Improvement Scheme in City Cemetery
Date:	14 August 2014
Reporting Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director, Parks and Leisure Department.
Contact Officer:	Ricky Rice, City Parks Manager, South and West

1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>Parks Officers have been in discussion with the Department for Social Development with a view to implementing enhancement works to the entrance points and walls surrounding the City Cemetery along part of the Whiterock and the Falls Roads. Similar enhancement works which have been completed to the wall of Milltown Cemetery, see attached photograph, (Appendix C). These improvements have been very favourably received. The works will include cleaning, painting, infilling masonry gaps and re-pointing where necessary (Appendix D). Blue limestone paving is proposed at the occasional use entrance of the Cemetery. Recessed up lighters are proposed at both entrance points to the Cemetery and Falls Park entrance (Appendix A).</p>
2.	Key Issues
	<p>The walls and entrance pillars of the City Cemetery and Falls Park are deemed to be listed buildings and the Department of Social Development have applied and received approval from the Department of Environment to carry out the above works (Appendix B)</p> <p>The work is weather dependent and is due to start in early September 2014 and scheduled to be completed by December 2014.</p>
3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial Implications</u></p> <p>The Department of Social Development Department is funding the</p>

	<p>scheme and the current estimated cost for the scheme is £273,000. It is proposed that Belfast City Council take over maintenance of the lighting scheme and pay for ongoing electricity costs of the up lighting of the City Cemetery. Costs are estimated to be in the region of £1,000 per annum.</p> <p><u>Human Resources implications</u></p> <p>There are no human resource implications, other than that of Officer time.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>The enhancement works to the City Cemetery wall and entrance gates will give a positive contribution to the general area and improve the visual appearance of the cemetery.</p>
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4.	Equality Implications
	There are no equality implications

5.	Recommendations
	It is recommended that Committee approve the above proposal for the Department of Social Development to carry out enhancement works to the walls and entrance points of the City Cemetery and Falls Park, subject to a suitable licence and legal agreement as required between Belfast City Council and the Department of Social Development. It is also subject to confirmation that all works can be completed by March 2015 to ensure that no financial liability transfers to the Council post April 2015.

6.	Decision Tracking
	Ricky Rice, City Parks Manager

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8.	Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix A. Proposed lighting installation.</p> <p>Appendix B. Approved planning application for enhancement works to the Walls and entrance gates at City Cemetery</p> <p>Appendix C Completed works at Milltown Cemetery</p> <p>Appendix D Current state of walls at Falls Park entrance</p>



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Cave Hill Country Park Entrance EI Scheme
Date:	11 September 2014
Reporting Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Fintan Grant, City Parks Manager, North Belfast.

Relevant Background Information

Carr's Glen Linear Park forms part of the wider Cave Hill Country Park. It fronts the Ballysillan Road for a distance of 30 metres incorporating a low level steel barrier and 1.2 metre high bow top fence.

The need to improve the visual appearance of the entrance to Carr's Glen Linear Park from the Ballysillan Road has been raised by DSD / BRO. The entrance is located within the Greater Ballysillan Master plan area and commands a prominent location on a secondary arterial route.

Currently, Belfast City Council does not have available funding to improve the visual appearance of the entrance as part of its capital programme and following discussions with local political representatives BRO put forward a proposal to upgrade and enhance the entrance.

DSD confirm no terms and conditions will apply to the completed scheme although they would anticipate the Council will wish to maintain the facility for the benefit of the local community.

The works including the portion within Carr's Glen Park will be carried out by DSD's contractor.

The contractor for the works will be procured by DSD using their own processes and governance arrangements. The scheme does not form part of the Council's capital programme.

It is envisaged that the park entrance will remain open during the course of the works, with DSD's contractor providing any necessary security arrangements and temporary fencing for the site compound, materials and equipment.

Access for DSD's contractor will be regulated by a Licence Agreement to be drawn up by the Town Solicitor. The licence will set out responsibilities for public liability insurance, reinstatement and any adjoining areas of the Park and provide time limits for completion of the works.

Recommendations

Members are asked to approve the proposed scheme subject to a suitable Licence agreement being in place between the Council and the Department for Social Development and to the approval of the Licence Agreement by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in accordance with Standing Orders.

Members are also asked to agree the commencement of works, at DSD's risk, prior to SP&R approval and ratification by Council.

Approval is also subject to confirmation that all works can be completed by March 2015 to ensure that no financial liability transfers to the Council post April 2015.

Key to Abbreviations

DSD Department of Social Development
BRO Belfast Regeneration Office

Documents Attached

Appendix 1 Existing Conditions
Appendix 2 Proposed Layout
Appendix 3 Site Frontage
Appendix 4 Entrance Details
Appendix 5 Site Location Plan