



Subject:	Acquisition of land adjoining the Twinbrook Wildlife Park
Date:	4 April 2017
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Members to asset related acquisition matters.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none">agree to acquire the freehold interest in two plots of land, shown shaded green and blue on the plan attached at Appendix 1, adjoining the Council owned Twinbrook Wildlife Park. A report will be taken to SP&R Committee for approval in accordance with standing orders.

3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Twinbrook Wildlife Park comprises a c.2.5 acre plot of open space / grassland transferred under Local Government Reform from Lisburn City Council on 1 April 2015. The land lies between the Summerhill Road and Creighton Road adjoining the Twinbrook housing estate and is shown outlined red on the plan attached at Appendix'1'. Prior to transfer, it had been badly neglected with little or no ground works and extensive evidence of fly tipping. Since then, the Council has completed Phase 1 of a refurbishment project to provide surfaced walkways along with landscaping and extensive planting at a cost of some £100,000.
3.2	Two adjoining plots of unused and overgrown grassland fronting Summerhill Road have been declared surplus to the requirements of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Transport NI. In 2016, the Council expressed an interest in acquiring these plots containing 0.2 acres and 0.19 acres respectively. Land and Property Services, acting on behalf of the landowners, have offered the land to the Council subject to considerations of £7,000 and £6,800 which are considered to be fair and reasonable.
3.3	Phase 2 of the Twinbrook Wildlife Park refurbishment project proposes to incorporate these two plots of land to provide an integrated Wildlife Park with improved access from Summerhill Road and Creighton Road.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.4	The cost to acquire the two plots of land is £13,800. Phase 2 of the refurbishment works will be funded by the Council from the City Parks Area Budget.
3.5	Staff resources from the Estates Management Unit and Legal Services Department will be required to complete the acquisitions from TNI and NIHE.
	<u>Asset & Other Implications</u>
3.6	The acquisition and refurbishment of these two plots will complete the development of the Twinbrook Wildlife Park which will be maintained and managed by City & Neighbourhood Services Department within existing revenue budgets.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.7	None

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1. Site location plan