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18th June, 2024

MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

I enclose a copy/copies of the report for the following items to be considered at the meeting to be held at 9.30 am on Friday, 21st June, 2024.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

6. **Physical Programme and Asset Management**

- (b) Assets Management (Pages 1 - 20)
- (d) Update on Sporting Pitches Investment (Pages 21 - 24)

7. **Finance, Procurement and Performance**

- (c) Contracts (Pages 25 - 32)

9. **Operational Issues**

- (a) Minutes of the Party Group Leaders Consultative Forum (Pages 33 - 36)

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Subject:	Assets Management i) Land at Orchardville Crescent – Disposal ii) Land at Ladybrook Park – Disposal iii) Retail Unit at Belfast Castle – New Lease iv) Benview Community Centre – New Licence v) Cregagh Youth & Community Centre – New Licence vi) Cliftonville Playing Fields – Disposal of land to rear of 13 Glenard Brook vii) North Foreshore – Financial Provisions viii) North Foreshore – Licence to Occupy ix) Brook Leisure Centre – Licence Agreement
Date:	21 st June 2024
Reporting Officer:	Sinead Grimes, Director of Property and Projects
Contact Officer:	Pamela Davison, Estates Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Committee on asset related disposal, acquisition, and estates matters.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Land at Orchardville Crescent - Disposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approve the disposal of lands at the rear of houses 20 to 56 Orchardville Crescent to the adjoining homeowners. ii) Land at Ladybrook Park – Disposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approve the disposal of lands at the rear of houses 26 to 40 Ladybrook Park to the adjoining homeowners. iii) Retail Unit at Belfast Castle – New Lease <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approve a new 6-year lease of the vacant basement level retail unit. iv) Benview Community Centre – New Licence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approve a new 1-year licence agreement for the use of a portion of Benview Community Centre as a play centre & for use of storage container. v) Cregagh Youth & Community Centre – New Licence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approve a new licence to Irish Rugby Football Union (Ulster Branch) for their occasional use of the overflow parking area adjacent to Cregagh Youth & Community Centre. vi) Cliftonville Playing Fields – Disposal of land to rear of 13 Glenard Brook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approve the assignment of BCC’s long leasehold interest in a portion of land that has been encroached on to the rear of 13 Glenard Brook. vii) North Foreshore – Financial Provisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - note that Council will enter into a performance deed with the Northern Ireland Environment Agency to document revised financial provisions required under North Foreshore Waste Management Licence. viii) North Foreshore – Licence to Occupy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approve Council entering into a licence to occupy with Renewable Power Systems and Dargan Road Biogas Limited. ix) Brook Leisure Centre – Licence Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approve a licence agreement with Colin Gaels Gaelic Athletic Club to install and position a storage container at Brook Leisure Centre.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>i) Land at Orchardville Crescent - Disposal</p> <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>On the 14th January 1993 the former Parks Committee and then on 22nd August 2014 the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agreed to the disposal of several positions of land to the rear of houses at 8 to 54 Orchardville Crescent to the adjoining homeowners. It was agreed that disposals were to take place at £4,000 per acre with each party bearing its own legal costs. Subsequently, a number of disposals took place on the western end of the site, however the Council continued to hold title to land to the rear of 20 to 56 Orchardville Crescent. During the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee meeting on the 22nd August 2014, the Committee also agreed to proceed with further disposals of 20 to 56 Orchardville Crescent at £4,000 per acre. However, not all adjoining homeowners decided to purchase the lands and at present, the Council own lands to the rear of no's, 20 – 30, 36, 44 & 48 – 56 Orchardville Crescent. The subject land does not form part of any other land in Council ownership and is effectively inaccessible other than by each of the adjoining homeowners. Additionally, the adjoining homeowners may seek to claim adverse possession due to having had access to and use of the land for a sufficient period of time to establish possessory title. The land currently under BCC ownership and being offered to each of the adjoining homeowners is shown outlined in red at Appendix 1. Recently, there have been several requests received from the adjoining homeowners to purchase the land which BCC owns to the rear of No. 20 - 56 Orchardville Crescent. Land & Property Services have provided updated valuations in the region of £21,000 per acre subject to a minimum fee of £250 for smaller plots. Subject to the entirety of the remaining lands being disposed of, the Council would achieve a capital receipt of c. £7,700. However, it is expected that not all adjoining homeowners will take up the offer to purchase land and the total capital receipt is likely to be somewhat less than this. As part of the arrangement with the adjoining homeowners it is expected that each party will bear its own legal costs.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit. If successful in disposing of the lands in their entirety, this would provide the council with a capital receipt of c. £7,700.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.2	<p>ii) Land at Ladybrook Park – Disposal</p> <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>On the 12th September 1991, the former Parks Committee agreed to the disposal of several portions of land to the rear of houses at 8-40 Ladybrook Park, to the adjoining homeowners. Subsequent to this Committee approval a number of disposals took place, however the</p>

Council continue to hold title to land to the rear of No's 26, 30, 32, 36 & 40. The subject land does not form part of any other land in Council ownership and is effectively inaccessible other than by the adjoining homeowners on Ladybrook Park. Additionally, the adjoining homeowners may seek to claim adverse possession due to having had access to and use of the land for a sufficient period of time to establish possessory title. The land currently held under BCC ownership and being offered to each of the adjoining homeowners is shown outlined in red at Appendix 2. Due to the number of enquiries in relation to Orchardville Crescent, it is proposed the Council also engage with the adjoining homeowners at Ladybrook Park. Based on comparable LPS valuations, if negotiations are successful in agreeing to the disposal of the lands in its entirety, then this will provide the Council with a capital receipt of c. £3,650. However, it is expected that not all adjoining homeowners will take up the offer to purchase the land and the total capital receipts are likely to be somewhat less than this. As part of the arrangement with adjoining homeowners it is expected that each party will bear its own legal costs.

Financial and Resource Implications

Legal services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit. If successful in disposing of the lands in their entirety, this would provide the Council with a capital receipt of c. £3,650.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.3 iii) Retail Unit at Belfast Castle – New Lease

Key Issues

Following an expressions of interest process advertised in January 2024, the Council received proposals from prospective tenants for the letting of the basement level retail unit of c. 18 m2 at Belfast Castle. Approval is sought to grant a new lease to a prospective tenant seeking to operate the unit as a Jewellers at a rent of £5,500 per annum on a 6 year term with mutual break options at Years 2 & 4.

Financial and Resource Implications

Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit. A rent of £5,500 per annum will be payable by the prospective tenant to the Council.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.4 iv) Benview Community Centre – New Licence

Key Issues

Belfast City Council have occupied and used a portion of Benview Community Centre as a play centre from 1997. The Council's current Licence expires on 30th June 2024. The Council will enter into a new 1 year licence agreement from 1st July 2024 with a licence fee of £4,025.56 with any additional use of the hall and hall annex to be charged at £10 per hour.

The new licence will permit the use of a storage container at the rear of the building. The Council will also have the right to terminate this agreement at any time by the giving of one month's notice to Benview Community Centre. See Map attached at Appendix 3.

Financial and Resource Implications

Legal services shall act on instructions of the Estates Management Unit. An annual licence fee of £4,025.56 will be payable by the Council with any additional use of the hall and hall annex to be charged at £10 per hour.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.5 v) Cregagh Youth & Community Centre – New Licence

Key Issues

Irish Rugby Football Union (Ulster Branch) 'IRFU – UB' have requested a new licence for use of the overflow parking area adjacent Cregagh Youth & Community Centre on games days / evenings during the forthcoming rugby season. The new licence will permit IRFU – UB with use of the overflow parking area on up to 20 instances (performance dependent during the 2024/2025 rugby season) at an agreed cost of £300 on each occasion of use subject to approval. The licence will also make provision for any requested additional use of the site (beyond the agreed fixtures list) subject to a request being made by IRFU – UB to the Council at least one week in advance of their proposed additional use of same. See Map attached at Appendix 4.

Financial and Resource Implications

Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit. The Council will receive a licence fee from Irish Rugby Football Union (Ulster Branch) of £300 per each occasion of use of the overflow parking area.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.6 vi) Cliftonville Playing Fields – Disposal of land to rear of 13 Glenard Brook

Key Issues

Members will recall at the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee on 20th January 2023 the disposal of the lands to the rear of 14 Glenard Brook. An encroachment has also taken place on a small portion of the site to the rear of 13 Glenard Brook. Council Officers have continued to have negotiations with the owner of 13 Glenard Brook as a result of this encroachment, in order to rectify ownership. To regularise Council's title, it is proposed that BCC enter into a deed of conveyance and assignment with the Education Authority (EA) and the owner of 13 Glenard Brook so as to assign our leasehold interest to the owner of 13 Glenard Brook. BCC will receive a premium of £120 for its assignment of these lands, assessed by Land & Property Services acting on behalf of the EA. The premium is small as it reflects the likelihood

of possessory title being available to the owner. The EA have agreed to simultaneously convey its freehold interest to the owner of 13 Glenard Brook and the EA have also agreed to enter into a Side Letter with the Council confirming that they shall not exercise their right of re-entry in respect of the Council's non-observance of the maintenance obligations contained in the Lease, the EA acknowledge that the Council has been unable to maintain the lands due to the encroachment. See Map at Appendix 5.

Financial and Resource Implications

Legal Services shall act upon the instructions of the Estates Management Unit to complete the deed of conveyance and assignment. BCC will receive a premium of £120. Each party shall bear its own legal costs.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

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vii) North Foreshore – Financial Provisions

Key Issues

In 2008, the Council agreed a Waste Management Licence for part of the former Dargan Road Landfill Site (now known as the North Foreshore) with the then Environment and Heritage Service within the Department of the Environment. The Northern Ireland Environment Agency is the current regulator under The Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 and from whom the Council holds its current Licence dated 5 January 2017. This Licence is a statutory requirement for sites where waste has been disposed of, to ensure sites are appropriately managed to minimise environmental impacts. The Licence places an obligation on the Council to make and maintain adequate financial provision in relation to and/or arising from its duties and obligations under the Licence. These financial provisions focus on post closure, aftercare and site surrender costs and include costs for environmental monitoring, capping and restoration, cap maintenance, leachate management, landfill gas management, surface water management, security and production of site reports etc. NIEA are entitled to request evidence of financial provision at any time and recently requested an up-to-date breakdown of Council's provisions. The breakdown provided has now been agreed and equates to a total provision of £3,710,432. NIEA have requested that this amount is documented by way of a performance deed between the parties. Committee are asked to note that Council will now enter into this deed as soon as is practicable.

Financial and Resources Implications

Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit to finalise the performance deed. The deed is and will remain a continuing security and NIEA will be entitled to enforce should the Council fail to meet its obligations under the Licence. Council are also obliged to pay to NIEA their legal and administrative costs and expenses incurred in the preparation and execution of the deed equating to £100 +VAT.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.8 viii) North Foreshore – Licence to Occupy

Key Issues

Renewable Power Systems Ltd occupy the current gas generator compound at the North Foreshore under a 20 year Lease dated 21 November 2008 and operate the gas generators extracting landfill gas from the site on behalf of the Council under a simultaneous contract. Not all generators on site are still active and a company called Dargan Road Biogas Limited own 3 that are not in use. These generators are maintained on site to fulfil the requirements of a ROCS accreditation which DRBL gained a number of years ago in conjunction with their plans to develop an Anerobic Digestion Plant on a site opposite. To satisfy OFGEM, DRBL have requested a formal licence to occupy from RPS which requires the Council's consent and for Council to enter into the licence as a party. Subject to Members approval, a monthly fee of £2,500 has been agreed for the requested licence duration from 5 September 2023 to 30 December 2026. This initial term will be subject to early termination provisions to retain flexibility for all parties.

Financial and Resources Implications

Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit to complete the proposed licence to occupy. Council will receive a monthly fee of £2,500 backdated to 5 September 2023, with a potential total income of up to £100,000 up to the 30 December 2026.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.9 ix) Brook Leisure Centre – Licence Agreement

Key Issues

Colin Gaels Gaelic Athletic Club (the Club) have requested to enter into a licence agreement with Belfast City Council in order to install and position a metal container on the Brook Leisure Centre Site for storage purposes. The licence agreement shall be for an initial period of 2 years, continuing monthly thereafter. Approval is sought for detailed terms to be agreed by the Director of Property & Projects and the Director of Legal Services. The container will be installed, maintained and insured by the Club. Connection to mains services shall not be required. See map at Appendix 6.

Financial and Resource Implications

Legal Services shall act upon the instructions of the Estates Management Unit.

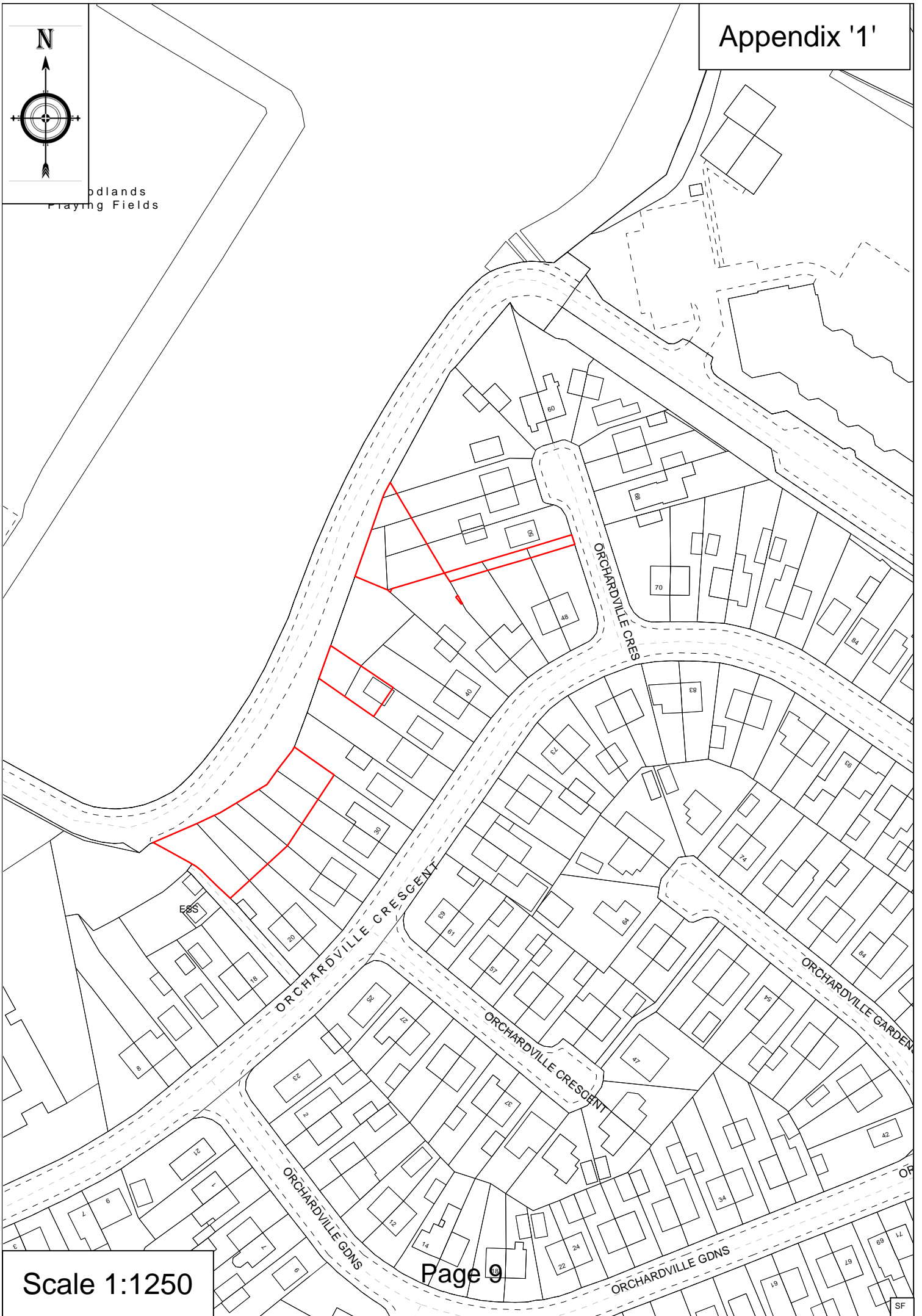
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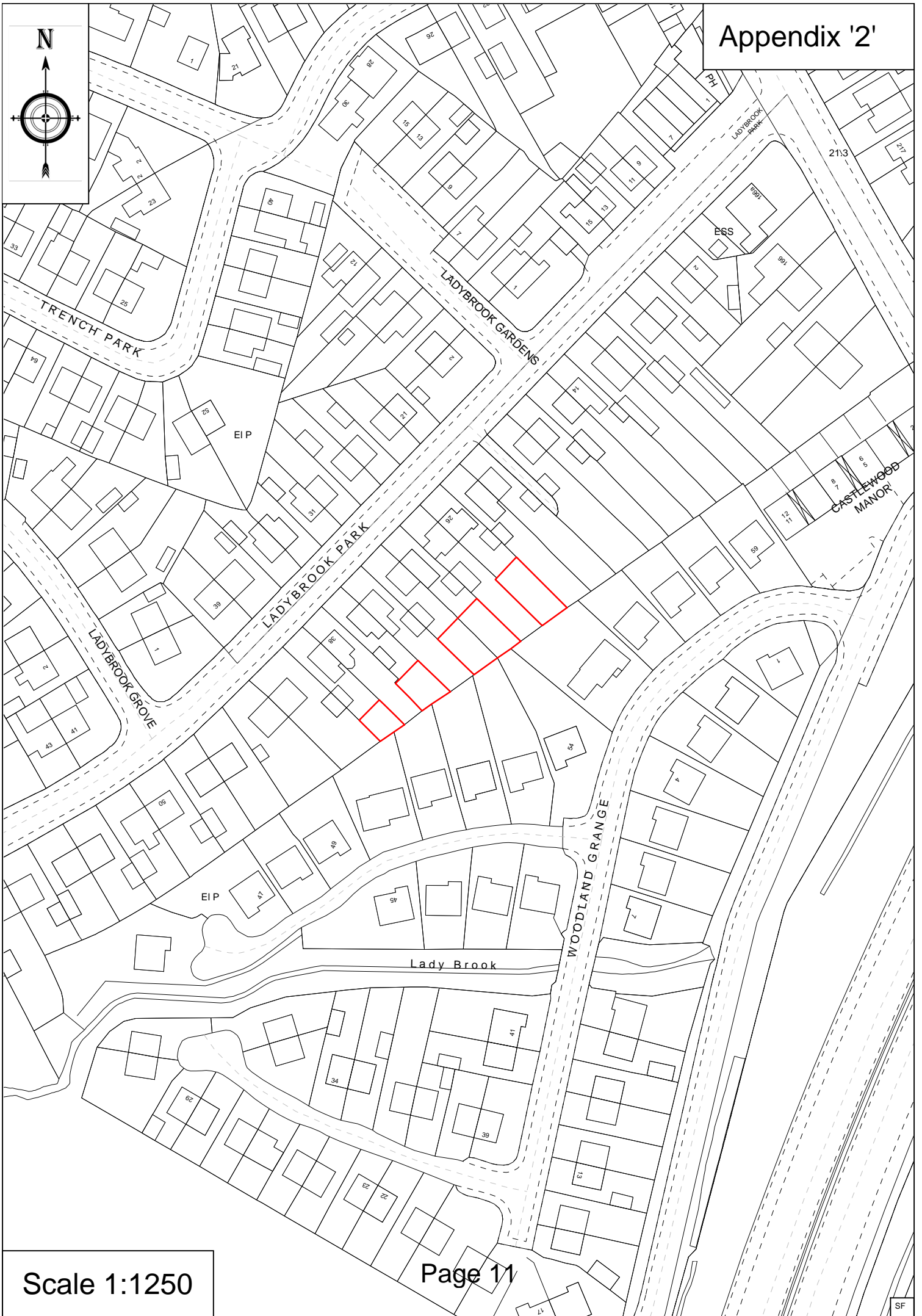
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Map outlining the plots of land under BCC Ownership at Orchardville Crescent outlined in red.</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Map outlining the plots of land under BCC Ownership at Ladybrook Park outlined in red.</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Map outlining Benview Community Centre in red and storage container position shaded yellow.</p> <p>Appendix 4 – Map showing the overflow parking area adjacent Cregagh Youth & Community Centre delineated red and route of access shaded yellow.</p> <p>Appendix 5 – Map showing BCC lands at Cliftonville Playing Fields delineated red and encroachment to rear of 13 Glenard Brook shaded blue.</p> <p>Appendix 6 – Map showing BCC lands at Brook Leisure Centre outlined red.</p>



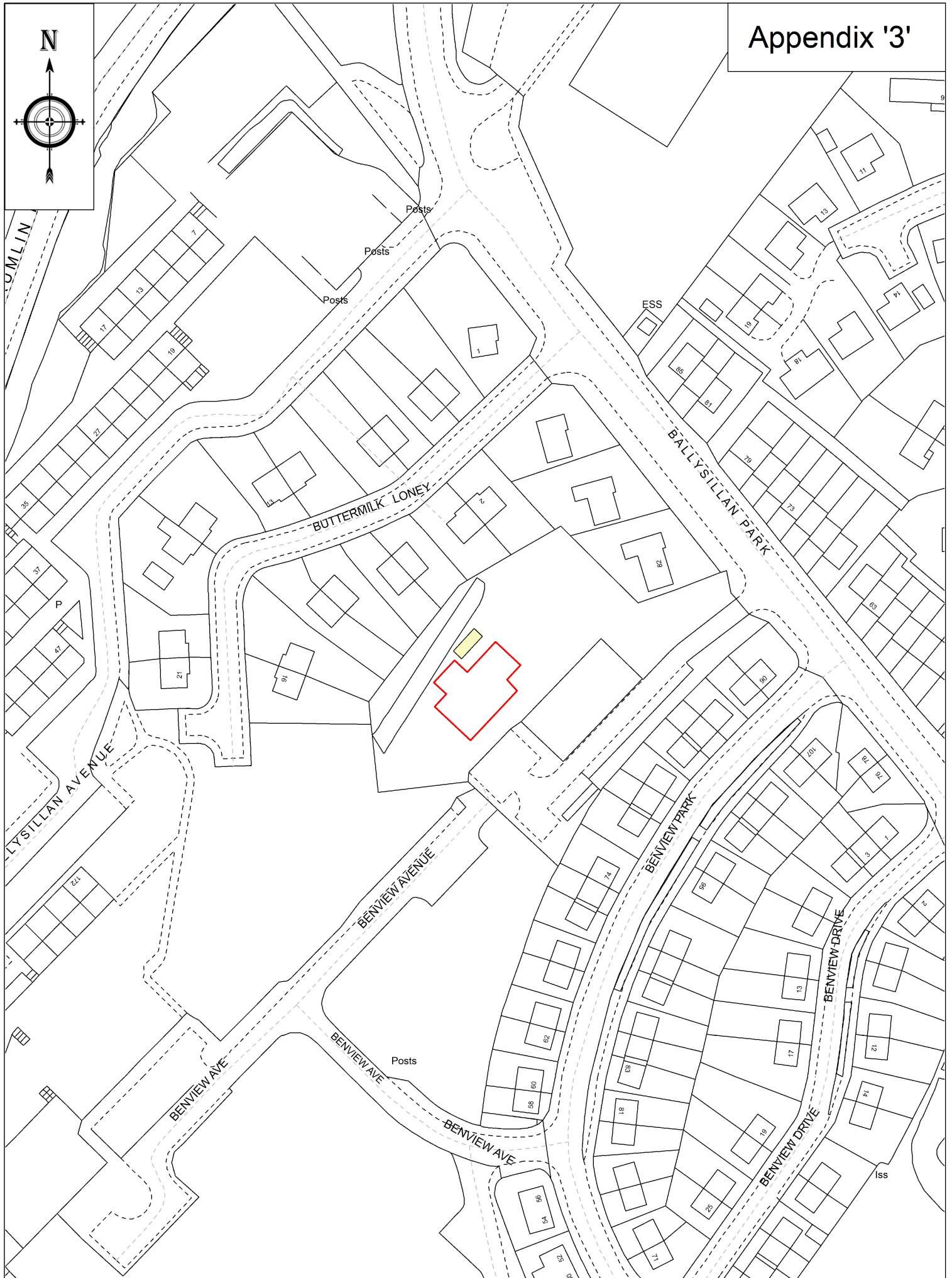
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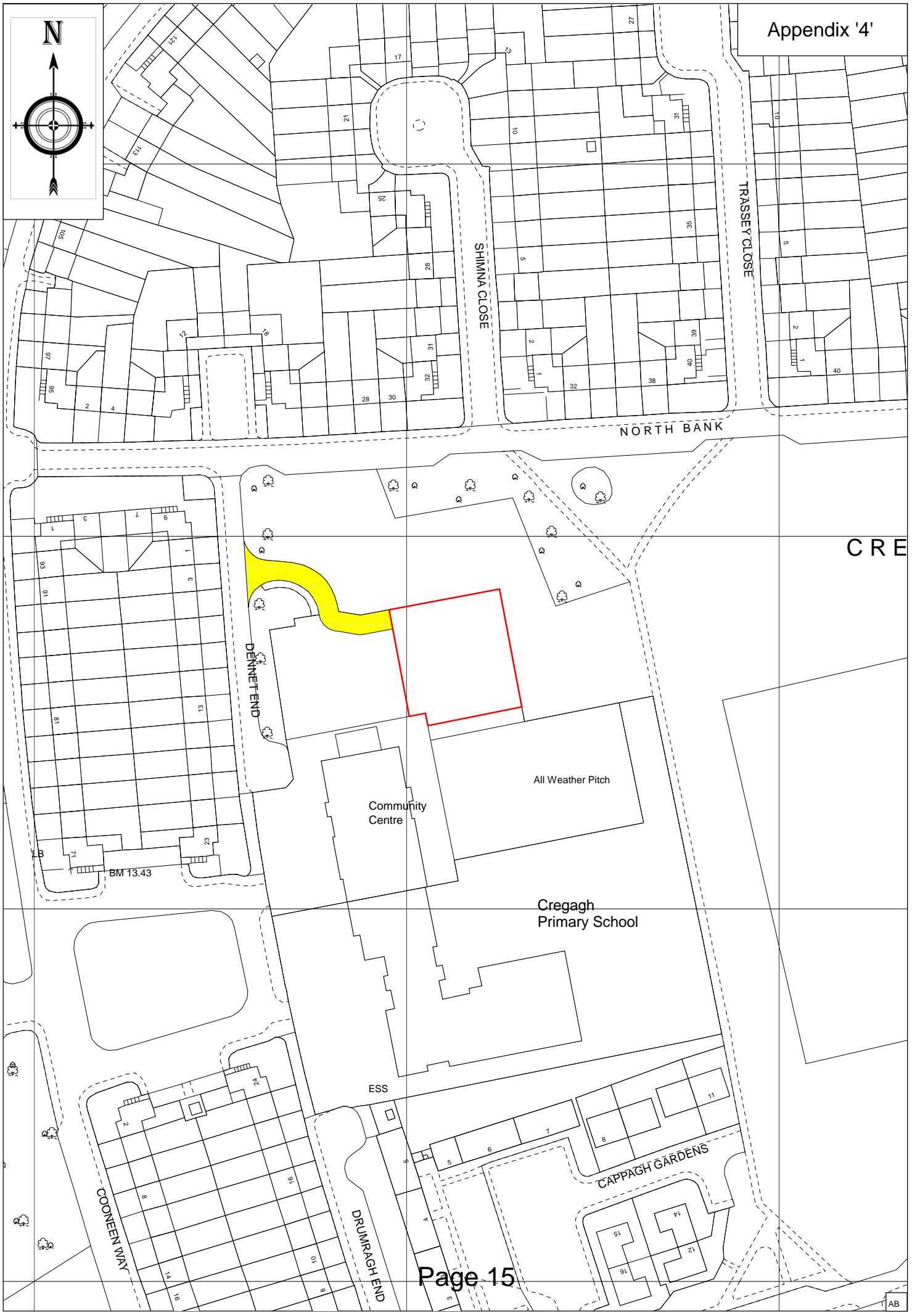
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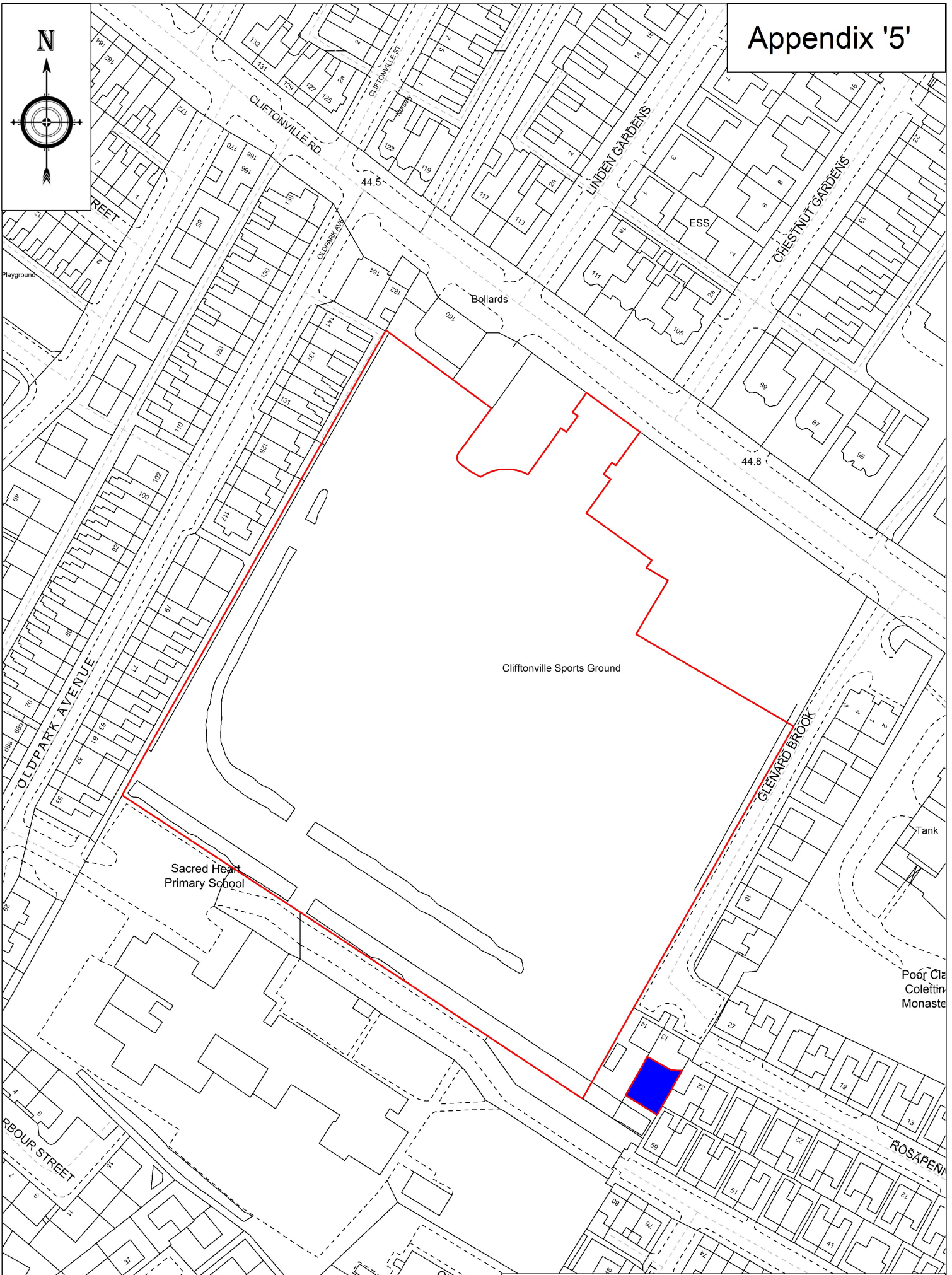
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	works to a number of pitches across the city, and to note work being progressed by officers to investigate securing community access to sporting facilities owned by other key partners.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the update below on improvements to pitches across the city, and to consider approval of an annual spend of £30,000 to be met from the pitches budget to secure the use of Ashfield Boys' High School as an intermediate soccer pitch for continued use by St Matthew's Football Club.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Members will be aware that work is ongoing to progress the Belfast Pitches Strategy. A report outlining the background to the need for development of the Strategy, an indicative timeline for commissioning and an overview of the Terms of Reference was presented to People and Communities Committee in August 2023 (attached at Appendix 1). It is expected that a draft strategy will be presented to committee in March 2025.
3.2	As part of that work and in the interim period of producing the Pitches Strategy, officers committed to continuing to work on an area-by-area basis to identify, agree and secure quick wins at our existing sites.
3.3	<p>Following confirmation of a recurring budget of £500,000 for pitch improvements, officers have identified the following facilities and associated works for immediate progression in the 24/25 financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>North - Mallusk Playing Fields</u> The creation of an additional two full-size GAA pitches to include all relevant GAA posts, ball stops, nets and including the conversion of a shale area to grass. This will create a total of four full size GAA pitches at this site. A planning application has been submitted and it is expected that this work will be completed by February 2025; <u>East - Henry Jones Playing Fields</u> Work is underway to install ball stops and spectator fencing at this GAA pitch. A planning application has been submitted and work is expected to be completed by February 2025; <u>West - Falls Park</u> Installation of ball stop netting for the GAA pitch. Recommended for approval by planning on 18th June with work expected to be completed by September 2024;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>South - Strangford Ave Playing Fields</u> Work is underway to convert one full-size soccer pitch into three small-sized soccer pitches and to reinstate a second disused full-size soccer pitch. This will maximise soccer provision at this site and cater for the displacement of SBYL soccer from Mallusk. This work will be completed by September 2024.
3.4	Further scoping work is underway at all existing sites to create a stand-by list of ready to go projects as and when budget becomes available. Further details will be brought to committee in due course.
3.5	In addition to these infrastructure improvements at council facilities, officers are also working to identify partnership opportunities to secure community access to facilities owned by the Education Authority or by other sporting clubs. Work is ongoing in this regard with a number of exploratory conversations and site visits underway.
3.6	As part of this work, an opportunity to secure the continued use of Ashfield Boys' High School as an intermediate soccer pitch for St Matthew's FC has arisen at a cost of £30,000 per annum. Members are therefore asked to consider this funding request which would be met from the pitches budget.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.7	Committee are asked to approve the allocation of £30,000 per annum to Ashfield Boys' High School for the use of an intermediate soccer pitch for St Matthew's FC.
	<u>Equality Impact/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.8	There are no equality or rural needs implications associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Contracts Update
Date:	21 June 2024
Reporting Officer:	Sharon McNicholl Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Corporate Services
Contact Officer:	Noleen Bohill, Head of Commercial and Procurement Services

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek approval from members for tenders and Single Tender Actions (STA) over £30,000 <p>And to ask members to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note contract modifications to contract term and retrospective Single Tender Actions (STAs)
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Approve the public advertisement of tenders as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (Table 1) • • Approve the award of STAs in line with Standing Order 55 exceptions as detailed in Appendix 1 (Table 2) • • Approve the modification of the contract as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (Table 3) • Approved Contracts awarded by Arc 21 on behalf of the Council (Table 3)
3.0	Competitive Tenders
3.1	Section 2.5 of the Scheme of Delegation states Chief Officers have delegated authority to authorise a contract for the procurement of goods, services or works over the statutory limit of £30,000 following a tender exercise where the council has approved the invitation to tender
3.2	Standing Order 60(a) states any contract that exceeds the statutory amount (currently £30,000) shall be made under the Corporate Seal. Under Standing Order 51(b) the Corporate Seal can only be affixed when there is a resolution of the Council.
3.3	Standing Order 54 states that every contract shall comply with the relevant requirements of national and European legislation.
3.4	The Committee is asked to approve the public advertisement of tenders as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (Table 1)
	Single Tender Actions (STAs)
3.5	The Council's current Single Tender Action (STA) process, which has been in place since 2020, provides assurance that the Council continues to comply with its obligations under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 'PCRs' and internal governance arrangements including required controls and approvals. It mirrors the PCRs setting out the exceptional and specific circumstances when a STA can be used (see STA/ Direct Award Reasons Table in Appendix 1).

	To support Officers understanding and to build capability CPS also offer STA Process training on a regular basis.
3.6	<p>In line with Standing Order 55 the following STAs are being submitted for approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract for up to £50,000, for up to 4 months, awarded to Feile an Phobail, for Art of Reconciliation for Belfast 2024. BCC is delivering a number of direct commissions that align key strategic objectives and programme delivery. Féile an Phobail, in partnership with Belfast International Arts Festival and East Side Arts presents an international story of art and reconciliation, exploring locally international experiences of the transformative role of the arts in dealing with complex issues around legacy, conflict and reconciliation. Féile an Phobail are the only provider who can deliver this project given the partnership with Belfast International Arts Festival and East Side Arts and the unique artistic performance they are delivering.
3.7	Further details on these STAs is set out in Appendix 1 (Table 2) including the reason selected to support justification of each STA.
	Modification to Contract
3.8	<p>The Committee is asked to approve the following modification of the contract as per Standing Order 37a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to an additional 4 months and £30,000, for T1939 Routine inspection, maintenance and repairs of roll-on/roll-off containers and static compactors, Lot 1 - Inspection, Repair and Maintenance of Roll-on/Roll-off Containers awarded to MacNabb Bros Waste Management and Lot 2 – Inspection, Repair and Maintenance of Static Compactors awarded Benagh Engineering and Motor Works Ltd. Currently finalising a procurement for the purchase of new skips and compactors and the outcome of that procurement will have an impact on the specification and requirements for this tender process depending on the type of equipment that is purchased. Additional time required to finalise documents for re-tender. <p>Further details on these contract modifications are set out in Appendix 1 (Table 3).</p>
	Arc 21
3.9	Contracts awarded by Arc 21 on behalf of the Council (Table 4).
	Financial & Resource Implications
3.10	The financial resources for these contracts are within approved corporate or departmental budgets
	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment
3.11	None

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Table 1 - Competitive Tenders• Table 2 - Single Tender Actions• Table 3 - Modification to Contract• Table 4 – Contract Awarded by Arc 21

Table 1: Competitive Tenders

Title of Tender	Proposed Contract Duration	Est. Max Contract Value	SRO	Short description of goods / services
Procurement of a contractor to provide tours and operate the visitor centre in City Cemetery	Up to 3 years	£195,000	S Toland	To fulfil objectives and outcomes set by the Heritage funded restoration project for City Cemetery
Commvault Cloud Backup & Recovery for Microsoft 365 Enterprise	Up to 3 years	£90,000	P Gribben	To provide backup and recovery capabilities for the council's Microsoft 365 data
Provision of colourful floats, professional performers, costume hire and design, musicians and community engagement workshops in the St Patrick's Day Parade 2025	Up to 3 years	£285,000	J Greer	To successfully curate and deliver the 2025 St Patrick's Day parade in Belfast with option to extend the contract up to a further 2 years if 2025 proves successful.
Provision of a city centre music festival / programme over the St Patrick's Celebrations period.	Up to 3 years	£270,000	J Greer	There is a requirement of a city centre music festival / programme over the St Patrick's Celebrations period 2025 to increase dwell time during the festivities beyond the Parade element. Option to extend up to a further 2 years if 2025 proves successful.

Table 2: Single Tender Actions

Title	Duration	Est. Max Contract Value	SRO	Description	Supplier	STA Reason Code
Art of Reconciliation for Belfast 2024	Up to 4 months	£50,000	J Greer	BCC is delivering a number of direct commissions that align key strategic objectives and programme delivery. Féile an Phobail, in partnership with Belfast International Arts Festival and East Side Arts presents an International story of art and reconciliation, exploring locally international experiences of the transformative role of the arts in dealing with complex issues around legacy, conflict and reconciliation.	Feile an Phobail	2

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Table 3: Modification to Contract

Title of Contract	Duration	Modification	SRO	Description	Supplier
T1939 - Routine inspection, maintenance and repairs of roll-on/roll-off containers and static compactors Lot 1 - Inspection, Repair and Maintenance of Roll-on/Roll-off Containers Lot 2 – Inspection, Repair and Maintenance of Static Compactors	Up to 4 years	Additional 4 month and £30,000	D Sales	Currently finalising a procurement for the purchase of new skips and compactors and the outcome of that procurement will have an impact on the specification and requirements for this tender process depending on the type of equipment that is purchased.	Lot 1 - MacNabb Bros Waste Management Lot 2 - Benagh Engineering and Motor Works Ltd

Table 4: Contracts awarded by Arc 21 on behalf of the Council

Title of Contract	Duration	Estimated Value	SRO	Description	Supplier
Receipt, Processing, Treatment, Recycling and Disposal of Street Sweepings Waste: Lot 1	Up to 7 years	£2.03m (est. if full 7 years was utilised)	D Sales	Contract for the acceptance and processing of street sweeping waste. The contract includes obligations to recycle waste and to report key performance information and details of all final destinations for the outputs after processing.	Contract managed by arc 21

STA Direct Award Reasons

Reason Code	Reasons in line with Public Contract Regulations
1	No response following advertised procurement exercise
2	Creation or acquisition of a unique work of art or artistic performance
3	Competition is absent for technical reasons (no reasonable substitute exists)
4	The protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights
5	Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by BCC, the time limits for a procurement cannot be complied with.
6	Products manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experimentation, study or development
7	Additional deliveries which are intended either as a partial or extended replacement of supplies or installations where a change of supplier would result in supplies of different technical characteristics causing incompatibility or disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance
8	Supplies quoted and purchased on a commodity market
9	Supplies or services on particularly time-limited advantageous terms e.g. supplier winding up its business activities
10	New works and services consisting of the repetition of similar works or services, provided that the possibility of a direct award is disclosed during the original tender process
11	Other – Reason not in line with Public Contract Regulations (PCR 2015)

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Minutes of Party Group Leaders Consultative Forum Thursday 13th June 2024

Attendance

Members:

Councillor Michael Long
Councillor Ryan Murphy
Councillor Áine Groogan
Councillor Sarah Bunting
Councillor Séamas de Faoite

Apologies: Alderman Sonia Copeland, Councillor Ciaran Beattie

Officers:

John Walsh, Chief Executive
Sharon McNicholl Deputy Chief Executive/Strategic Director of Corporate Services
Trevor Wallace, Director of Finance (for Item 1)
Damien Martin, Strategic Director of Place & Economy (for Items 2 & 3)
Cathy Reynolds, Director of City Regeneration & Development (for Item 2)
David Sales, Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services (for Item 5)
Joanne Delaney, Portfolio and Programme Coordinator (secretariat)

1. Finance Update

The Director of Finance & Resources presented the year end financial outturn for 2023/24 and outlined the implications for the general reserves. Members also discussed additional monies that had become available following the year end financial outturn in relation to a recent VAT claim. The Director proposed that the reallocation process for these additional monies be considered in line with the corporate planning, medium term financial plan and capital planning processes in order to ensure alignment with corporate priorities. The June SP&R finance report will include a recommendation for this approach along with a recommendation for a facilitated All Party workshop on finance to consider prioritisation for any reallocations.

2. City Centre Regeneration Framework

The Strategic Director of Place & Economy provided an update in relation to the City Centre Regeneration programme of work including an update on the actions agreed by Members at the May SP&R Committee. The Strategic Director and the Director of City Regeneration & Development presented to Members the next steps in relation to the development of a Regeneration Framework, a decision making framework which will be designed to be used in

the prioritisation of place based regeneration initiatives across Belfast. It was noted the detail on this work will be considered by Members at a Special SP&R Committee on the 28th June. The Chief Executive provided guidance in relation to any Member engagement with parties who may be associated with active or anticipated planning applications.

3. MOBO Awards

The Strategic Director of Place & Economy advised that correspondence had been received in relation to the MOBO Awards. The Director provided a briefing on the background to the request, potential financial implications involved and the process for submitting an expression of interest. It was noted that further due diligence and exploratory work is required should Members wish to consider further. A report will be brought to a future SP&R Committee outlining the request received and the key next steps.

4. Planning Update

The Chief Executive updated the Forum on the live planning applications and informed the Forum of applications that were being presented to the Planning Committee in the coming months.

5. AOB

Annadale Embankment

The Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services outlined a request received from community representatives in the Annadale area for temporary fencing on Annadale embankment. In relation to a specific query raised by a Member both the Director and a Member provided clarity. It was noted the request would be agreed under the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services delegated authority.

Consultation on Department for Communities Budget 2024-25 allocations

The Chief Executive referred to the consultation issued by the Department for Communities which details the Minister for Communities' initial Budget 2024-25 decisions and how they will impact on the Department's ability to deliver public services. A copy of the consultation document will be circulated to Party Group Leaders and a corporate response will be submitted to a future SP&R Committee.

Issues Raised by Members

Environmental Health - Procedures for damp home - The Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services to follow up and clarify the issue raised.

Council Owned Park - A member raised an issue in relation to funding support for an upcoming event in a Council owned park. A report will be brought to June SP&R Committee for Members consideration.

Bonfire Issue - The Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services to follow up an issue raised in relation to a specific query on a bonfire location and to provide an update for the Member.

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