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Legal and Civic Services Department
Belfast City Council
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**Belfast
City Council**

31st July, 2024

MEETING OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Tuesday, 6th August, 2024 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. Routine Matters

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes
- (c) Declarations of Interest

2. Restricted Items

- (a) 2023/2024 Year End Finance Update (Pages 1 - 6)
- (b) UK Emissions Trading Scheme scope expansion: waste - consultation response (Pages 7 - 70)

3. Committee/Strategic Issues

- (a) Community Support Programme 2024/25 (Pages 71 - 84)
- (b) Notices of Motion update (Pages 85 - 104)

4. **Operational Issues**

- (a) Mutual aid across councils - Emergency Planning Response (Pages 105 - 114)
- (b) Playground Improvement Programme 2024/25 (Pages 115 - 144)
- (c) Update on glass collections and small vehicles pilot (Pages 145 - 152)
- (d) Investigation of Public Path Creation Order at College Heights / Ailesbury Road (Pages 153 - 158)
- (e) Active Belfast - approach for 2024/25 (Pages 159 - 162)
- (f) Events in parks (Pages 163 - 166)
- (g) Application for dual language street signage (Pages 167 - 172)
- (h) Application for naming of new street including dual language street names (Pages 173 - 176)

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| Subject: | Department for Communities (DfC) Letter of Offer Community Support Programme 2024/25 |
| Date: | 6 th August 2024 |
| Reporting Officer: | Jim Girvan, Operational Director Neighbourhood Services |
| Contact Officer: | Nicola Lane, Neighbourhood Services Manager |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues |
| 1.1 | <p>The main purpose of this report is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inform Members that Council has received the Letter of Offer for the Community Support Programme 24/25 from the Department for Communities (DfC). • advise Members that the Chief Executive has accepted the Letter of Offer, subject to Council approval and seek approval for him to accept subsequent Letters of Variance on behalf of the Council. • seek Members' approval to issue further payments to funded organisations upon their completion of monitoring and relevant administrative checks. • seek agreement from Members on the option to allocate the additional funding provided, based on the detail provided in the report. |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | <p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the funding allocation of £2,575,577.30 presented in the Letter of Offer from the DfC for the 2024/25 financial year. • Note that the Chief Executive has accepted the Letter of Offer, subject to Council approval and seek approval for him to accept subsequent Letters of Variance on behalf of the Council. • Agree their preferred option relating to the Community Support General additional funding. • Agree the proposed additional funding allocation for; Community Support General, Advice Grant, Welfare Reform Mitigations Extension-Tribunal Representation, Welfare Reform Mitigations- Face to Face Advice and Social Supermarket • Approve the progression of funding payments, where appropriate, following completion of due diligence requirements based on the proposals. |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Members will be aware that the Department for Communities (DfC) provides an annual grant to Council through its Community Support Programme (CSP) Letter of Offer. This funding provides an element of the budget towards Capacity Building and Revenue for Community Building grants as well as Generalist Advice.</p> <p>3.2 The CSP also provides 100% funding for other elements of activity such as Social Supermarkets and Welfare Reform Mitigations.</p> <p>3.3 At March Committee, Officers advised that the Community Support Programme (CSP) Letter of Offer for 24/25 had not yet been received by Council from DfC. Therefore, Members granted approval for officers to progress funding agreements and provide 50% payments for the Capacity Building, Revenue for Community Building grants and Generalist Advice.</p> <p>3.4 Council received the CSP 2024/25 Letter of Offer from DfC on 3 July 2024. There is an increase to this year's funding across several elements. A breakdown of the allocation for 2024/25 in comparison to 2023/24 is attached at Appendix 1</p> |

Social Supermarket Funding

3.5 Members may be aware that Social Supermarket funding was considered at a Special SP&R meeting on 28th June 2024. Members were advised at this meeting that DfC had indicated that the total allocation for Social Supermarkets would be £672,687.77 in 24/25.

3.6 SP&R agreed to provide an additional council allocation to provide the maximum amount of funding recommended to successful applicants. Further detail is provided in **Appendix 2**. The figure in the LoO is slightly less than indicated, £672,650.06, but this will have no impact as it can be covered through existing budgets.

Additional Funding by CSP Heading

3.7 Table 1 illustrates the available budgets created under each heading by combining the additional allocation CSP increase and 5% Unrestricted Funding (Non-Recurrent).

3.8 **Table 1**

| CSP Heading | Additional Funds 2024/25 |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Community Support General | £81,786.34 |
| 2. Advice Grant | £59,946.84 |
| 3. Welfare Reform Mitigations Extension Tribunal Representation- Appeals | £6,942.02 |
| 4. Welfare Reform Mitigations Extension Face to face Advice | £11,738.96 |

Proposed Allocation of Additional Funds

3.9 It is proposed that additional funding for elements 2-4 should be allocated using the agreed approaches. Further detail is provided in **Appendix 3**. Members are asked to agree the proposed allocations for the 3 elements i.e. Advice Grant, Welfare Reform Mitigations Extension Tribunal Representation- Appeals and Welfare Reform Mitigations Extension Face to face Advice.

3.10 Members are asked to consider and agree their preferred option for allocating the additional funding provided under the Community Support General heading (£81,786.34) as outlined in Table 2. Further detail on the organisations funded through Capacity and Revenue awards is provided in **Appendix 4**.

Table 2

| Option | Description | Pro | Con |
|--------|---|--|---|
| 1 | Allocate all the additional funding to the 87 Revenue Funded groups. Each group will receive a non-recurrent payment of £940. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Revenue funding supports running costs in community buildings. Applicants have highlighted the impact of increased running costs which this award would help to address. o Revenue applicants receive an annual award of up to £20,000. This is a lower value than the award to Capacity applicants which is up £50,000 and therefore Revenue, applicants are | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Capacity funded organisations do not have access to these additional funds yet are also experiencing increased costs. |

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| | | | more impacted by increased costs and this option would provide an additional award targeted at those who receive less funding. | |
| 2 | Allocate the funding to Revenue and Capacity funded groups. 130 organisations will receive a non-recurrent payment of £629 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Revenue and Capacity organisations will receive additional funding to meet their running costs and provide services. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o This option does not take into account the difference in the annual level of funding to both Revenue and Capacity applicants. |
| <p><u>Financial Implications</u> All awards listed in Appendices 3 & 4 can be made in line with existing budgets for 24/25. Members should note that the Capacity and Revenue awards which are multi annual awards from 23/26 were enhanced with a £1.4 million additional Council allocation. As previously advised, this allocation will have to be provided in 24/25 and 25/26 financial years.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications and Rural Needs Assessment</u> This will be considered throughout, and any appropriate issues highlighted to Members. Any amendments to existing scheme or new scheme will be considered in the context of any equality/good relations and rural needs considerations.</p> | | | | |
| 4.0 | Appendices - Documents Attached | | | |
| 4.1 | <p>Appendix 1 – CSP Allocation Comparison and Variance 2024/25 with 2023/24 Appendix 2 - Social Supermarket Allocations 24/25 Appendix 3 – Allocation Approach for Advice, Tribunal Service and Welfare Reform Mitigations (face to face) and awards 24/25 Appendix 4 - List of funding allocations/awards to Capacity/Revenue groups 24/25</p> | | | |

Appendix 1 CSP Allocation Comparison and Variance 2024/25 with 2023/24

| Belfast City Council | 1/04/24 to 31/03/25 | 1/04/23 to 31/03/24 | Variance |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Community Support General | £867,801.70 | £829,405.44 | £38,396.26 |
| <i>Unrestricted funding (Non-Recurrent)</i> | <i>£43,390.08</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>£43,390.08</i> |
| Advice Grant | £636,071.68 | £607,928.42 | £28,143.26 |
| <i>Unrestricted funding (Non-Recurrent)</i> | <i>£31,803.58</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>£31,803.58</i> |
| Welfare Reform Mitigations Extension Tribunal Representation - Appeals (067977) | £73,659.07 | 70,400.00 | £3,259.07 |
| <i>Unrestricted funding (Non-Recurrent)</i> | <i>£3,682.95</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>£3,682.95</i> |
| Welfare Reform Mitigations Extension Face to Face Advice (067983) | £234,779.21 | £234,999.21 | 0 |
| <i>Unrestricted funding (Non-Recurrent)</i> | <i>£11,738.96</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>£11,738.96</i> |
| Social Supermarket figures inclusive of Unrestricted Grant Funding (Non- Recurrent) uplift | £672,650.06 | £418,744.04 | £253,906.02 |
| Consolidated Uplift for CS General Advice & Appeals (21/22 carried forward) | 0 | £34,316.02 | -£34,316.02 |
| Consolidated Uplift for CS General Advice & Appeals (22/23 carried forward) | 0 | £35,482.57 | -£35,482.57 |
| CSP Grand Total (Per Year) | £2,575,577.30 | £2,231,055.70 | |

Appendix 2 Social Supermarket Allocations

| 2024/25 Social Supermarket Funding - Applicants, Scores and Recommended Awards | | | | | |
|---|----------------|--|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| | Ref | Organisation | Amount Requested | Score % | Award |
| 1 | SS-2425-13-FWC | Footprints Women's Centre | £49,697.53 | 97.5 | £49,697.53 |
| 2 | SS-2425-28-DSA | Disability Action | £35,000.00 | 91.3 | £35,000.00 |
| 3 | SS-2425-18-FWS | Forward South Partnership | £49,500.00 | 88.8 | £49,500.00 |
| 4 | SS-2425-02-SOC | Southcity | £50,000.00 | 80.0 | £50,000.00 |
| 5 | SS-2425-20-VIN | Vine Centre (NBAP) | £49,500.00 | 80.0 | £49,500.00 |
| 6 | SS-2425-04-SSC | Street Soccer NI | £22,000.00 | 76.3 | £22,000.00 |
| 7 | SS-2425-17-ASH | Ashton Community Trust | £50,000.00 | 76.3 | £50,000.00 |
| 8 | SS-2425-24-USD | Upper Springfield Development Trust | £50,000.00 | 67.5 | £50,000.00 |
| 9 | SS-2425-21-DGP | Donegall Pass Community Forum | £37,112.00 | 65.0 | £37,112.00 |
| 12 | SS-2425-11-GWD | Grace Women's Development | £2,500.00 | 63.8 | £1,250.00 |
| 10 | SS-2425-12-HER | HEReNI | £16,449.17 | 62.5 | £16,449.17 |
| 11 | SS-2425-01-ITT | In This Together | £50,000.00 | 61.3 | £50,000.00 |
| 15 | SS-2425-10-HWD | Hanwood Trust | £30,000.00 | 60.0 | £30,000.00 |
| 14 | SS-2425-09-WBP | West Belfast Partnership Board | £49,500.00 | 57.5 | £49,500.00 |
| 16 | SS-2425-27-LOR | LORAG | £44,000.00 | 57.5 | £44,000.00 |
| 13 | SS-2425-05-GRA | Glencolin Residents' Association | £10,000.00 | 55.0 | £10,000.00 |
| 17 | SS-2425-15-LCP | Loughview Community Action Partnership | £49,936.00 | 55.0 | £49,936.00 |
| 18 | SS-2425-19-BWS | Boring Wells (The Larder) | £50,000.00 | 53.8 | £50,000.00 |
| 21 | SS-2425-07-COM | Compass Counselling | £11,800.00 | 52.5 | £11,800.00 |
| 19 | SS-2425-08-BWA | Belfast Women's Aid | £30,000.00 | 50.0 | £30,000.00 |
| 20 | SS-2425-16-BLA | Blackie River Community Groups | £50,000.00 | 47.5 | £50,000.00 |
| 22 | SS-2425-06-PHX | Phoenix Education Centre (NI) | £34,835.00 | 42.5 | £0.00 |
| 23 | SS-2425-25-GLE | Glentoran Social Partnership | £12,600.00 | 40.0 | £0.00 |
| 24 | SS-2425-26-AGT | Ag Togáil Clainne le gaeilge | £2,430.00 | 32.5 | £0.00 |
| 25 | SS-2425-14-HMP | Homeplus NI | £49,960.00 | 32.5 | £0.00 |
| 27 | SS-2425-23-EMS | EMSONI | £42,500.00 | 32.5 | £0.00 |
| 26 | SS-2425-22-GLO | Glor na Mona | £10,000.00 | 31.3 | £0.00 |
| 28 | SS-2425-03-UOA | University of Atypical | £7,300.00 | 27.5 | £0.00 |
| | | Total | £946,619.70 | | £785,744.70 |

Appendix 3 Allocation Approach for Advice, Tribunal Service and Welfare Reform Mitigations Extension (Face to Face) and Awards.

Generalist Advice Funding

Advice Funding 2024/25 - Advice Consortia Allocation and Proposed Additional Funding (£59,946.84)

| Consortia and Members | Generalist Advice 2024/25 Allocation | Council's Funding Allocation | Proposed Additional Funding |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Central Consortium: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice Space (Lead) • Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre | £ 88,603.68 | 9% | £5,313.33 |
| East Consortium: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice Space (Lead) • East Belfast Independent Advice Centre | £ 144,397.06 | 14% | £8,659.12 |
| North Consortium: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Vine Centre (Lead) • Ardoyne Association • Ballysillan Community Forum • Ligoniel Improvement Association • Tar Isteach • Advice Space | £ 258,723.74 | 26% | £15,514.99 |
| South Consortium: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballynafeigh Community Development Association (Lead) • South City Resource and Development Centre • Advice Space | £ 154,000.56 | 15% | £9,235.01 |
| West Consortium: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falls Community Council (Lead) • Springfield Charitable Association • Neighbourhood Development Association • Upper Springfield Development Trust • Advice Space (Suffolk & Andersonstown) • Advice Space (Falls) • Advice Space (Shankill) | £ 353,931.96 | 35% | £21,224.38 |
| Total | £ 999,657.00 | | £59,946.84 |

Welfare Reform Mitigations Extension Tribunal Representation- Appeals (£6,942.02)

The total allocation received by Council from the CSP in relation to the WRME Tribunal Representation and Appeals goes directly to fund the Belfast Citywide Tribunal Services. It is proposed that this additional funding of £6,942.02 be used to support the Citywide Tribunal Service.

Welfare Reform Mitigations Extension Face to Face Advice

The funding relating to the WRME Face to Face Advice is funded 100% by DfC. The Department allocates funding as follows for 2024/25

| Organisation | Allocation | % Of Total Allocation | 5% Uplift Allocation |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Advice Space | £ 109,729.40 | 46.74% | £ 5,486.47 |
| Advice Space (EBIAC) | £ 31,262.48 | 13.32% | £ 1,563.12 |
| Falls Community Council (NDA) | £ 31,262.48 | 13.32% | £ 1,563.12 |
| Ballynafeigh Community Development Association | £ 31,262.48 | 13.32% | £ 1,563.12 |
| North Belfast Advice Partnership (LIA) | £ 31,262.48 | 13.32% | £ 1,563.12 |
| | £ 234,779.32 | | £1,1738.96 |

Appendix 4 - List of 24/25 funding allocations/awards which receive an allocation from CSP

Capacity Building Awards 2024/25

| | Organisation | Organisation Postcode | Maximum Grant Allocation |
|----|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | Boys & Girls Clubs | BT9 7JU | £49,247.00 |
| 2. | Engage With Age | BT5 4FP | £30,514.00 |
| 3. | Cara-Friend | BT1 2DX | £50,000.00 |
| 4. | Charter NI | BT4 1AG | £44,509.00 |
| 5. | Roden Street Community Development Group | BT12 5AT | £50,000.00 |
| 6. | Southcity Resource And Development Centre. | BT12 6HE | £50,000.00 |
| 7. | The West Belfast Partnership Board | BT13 2JF | £49,600.00 |
| 8. | Poleglass Community Association @ Sally Gardens | BT17 0UJ | £48,470.00 |
| 9. | Conradh Na Gaeilge | BT12 6RU | £50,000.00 |
| 10 | Short Strand Community Forum | BT5 4EQ | £50,000.00 |
| 11 | Women's Resource And Development Agency | BT7 1NZ | £50,000.00 |
| 12 | Ballynafeigh Community Development Association | BT7 3GG | £50,000.00 |
| 13 | Falls Community Council | BT12 6FD | £50,000.00 |
| 14 | Falls Partnership Initiative | BT12 4JT | £40,000.00 |
| 15 | Ligoniel Improvement Association | BT14 8DT | £41,746.64 |
| 16 | Colin Neighbourhood Partnership | BT17 0LG | £35,397.54 |
| 17 | The HUBB Community Development Resource Centre | BT15 3QF | £29,000.00 |
| 18 | Fóram na nÓg | BT12 7RG | £43,954.72 |
| 19 | Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group (LORAG) | BT7 2EW | £50,000.00 |
| 20 | Upper Springfield Resource Centre | BT12 7JZ | £37,932.76 |
| 21 | Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum | BT14 6DT | £45,189.34 |
| 22 | Volunteer Now | BT4 1AF | £48,191.28 |

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| 23 | Ashton Community Trust | BT15 2BP | £50,000.00 |
| 24 | Market Development Association | BT1 3JD | £31,100.00 |
| 25 | Training for Women Network | BT4 1NY | £45,815.00 |
| 26 | East Belfast Community Development Agency | BT5 4FG | £50,000.00 |
| 27 | Whiterock Children's Centre/Whiterock Creche Association | bt127pg | £20,750.00 |
| 28 | Belfast Interface Project. (BIP) | BT1 1FF | £49,791.00 |
| 29 | Horn Of Africa People's Aid Northern Ireland (HAPANI) | BT7 1JG | £50,000.00 |
| 30 | University Of Atypical For Arts And Disability | BT1 1FF | £50,000.00 |
| 31 | Small Steps | BT15 3GJ | £49,835.59 |
| 32 | Lenadoon community forum | Bt11 9PE | £33,448.00 |
| 33 | Sailortown Regeneration Group | BT15 1DY | £50,000.00 |
| 34 | All Nations Ministries | BT15 1GY | £48,302.00 |
| 35 | Northern Ireland Youth Forum | BT11FJ | £19,900.00 |
| 36 | Ardoyne Youth Enterprises | BT14 7EJ | £21,912.00 |
| 37 | Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre | BT1 2FN | £46,646.00 |
| 38 | Greater Shankill Community Council | BT13 1FP | £50,000.00 |
| 39 | St James Forum | BT12 6EA | £46,000.00 |
| 40 | South Belfast Partnership Board | BT7 1FY | £31,459.42 |
| 41 | Taughmonagh Community Forum Ltd | BT9 6QR | £49,400.00 |
| 42 | Loughview Community Action Partnership (LCAP) | BT15 4BJ | £9,700.00 |
| 43 | TechDesk | BT13 | £47,500.00 |
| | | | £1,845,311.29 |

Revenue for Community Buildings Awards 2024/25

| | Organisation | Organisation Postcode | Maximum Grant Allocation |
|-----|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Newstart Education Centre | BT13 2QU | £ 20,000.00 |
| 2. | Ardmonagh Family & Community Group | BT11 8DX | £ 13,000.00 |
| 3. | Lagmore Community Forum | BT17 0TG | £ 20,000.00 |
| 4. | Holy Trinity Centre | BT11 8EL | £ 20,000.00 |
| 5. | Cancer Lifeline | BT14 7PJ | £ 20,000.00 |
| 6. | Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich | BT12 6AH | £ 20,000.00 |
| 7. | Mornington Community Project | BT7 1SH | £ 14,435.00 |
| 8. | Ionad Uíbh Eachach | BT12 6AW | £ 20,000.00 |
| 9. | Cumann Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtain | BT15 2GZ | £ 20,000.00 |
| 10. | FORTHSPRING INTER COMMUNITY GROUP | BT127DG | £ 20,000.00 |
| 11. | An Droichead | BT7 2EP | £ 20,000.00 |
| 12. | Divis Joint Development Committee | BT12 4JT | £ 20,000.00 |
| 13. | Glen Community Parent Youth Group | BT11 9PE | £ 20,000.00 |
| 14. | Feile An Phobail | BT12 6AF | £ 18,000.00 |
| 15. | Hannahstown Community Association | BT17 0LT | £ 20,000.00 |
| 16. | Chinese Welfare Association NI | BT7 1GB | £ 20,000.00 |
| 17. | EastSide Partnership | BT4 1HE | £ 18,880.00 |
| 18. | Footprints Womens Centre | BT17 0AR | £ 20,000.00 |
| 19. | Falls Women's Centre | BT12 6AL | £ 20,000.00 |
| 20. | Solas | BT7 2GB | £ 20,000.00 |
| 21. | Suicide Awareness & Support Group | BT12 6FB | £ 19,606.00 |
| 22. | Spectrum Centre | BT13 3AA | £ 20,000.00 |
| 23. | Brassneck Youth | BT17 0LT | £ 15,714.00 |
| 24. | Belfast South Community Resources | BT12 5ET | £ 20,000.00 |
| 25. | Manor Street Cliftonville Community Group | BT14 6EA | £ 13,000.00 |
| 26. | NBWISP (North Belfast Womens' Initiative & Support Project) | BT14 7JG | £ 15,212.00 |
| 27. | Oasis Caring In Action Ltd | BT5 4NF | £ 18,500.00 |
| 28. | Upper Andersonstown Community Forum | BT11 8NE | £ 20,000.00 |
| 29. | Blackie River Community Groups | BT12 7NW | £ 20,000.00 |
| 30. | Grace Women's Development Limited | BT14 7PJ | £ 16,176.96 |
| 31. | Windsor Women's Centre | BT126HY | £ 20,000.00 |
| 32. | Glór na Móna | BT12 7RG | £ 20,000.00 |
| 33. | Lagan Village Youth And Community Group | BT6 8FW | £ 20,000.00 |
| 34. | Shankill Women's Centre | BT13 1FD | £ 13,000.00 |
| 35. | Ballymac Friendship Trust | BT4 1BP | £ 20,000.00 |

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| 36. | City Life Projects | BT13 2JF | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 37. | SCOIL NA FUISEOIGE | BT17 ORL | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 38. | Upper Springfield Development Trust: Newhill Youth & Community Centre | BT12 6FD | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 39. | TAR ISTEACH | BT15 2AR | £ | 19,327.00 |
| 40. | Belvoir Community Hub | BT8 7EY | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 41. | MOUNT EAGLES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION | BT17 0GZ | £ | 15,550.00 |
| 42. | The Vine Centre | BT14 7AA | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 43. | Wandsworth Community Association | BT4 3FF | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 44. | PIPS Suicide Prevention Ireland | BT15 2GZ | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 45. | Arts For All | BT15 1WA | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 46. | GEMS Northern Ireland Limited | BT 2 7DB | £ | 18,500.00 |
| 47. | Greenway Women's Group | BT60DT | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 48. | Tar Anall | BT13 2DE | £ | 10,950.00 |
| 49. | Kids Together Belfast | BT11 9JQ | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 50. | St Comgalls | BT12 4AQ | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 51. | Benview community Centre | BT14 8HD | £ | 19,994.00 |
| 52. | Willowfield Parish Community Association | BT6 8FE | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 53. | Walkway Community Association | BT5 5DH | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 54. | Belfast Activity Centre | BT95PB | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 55. | WOMEN'STEC | BT15 5EH | £ | 9,000.00 |
| 56. | Conway Youth Centre | BT13 2DE | £ | 10,900.00 |
| 57. | The Parent Rooms | BT14 7GE | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 58. | Bloomfield Community Association | BT5 5EN | £ | 17,367.61 |
| 59. | Glenbank Community Association | BT14 8BJ | £ | 13,500.00 |
| 60. | Star Neighbourhood Centre | BT15 2FS | £ | 16,200.00 |
| 61. | Greater Turf Lodge Residents' Association | BT11 8DH | £ | 6,263.84 |
| 62. | Belvoir Players Amateur Dramatic Society | BT8 7DJ | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 63. | Falls Residents Associations | BT12 4QA | £ | 7,726.60 |
| 64. | Lower Oldpark Community Association | BT14 6EN | £ | 14,645.21 |
| 65. | York Road Civil Defence Management Committee | BT15 3QF | £ | 17,300.00 |
| 66. | Ardoyne Association | BT14 7NN | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 67. | Marrowbone Community Association | BT14 7RG | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 68. | African And Caribbean Support Organisation Northern Ireland (Acsoni) | BT7 1NR | £ | 15,100.00 |
| 69. | Annadale & Haywood Resident Association | BT7 3AU | £ | 13,446.40 |

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| 70. | Concerned Residents Of Upper Ardoyne (CRUA) | BT14 7JE | £ | 5,850.00 |
| 71. | Cumann Chluain Árd | BT127AQ | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 72. | Donegall Pass Community Forum | BT7 1DT | £ | 19,908.43 |
| 73. | Raidió Fáilte Teo | BT12 6DL | £ | 19,866.00 |
| 74. | Ballysillan Community Forum | BT148AB | £ | 16,300.00 |
| 75. | MIDLAND SOCIAL & RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION | BT15 1GT | £ | 12,400.00 |
| 76. | Small Wonders Childcare | BT13 2HZ | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 77. | GLENCAIRN RESIDENTS GROUP | BT13 3TH | £ | 7,000.00 |
| 78. | Ligoniel Family Centre | BT14 8PY | £ | 8,080.00 |
| 79. | Glencolin Residents Association | Bt11 8NZ | £ | 6,119.00 |
| 80. | Indian Community Centre (Belfast) Ltd | BT13 1AB | £ | 20,000.00 |
| 81. | Greater Village Regeneration Trust - TREE Project | BT12 5NB | £ | 17,980.00 |
| 82. | TAGIT T/A Tullycarnet Boxing Club | BT5 7FB | £ | 3,000.00 |
| 83. | Lower Shankill Community Association | BT13 1GF | £ | 3,000.00 |
| 84. | Sunningdale Community Cente | BT14 7QP | £ | 3,000.00 |
| 85. | Tackling Awareness Of Mental Health Issues (TAMHI) | BT14 7BT | £ | 3,000.00 |
| 86. | Springfield Charitable Association Ltd | BT13 2QN | £ | 3,000.00 |
| 87. | Whiterock Westrock Residents Association | BT12 7PJ | £ | 3,000.00 |
| Totals | | | £ | 1,432,798.05 |

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| Subject: | Notices of Motion update |
| Date: | 6 August 2024 |
| Reporting Officer: | David Sales, Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services |
| Contact Officer: | Paula Carville, Executive Support Officer |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance allocated to the People and Communities Committee. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | It is recommended that People and Communities Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the updates to all Notices of Motion / Issues Raised in Advance that People and Communities Committee is responsible for as referenced in Appendix 1; and • Agree to the closure of 11 Notices of Motion / Issues Raised in Advance, as referenced in Appendix 1 and noted in paragraph 3.5 below. |
| 3.0 | Main report |
| 3.1 | <u>Background</u> Members will recall that the previous Notices of Motion update was presented to People and Communities Committee in December 2023. Whilst a further update was scheduled for June 24, reporting on Notices of Motions was postponed due to the pre-election period ahead of the General Election on 4 July. |
| 3.2 | This report provides an overview of the progress on those Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance which remained open following the December 2023 update, and those Motions and Issues which have since arisen. |
| | Notice of Motion Updates |
| 3.3 | There are currently 45 active Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance which the People and Communities Committee is responsible for. An update on those Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance which remain active on the live database is attached at Appendix 1. |
| | Closure of Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance |
| 3.4 | At SP&R Committee on 20 th November 2020, it was agreed that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons: |

- **Category 1 - Notices of Motion which contained an action that has been completed.** All Notices of Motion within this category contained a specific task that has since been complete. It is worth noting that, when Committee agree to action a Notice of Motion, there are sometimes additional actions agreed alongside the Notice of Motion. As these are not technically part of the Notice of Motion, they are taken forward through normal committee decision making processes. The Notice of Motion can therefore be closed, but additional actions related to it will continue to be progressed and reported to the committee. These additional actions are not contained in this report, but will be noted in the live database moving forward.
- **Category 2 - Notices of Motion have become Council policy or absorbed in to a strategic programme of work.** These Notices of Motion did not contain a specific task that could be complete. Instead, they were more strategic in nature and required changes in Council policy and/ or strategy for long term outcomes. Those listed within this category have all been agreed by Committee and are now either Council policy or are currently being implemented through a Council strategy that is managed by a Standing Committee through the corporate planning process.

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Following an update of those Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance on the live database, it is recommended that Members approve the following Motions/Issues for closure.

Category 1 Recommended Closures:

- **Play Facilities for Children with Disabilities (Ref 27)** - Members were presented with an update on the Playground Improvement Programme at December 2023 P&C Committee, where it was agreed that a independent audit of 'play value' and accessibility be undertaken at all council-maintained playgrounds. A contractor was appointed, and an audit of sites has been completed. This information will be used to inform the annual Playground Improvement Programme, which Members will receive an annual report on. As the actions within this Motion have been completed and reporting will be ongoing, it is recommended that this Motion is now closed.
- **School Uniform Exchange (Ref 63)** - Following continued engagement with community and local government partners, officers can confirm that there are a number of school uniform exchange initiatives in place across the city which are organised by schools themselves, and local community groups. The establishment of the Cost of Living Working Group and the Hardship Programme also consider similar issues in relation to alleviating poverty. Given that the requests within the Motion have been taken forward and that a number of community/school uniform exchange initiatives are in place, it is recommended that this Motion is closed.
- **CCTV at CS Lewis Square (Ref 159)** - An update in response to the gritting of greenways was provided to People and Communities Committee in March 2021. In respect of the suggestion to explore the erection of CCTV equipment at CS Lewis Square and along the Greenway, officers have advised that following engagement with the relevant Council officers, community partners and review of records and anecdotal evidence, that this area is not deemed to be a priority area for investment in CCTV at this time. It is therefore recommended that this Issue is now closed.
- **Fast Track Cities (Ref 357)** - The Lord Mayor's office have confirmed that Council has now signed up to the Paris Declaration to support the Fast Track cities aim of eliminating the stigma associated with HIV and AIDS as well as aiming for no new HIV diagnosis by 2030. This Motion can now be closed.

- **XL Bully Restrictions (Ref 370)** - Reports updating on the new safeguarding measures and timelines for XL Bully breed type dogs in NI was presented to People and Communities Committee in May and June 24. This issue can therefore be closed.
- **Request for Lagan Valley Regional Park and HED to address Committee regarding Giant's Ring (Ref 372)** - People and Communities Committee received a presentation from the Lagan Valley Regional Park in June 2024, therefore this Issue can now be closed.
- **Renaming of Suffolk Community Garden (Ref 378)** - A ceremony to mark the renaming of the Suffolk Community Garden was held on 26 July - this Issue can now be closed.
- **Request from Glentoran Football Club to address Committee (Ref 390)** - Given the recent engagement by officers with all clubs with an interest in Blanchflower pitches and the work ongoing to assess recent feedback from these clubs to inform an allocation model, it was agreed that it would not be appropriate to receive a presentation from one single club - therefore Glentoran's request to present was not agreed. As this request has been considered and a position agreed, it is recommended that this Issue is closed.

Category 2 Recommended Closures:

- **Belfast City Council Inclusive Play Parks (Ref 254)** - Members were presented with an update on the Playground Improvement Programme at December 2023 P&C Committee, where it was agreed that a independent audit of 'play value' and accessibility be undertaken at all council-maintained playgrounds. A contractor was appointed and an audit of sites was completed. Officers engaged with the Mae Murray Foundation and Playboard NI in the development of the new Audit Checklist/ranking system. The findings of this will inform future site selection under PIP and future capital proposals in terms of inclusive design in Playparks. Officers are in possession of the recently published 'Adapt my play' report and will work to integrate recommendations and improvements in to ongoing playground planning and design. Resource permitting, officers will be working with Mae Murray and Playboard NI to develop a concept design for a new inclusive play facility at an appropriate destination site in the city. This will include consultation with other stakeholders with lived experience. It is therefore recommended that this Motion is closed.
- **Inclusive Leisure Services (Ref 287)** - Members have been presented with a series of reports in relation to Community Engagement and Underrepresented Target Groups (April 23 and April 24) – these annual reports include updates on provision and plans for all underrepresented groups, including those with disabilities which align with the requests made within this Motion. A further paper on Current Inclusivity Programming and Future Development Plans was also presented to P&C Committee in April 23 which included updates on memberships and customer initiatives for people with disabilities and carers, the JAM card scheme, accessible changing facilities, an overview of programming of activities promoting inclusivity, and staff training. Members will also recall receiving a presentation from Swimming Buddies at the February 23 P&C Committee. As the actions within this Motion have been completed, are part of the operational approach to leisure services and will be reported on a regular basis to P&C Committee, it is recommended that this Motion is now closed.

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| 3.6 | <u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> There are no additional financial implications required to implement these recommendations. |
| 3.7 | <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained in this report. |
| 4.0 | Appendices |
| | Appendix 1: Notices of Motion Live Database – P&C Committee |

| Ref | Type | Meeting Date | Motion Title | Proposed by | Committee | Reporting Officer | Lead Dept | Status |
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| 9 | Notice of Motion | 01/11/18 | "On the Ball" Campaign | Cllr Sian O'Neill | P&C | Jim Girvan | CNS | Ongoing |
| 12 | Notice of Motion | 03/12/18 | Lighting of City Parks | Cllr E McDonough-Brown | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |
| 15 | Notice of Motion | 04/02/19 | Recycling in Colin Neighbourhood | Cllr Seanna Walsh | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |
| 22 | Notice of Motion | 01/07/19 | Glyphosate-Based Weed killer | Cllr Fiona Ferguson | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |

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| 27 | Notice of Motion | 02/09/19 | Play Facilities for children with Disabilities | Aldr Frank McCoubrey | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Recommend Close |
| 30 | Notice of Motion | 02/09/19 | Rewilding our Wards | Cllr Matt Garrett | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |
| 63 | Notice of Motion | 02/03/20 | School Uniform Exchange | Cllr Peter McReynolds | P&C | Jim Girvan | CNS | Recommend Close |
| 76 | Notice of Motion | 01/07/20 | Littering | Cllr Aine Groogan | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |
| 89 | Issue Raised in Advance | 11/08/20 | Future Use of former Horticultural Training Site | Cllr Matt Garrett | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |
| 145 | Notice of Motion | 07/01/21 | Creating Better Access into the Hills | Cllr Michael Donnelly | P&C | Jim Girvan | CNS | Ongoing |

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| 146 | Notice of Motion | 07/01/21 | 30 by 30 Biodiversity Campaign | Cllr Brian Smyth | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |
| 159 | Issue Raised in Advance | 12/02/21 | CCTV Equipment CS Lewis Square and to consider the CCTV needs for the remainder of the Greenway | Cllr Adam Newton | P&C | Jim Girvan | CNS | Recommend Close |
| 160 | Issue Raised in Advance | 12/02/21 | Colaiste Feirste and Divis Back Path | Cllr Ciaran Beattie | P&C | Jim Girvan | CNS | Ongoing |
| 161 | Notice of Motion | 01/03/21 | Belfast Hills "Call to Action" document | Cllr Matt Collins | P&C | Jim Girvan | CNS | Ongoing |

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| 254 | Notice of Motion | 24/05/22 | Belfast City Council Inclusive Play Parks | Cllr Ross McMullan | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Recommend Close |
| 255 | Notice of Motion | 24/05/22 | Cleansing Task Force | Cllr Ciaran Beattie | P&C | David Sales | CNS | Ongoing |
| 258 | Notice of Motion | 28/06/22 | Capital Investments in Parks, Public and Open Spaces | Cllr Mal O'Hara | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |
| 262 | Issue Raised in Advance | 09/08/22 | Review of Non-Residential Fees for the re-opening of graves in Blaris Cemetery for Collin Residents | Cllr Michael Collins | P&C | Siobhan Toland | CNS | Ongoing |
| 270 | Notice of Motion | 23/08/22 | Herbicide Reduction Policy | Cllr Anthony Flynn | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |
| 273 | Issue Raised in Advance | 22/09/22 | Council Allotments | Cllr Anthony Flynn | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |

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| 286 | Notice of Motion | 24/11/22 | Corey Jack Aughey Memorial Park | Cllr Dale Pankhurst | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |
| 287 | Notice of Motion | 24/11/22 | Inclusive Leisure Services | Cllr Michael Collins | P&C | Jim Girvan | CNS | Recommend Close |
| 288 | Notice of Motion | 24/11/22 | Imagination Library | Cllr Seamas De Faoite | P&C | Jim Girvan | CNS | Ongoing |
| 368 | Notice of Motion | 28/03/23 | Graffiti - Development of Memorandums of Understanding | Cllr Gary McKeown | P&C | David Sales | CNS | Ongoing |
| 321 | Notice of Motion | 27/06/23 | Playful Belfast City Streets | Cllr Ross McMullan | P&C | Jim Girvan | CNS | Ongoing |
| 328 | Notice of Motion | 29/08/23 | Urban Wildflower Meadows | Cllr Ronan McLaughlin | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |

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| 335 | Notice of Motion | 26/09/23 | Pavement Parking | Cllr Tara Brooks | P&C | Eunan McConville | CNS | Ongoing |
| 345 | Notice of Motion | 24/10/23 | Secure Needle/Drug Waste Bins | Cllr Brian Smyth | P&C | Jim Girvan | CNS | Ongoing |
| 348 | Notice of Motion | 28/11/23 | Feasibility Study into a Blackstaff Greenway | Cllr Tara Brooks | P&C | Jim Girvan | CNS | Ongoing |
| 352 | Notice of Motion | 28/11/23 | Tiny Urban Forests | Cllr Brian Smyth | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |
| 353 | Issue Raised in Advance | 05/12/23 | Signage at Finaghy Community Centre | Cllr Micky Murray | P&C | Jim Girvan | CNS | Ongoing |
| 354 | Issue Raised in Advance | 05/12/23 | Engagement with LCCC re residents in the Collin area using the Cutts Recycling Centre | Cllr Michael Donnelly | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |
| 357 | Notice of Motion | 04/01/24 | Fast Track Cities | Cllr Padraig Donnelly | P&C | David Sales | CNS | Recommend Close |
| 362 | Issue Raised in Advance | 06/02/24 | Signage at Ruby Murray Park | Cllr Micky Murray | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |
| 363 | Issue Raised in Advance | 06/02/24 | Biodiversity in Council Parks and Open Spaces | Cllr Anthony Flynn | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |

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| 370 | Issue Raised in Advance | 12/03/24 | XL Bully Restrictions announced by DAERA Minister | Cllr Anthony Flynn | P&C | Siobhan Toland | CNS | Recommend Close |
| 371 | Issue Raised in Advance | 12/03/24 | Request to invite South Belfast Youth League representative to present at a future meeting | Cllr Ruth Brooks | P&C | Jim Girvan | CNS | Ongoing |
| 372 | Issue Raised in Advance | 12/03/24 | Request for Lagan Valley Regional Park and HED to be invited to address the Committee regarding Giants Ring | Cllr Micky Murray | P&C | David Sales | CNS | Recommend Close |
| 378 | Issue Raised in Advance | 09/04/24 | Renaming Suffolk Community Garden | Cllr Tracy Kelly | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Recommend Close |
| 379 | Issue Raised in Advance | 09/04/24 | Dilapidated Buildings | Cllr Ruth Brooks | P&C | Kate Bentley | CNS | Ongoing |
| 380 | Issue Raised in Advance | 09/04/24 | Communication Boards | Cllr Sarah Bunting | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |
| 387 | Issue Raised in Advance | 02/05/24 | Provision of toilet facilities at Falls Park | Cllr Micheal Donnelly | P&C | Stephen Leonard | CNS | Ongoing |
| 388 | Issue Raised in Advance | 02/05/24 | Public Health Nuisance of feeding pigeons | Cllr Geraldine McAteer | P&C | Siobhan Toland | CNS | Recommend Close |
| 389 | Issue Raised in Advance | 02/05/24 | Books for Refugee Children living across Belfast | Cllr Christine Bower | P&C | David Sales | CNS | Ongoing |

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| 390 | Issue Raised in Advance | 02/05/24 | Glentoran Football Pitch Request to address the Committee | Cllr Jenna Maghie | P&C | David Sales | CNS | Recommend Close |
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Status update June 24

A pilot programme for the provision of free period products in designated Council facilities and GLL leisure centres has been running for the past year using existing budgets while discussions continue with TEO regarding the implementation of legislation. A report updating on the pilot and outlining the financial and resource implications involved to continue provision of free period products will be presented to CMT in August 24.

Since 2020, lighting has been added along the main spines of a number of new and existing open spaces including Páirc Nua Chollan, Lower Shankill Park and Marrowbone Millennium Park. Along with Forth Meadow Greenway and the Connswater Greenway, the Council now provide over 22km of lit pathways. Further lighting improvements are planned as part of the redevelopment Ballysillan Playing Fields through the Urban Villages Programme. Officers are currently working on engagement plans for Opening Hours Pilot for Falls Woodvale and Ormeau Parks as previously agreed in March 2020. A report will be brought back to P&C on this issue in due course.

The Shared Island funded feasibility study into the potential for a Connected Circular Cities (Belfast/Dublin) approach has been completed and the report was launched in Dublin in March 2024. This recommendations outlined a number of approaches which could deliver transformational change with regards to circular economy activity in both cities. The Councils are considering how to take the recommendations of the report to the next stage.

Note – The project lead is Economic Development Unit, supported by Resources & Fleet & Climate Unit.

CNS made a bid to the Climate Fund seeking resource to prepare a herbicide reduction policy - unfortunately this was unsuccessful. CNS are now considering if funding can be found within existing budgets. In the event that that there is a call for applications to a second Climate Fund, officers will revise their bid. In the interim, officers are continually monitoring use of herbicides - Council's use of herbicides is in line with all legislative requirements. Officers will continue to seek ways in way to which to reduce herbicide usage.

Members were presented with an update on the Playground Improvement Programme at December 2023 P&C Committee, where it was agreed that a independent audit of 'play value' and accessibility be undertaken at all council-maintained playgrounds. A contractor was appointed and an audit of sites has been completed. This information will be used to inform the annual Playground Improvement Programme, which Members will receive an annual report on. As the actions within this Motion have been completed and reporting will be ongoing, it is recommended that this Motion is now closed.

Following discussion with the proposer of this Motion, it has been agreed to combine the ask within this request for additional areas for rewilding in each area with Cllr Ronan McLaughlin's Notice of Motion relating to Urban Wildflower Meadows. Work to progress these Motions is ongoing.

Following continued engagement with community and local government partners, officers can confirm that there are a number of school uniform exchange initiatives in place across the city which are organised by schools themselves, and local community groups. The establishment of the Cost of Living Working Group and the Hardship Programme also considers similar issues in relation to alleviating poverty. Given that the actions within the Motion have been taken forward and that a number of community/school uniform exchange initiatives are in place, it is recommended that this Motion is closed.

The costs of the pilot were met by Hubbub with no additional OSS costs incurred. Members should note there is £45,000 secured from the climate fund for the purchase and installation of the bins for the next phase. The Council's Open Space and Streetscene service is currently considering how the collection and servicing of the new bins will be carried out long-term and the cost implications of this.

As requested by the proposer of this Issue, a site visit has taken place. CNS are working with colleagues in the Climate team to progress this work.

Preplanning public consultation on the route to Black Mountain via Newhills is currently on the capital programme at stage 2 - the consultation closed at the end of April 24. Officers are awaiting the final report on this. 3 additional routes put forward as a bid for Peace Plus funding are still awaiting a decision- if the bid is successful they would form a network to connect the Forthmeadow Greenway at Glencairn to Ligoniel and Cavehill via the National Trust land at Divis. Members will be kept updated going forward.

Officers are continuing to explore ways to progress this motion in partnership with Climate team.

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Officers continue to work with Colaiste Feirste on site and are in the process of developing an agreement to be signed by both parties relating to funding and what it will be used for. Current bookings for the site have been analysed and officers are currently working with staff on site to produce a Sports Development plan for the facilities to ensure that the outcomes/outputs identified in the ~~agreement will be realised~~

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The Cleanliness Task Force continues to meet to discuss issues related to cleanliness in the city centre and wider communities.

Given the level of capital investment required to deliver this NoM, this has been referred to Physical Programmes and finance for capital planning considerations.

An update on this issue will be presented to the next meeting of the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Working Group.

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Officers are contiuning to work on this request and intend to present an update report to People and Communities Committee in due course.

Officers have met with the proposer of the Motion to advise on policy and procedures in relation to this request. Further information requested by the department has not been received at the time of writing.

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A report on this Motion was presented to People and Communities Committee in March 2023. The Committee agreed to defer the report to enable the proposer of the motion to liaise further with Council officers regarding the proposal and the anticipated costs in advance of a report being submitted to a future meeting.

CNS officers are seeking legal advice regarding memorandums of understanding and byelaws and are preparing a report - it is anticipated that a report will be brought to P&C Committee in September 2024

Representatives from A Playful City presented to P&C in January 2024. The Committee noted the presentation and agreed to invite representatives from Fingal County Council and Sustrans to a future meeting to further explore the Playful City Streets Initiative and to hear more about its pilot scheme - the proposer of the Motion is to advise of an appropriate meeting to schedule this item.

Following discussion with the proposer of this Motion, it has been agreed to combine the ask within this request for additional areas for rewilding in each area with Cllr Garrett;s Motion on Rewilding our Wards. Work to progress these Motions is ongoing.

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| <p>A report on how this Motion might be facilitated was presented to the June 24 meeting of People and Communities Committee, where it was agreed that officers consider the request set out in the motion in conjunction with Corporate Communications, the PSNI and the Department of Infrastructure, both of which had responsibilities regarding enforcement, and identify any costs and resources required and that a report be brought back to the Committee.</p> |
| <p>Officers have been working to progress this Motion and have completed procurement for a sharps bin. Discussions are ongoing with the PHA & City Centre Tasking Group regarding possible locations - Members will be kept updated on this issue.</p> |
| <p>Officers of CNS are working with Property and Projects colleagues to produce a feasibility study on the route identified. The work is at procurement stage and members will be updated when the work is complete.</p> |
| <p>CNS officers are currently in discussion with colleagues in the Climate team regarding governance arrangements for the One Million Trees project. A report will be presented to a future meeting regarding integration of this Motion with the project.</p> |
| <p>DfI have confirmed that the signage is approved and an order has been raised for their contractor to complete the installation.</p> |
| <p>Officers made an informal approach to Lisburn and Castlereagh Council to explore if there was a way to reopen this issue, but this request was unsuccessful. A letter was also issued by the former Director of Resources and Fleet but no progress has been made to date. Officers had lodged a request with ASPE to ascertain if there are other examples of Councils sharing facilities across NI, Scotland, Wales and England - two responses were received, both of which confirmed that they do not allow access to their recycling facilities to residents from other local authorities.</p> |
| <p>The Lord Mayor's office have confirmed that Council has now signed up to the Paris Declaration to support the Fast Track cities aim of eliminating the stigma associated with HIV and AIDS as well as aiming for no new HIV diagnosis by 2030. This Motion can now be closed.</p> |
| <p>Officers in OSS and Corporate Communications are working together to progress this work.</p> |
| <p>Officers are currently preparing a report outlining how this request might be facilitated, and the level of resources required to take forward.</p> |

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| <p>Reports updating on the new safeguarding measures and timelines for XL Bully breed type dogs in NI was presented to People and Communities Committee in May and June 24. This issue can therefore be closed.</p> |
| <p>As the proposer of this request, Cllr Brooks is to confirm a suitable time to invite the South Belfast Youth League to attend P&C Committee.</p> |
| <p>Attendees from Lagan Valley Regional Park and Historic Environment Division attended P&C Committee in June 2024, therefore this Issue can be closed.</p> |
| <p>A ceremony to mark the renaming of the Suffolk Community Garden was held on 26 July, therefore this Issue can now be closed.</p> |
| <p>A letter was issued to DAERA regarding the Dilapidation Bill, with the DAERA response presented to the June 24 meeting of People and Communities Committee which noted that subject to the agreement of the Executive, the Minister intends to introduce a Dilapidation Bill to the Assembly after summer recess this year. A report detailing the number of derelict buildings on arterial routes throughout the city will be presented to a future meeting of People and Communities Committee.</p> |
| <p>Officers have met with the Member who raised this issue. A report will be prepared and submitted to P&C Committee in due course.</p> |
| <p>Officers are working on this request and a wider scoping exercise with a view to preparing a report on the provision of toilet facilities in Falls Park for a future meeting of P&C Committee. Following onsite promotion, including erection of temporary signage, on the availability of publicly accessible toilets at Falls Park Bowling Green, usage has notably increased.</p> |
| <p>Following discussion of this issue at May 2024 P&C Committee, the Director of City Services advised that the volume of complaints relating to this issue would be monitored, and that Environmental Health staff are happy to discuss related issues with Members directly as required. It is recommended that this Issue is now closed.</p> |
| <p>Following discussion at May 24 P&C Committee, it was agreed that officers would prepare a report outlining the financial and resource implications of how this request might be facilitated for presentation to a future meeting of the Committee.</p> |

Given the recent engagement by officers with all clubs with an interest in Blanchflower pitches and the work ongoing to assess recent feedback from these clubs to inform an allocation model, it was agreed that it would not be appropriate to receive a presentation from one single club - therefore Glentoran's request to present was not agreed. As this request has been considered and a position agreed, it is recommended that this Issue is closed.



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| Subject: | District Council Mutual Aid Protocol Update |
| Date: | 6 August 2024 |
| Reporting Officer: | Siobhan Toland, Director of City Services |
| Contact Officer: | Patrick Mallon, Emergency Planning Officer |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | The purpose of this report is for Members to note the updated District Council Mutual Aid Protocol. This protocol had been previously approved at People and Communities Committee on Tuesday 13 th June 2017. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | People and Communities Committee is asked to note the update and agree the working arrangements defined in the Mutual Aid Protocol (Appendix 1). |
| 3.0 | Main report |
| 3.1 | Mutual aid is defined as “an agreement between organisations, within the same sectors and across boundaries, to provide assistance and additional resources during an emergency or business continuity disruption which may go beyond the resources of an individual organisation”. Mutual aid arrangements exist between all district Councils in relation to multi-agency response and this was previously ratified by Belfast City Council in 2017. |
| 3.2 | This protocol has been developed in recognition that mutual aid may be required between District Councils and is in line with the principals of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and Civil Contingencies Framework 2021. |
| 3.3 | This protocol is not a legally binding contract but rather a statement of intent which will act as a point of reference should such arrangements need to be invoked between two or more of the Councils. |
| 3.4 | Each of the Councils will endeavour to assist in the form of provision of personnel and/or equipment if there is an excessive demand for a statutory service placed on a Council due to an unusual event which must be met and requires resources beyond that within the Council affected. |
| 3.5 | The mutual aid protocol made be activated following, or in anticipation of, an emergency as defined in the NI Civil Contingencies Framework: <i>“An event or situation which threatens serious damage to human welfare, the environment or the security of Northern Ireland or the UK as a whole.”</i> |
| 3.6 | The MoU has recently been reviewed by the Civil Contingencies regional team and they have requested the Councils update and sign the updated version. |
| 4.0 | Financial & Resource Implications |
| 4.1 | In the event of activating this protocol the affected Council requesting aid agrees to reimburse the assisting Council on a cost recovery basis upon the termination of the aid and within 28 days of the submission to the affected Council by the assisting Council of a fully documented account for settlement. The affected Council may be able to seek reimbursement of these costs, for example under the Department for Communities Scheme of Emergency Financial Assistance if a scheme is in place. |
| 5.0 | Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment |
| 5.1 | There are no Equality or Good Relations Implications or Rural Needs Assessment implications associated with this report. |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
| | Appendix 1 - Revised Mutual Aid Protocol |

DISTRICT COUNCIL MUTUAL AID PROTOCOL

Introduction

1. District Councils in Northern Ireland have voluntarily supported the planning, response and recovery to civil emergencies for many years using Article 29 of the Local Government (NI) Order 2005. Article 29 provides District Councils with discretionary powers to make arrangements for reducing, controlling and mitigating the effects of any emergency which may occur and to prepare plans in co-operation with other organisations.
2. The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 introduced a statutory framework identifying the duties of public service organisations in relation to civil emergencies. For a range of practical and constitutional reasons, Part 1 of the Act did not extend to organisations delivering transferred functions in Northern Ireland. The responsibilities under Part 1 are currently only applicable to the Police Service of Northern Ireland and HM Coastguard as Category 1 responders and to telecommunications providers as Category 2 responders. Part 2 of the Act in relation to the use of emergency powers applies across the United Kingdom.
3. The Northern Ireland Civil Contingencies Framework: Building Resilience Together 2021 provides the guiding principles of emergency response and recovery and the practical considerations at times of an emergency. The framework sets out the Northern Ireland arrangements for effective emergency management, identifying the process involved in preparing for, responding to and recovering from an emergency. In terms of governance, it is complementary to the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and draws upon best practice and lessons learned from previous emergencies, both within Northern Ireland and from the UK, Republic of Ireland and global experiences.
4. In 2019, a regional resourcing model was developed which established the Local Government Resilience Regional Team (“the Resilience Team”) works collectively on behalf of Local Government with respect to civil contingencies but independently of each District Council. The Resilience Team will be involved in the preparation, response and recovery phases of civil contingencies where sub-regional, regional or national co-ordination is required. Its role primarily involves co-ordination and facilitation. The team provides project secretariat to the Northern Ireland Emergency Preparedness Group (NIEPG) and the 3 sub regional Emergency Preparedness Groups.
5. Councils participate in the EPG groups and provide the joint chair and play a key role in co-ordinating planning and supporting certain aspects of the response and recovery associated with civil emergencies.
6. It is acknowledged in both the Civil Contingencies Act, the NI Civil Contingencies Framework and the NI Risk Register that the emergency

planning process may identify some areas where existing capabilities to deal with an emergency are constrained and organisations will work together and use mutual aid arrangements as a means of addressing this. This protocol has been developed in recognition that mutual aid may be required between District Councils and is in line with the principals of the Civil Contingencies Act and Civil Contingencies Framework.

7. It is anticipated that this Protocol will not restrict its application to large scale emergencies but will extend this capability to other significant events affecting business continuity. The Local Government (NI) Act 1972 provides existing powers to provide such mutual aid, particularly Section 105: Arrangements for the supply of goods and services or interchange of staff.
8. For the purposes of this Protocol, mutual aid is defined as “an agreement between organisations, within the same sectors and across boundaries, to provide assistance and additional resources during an emergency or business continuity disruption which may go beyond the resources of an individual organisation”.
9. It is not proposed that this Protocol should be a legally binding contract; but rather a statement of intent which will act as a point of reference should such arrangements need to be invoked between two or more of the Councils.

MUTUAL AID PROTOCOL

Each of the Councils will endeavour to provide assistance in the form of provision of personnel and/or equipment if:-

- a. there is an excessive demand for a statutory service placed on a Council due to an unusual event which must be met and requires resources beyond that within the Council affected; (“the affected Council”)
- b. following, or in anticipation of, an emergency as defined in the NI Civil Contingencies Framework: -

“An event or situation which threatens serious damage to human welfare, the environment or the security of Northern Ireland or the UK as a whole.”

or :-

- c. business continuity disruption affecting the area of another of the Councils which is a party to this Protocol (“the affected Council”).

Assistance will be provided in accordance with the following guidelines:-

1. A formal request for aid (specifying the assistance required) shall only be made by the Chief Executive/Nominated Officer of the affected Council, or other Authorised Person acting on behalf of that Officer, to the Chief Executive/Nominated Officer or other Authorised Person acting for the Council providing assistance (“the assisting Council”).
2. A Chief Executive/Nominated Officer or Authorised Person who receives a request for assistance shall take the appropriate action to respond to the request without delay and, in the case of an Authorised Person, shall inform their Chief Executive/Nominated Officer (or such other person as may be nominated for that purpose by the Chief Executive/Nominated Director) at the earliest opportunity.
3. "Authorised Person" means those Officers identified to undertake this role in the Emergency Plans of the Councils.
4. The responsibility for co-ordinating aid, supervisory control and the financial arrangements rests with the affected Council or, where more than one Council area has been affected by the emergency, by the Council that requested the aid.
5. An affected Council requesting aid agrees to reimburse the assisting Council on a cost recovery basis upon the termination of the aid and within 28 days of the submission to the affected Council by the assisting Council of a fully documented account for settlement. The affected Council may be able to seek reimbursement of these costs, for example

under the Department for Communities Scheme of Emergency Financial Assistance if a scheme is in place.

6. The assisting Council will undertake to provide assistance, as specified by the Chief Executive/Nominated Officer of the affected Council, in the form of suitably trained staff for the task(s) to be performed and/or equipment, so far as is it is reasonably practicable for it to do so.
7. It is intended that each of the Councils will, for the duration of their participation in this Protocol, maintain suitable insurance arrangements to cover any loss, claims, proceedings, actions, damages, legal costs, expenses or other liabilities arising from the deployment of resources outside its area. However, an affected Council shall not hold liable an assisting Council in respect of any claims arising from any loss, injury or damage suffered by the affected Council or any third party as a result of providing assistance under this Protocol unless, and to the extent that, such loss injury or damage arises from the negligence of the assisting Council or any of its employees or agents.
8. The affected Council shall ensure that any staff from the assisting Council are appropriately authorised to work in the affected authority's jurisdiction.
9. All parties to this Protocol shall endeavour to amicably resolve any dispute that might arise in relation to this protocol through discussions and negotiations between the authorised persons. Any failure to resolve a dispute shall be referred to a meeting of the Chief Executives/Nominated Directors of the Councils concerned with a view to early resolution.
10. The affected Council shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the welfare, health and safety of staff from an assisting Council.
11. It is not proposed that parties to this Protocol are bound to provide support where practical considerations prevent the deployment of aid. The protocol should be regarded as a statement of intent which will act as a point of reference where the agreement is invoked between two or more Councils. This Protocol is not intended by the Councils to be a legally binding contract.

12. Legal responsibilities and liabilities

12.1. Human Resources

Whilst on loan, all staff shall be treated in the same manner as if they were employees of the affected Council and as such, not prejudicing the generality of the foregoing, the following shall apply.

Employer/Employee Relationship

While staff are deployed by agreement to work in an area outside of their employer's area, they shall be responsible to the affected authority. A

manager in the affected authority shall be designated as being responsible for the staff on loan for as long as the staff are made available to them. This should include consideration of normal working requirements such as those of the Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency and the Working Time Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

The affected Council is responsible for ensuring that suitable and sufficient risk assessments are carried out prior to deployment of employees of the assisting Council and that control measures are put in place when necessary including checking that any necessary personal protective equipment is available or is provided.

The assisting Council is responsible for ensuring that regular contact is maintained with its employees who are deployed to the affected Council to ensure that management issues are dealt with appropriately.

Health & Safety

The affected Council shall ensure that it fully complies with the Health and Safety at Work (NI) Order 1978 and associated Regulations in protecting the health, safety and welfare of staff provided to them by the assisting Councils under this protocol.

Employee/Public Liability

The affected Council shall ensure that it has in place all necessary employee and public liability arrangements with respect to insuring against loss, damage, injury, death or claims resulting from the deployment of staff from an assisting Council within its area on a temporary basis under this protocol, and shall take responsibility for such loss, damage and claims. All councils who are signatories to this protocol are required to produce written evidence that adequate insurance exists to cover the deployment of staff from other councils in any of the circumstances contemplated under this protocol.

The affected Council shall inform their insurer of staff from other Councils being deployed within their area and ensure they are adequately covered for their duties.

12.2. Plant and Equipment

If Plant and equipment is loaned to an affected Council, the affected authority shall take full responsibility for any loss or damage to that plant or equipment or other misdemeanour resulting in a loss of value other than normal wear and tear and in respect of any loss or damage claim, expense, injury or cost howsoever arising from the use or misuse of any such equipment and shall reimburse the owner accordingly. Appropriate insurance shall be provided by the affected Council against any such eventuality.

Any member of staff shall only be required to use any plant or equipment for which they have been properly trained.

13. Review

This protocol shall be reviewed by the District Council Emergency Planning Officer's Forum at least annually on behalf of the participating councils and any changes required shall be made in consultation with the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) so as to ensure continuing consistency and agreement between participating organisations.

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on behalf of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Date

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on behalf of Ards and North Down Borough Council Date

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on behalf of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Date

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on behalf of Belfast City Council Date

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on behalf of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Date

on behalf of Derry City and Strabane District Council Date

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on behalf of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Date

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on behalf of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council Date

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on behalf of Mid and East Antrim Borough Council Date

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on behalf of Mid-Ulster District Council Date

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on behalf of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Date

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| Subject: | Playground Improvement Programme 2024 – 2025 |
| Date: | 6 th August 2024 |
| Reporting Officer: | Stephen Leonard, Operational Director of Resources, Fleet and OSS |
| Contact Officer: | Stephen Leonard, Operational Director of Resources, Fleet and OSS |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues |
| 1.1 | The purpose of this report is to update Members on the successful 2023-2024 Playground Improvement Programme (PIP) and outline plans for new playground refurbishments under the 2024-2025 programme. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The Committee are asked to agree refurbishment works at the sites below as part of the Playground Improvement Programme (PIP) 2024-2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grampian Avenue playground • Michelle Baird playground • Balfour Avenue playground |
| 3.0 | Main report |
| | <u>Playground Improvement Programme</u> |
| 3.1 | Since its inception in 2012, the Playground Refurbishment Programme continues to make a positive impact to the overall quality and play value of the city's playgrounds, providing new equipment, safety surfacing, boundary fencing, site furniture and landscaping works. Under last year's programme the following playgrounds were successfully refurbished (see Appendix 1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loughside playground • Northlink playground • New Lodge playground |
| 3.2 | As agreed at P&C Committee in December 2023, independent consultants undertook an audit of play value and accessibility at all council-maintained playgrounds in April 2024. The audit template combined formats used by Play Scotland and Play England and in consultation with PlayBoard NI, Mae Murray Foundation and council's Play Development Officer. The independent audit allows council to identify playgrounds that, although good in terms of the quality and safety compliance of their equipment, would benefit from an enhanced range of play opportunities and accessible elements. |
| 3.3 | Play value is used to describe the value an environment, object or piece of equipment brings to a child's experience of play, with high play value indicating children can play in many different ways. Through play children learn and develop their cognitive skills, problem-solving, social skills, and their fine and gross motor skills. A range of play opportunities is crucial to a child's development and enjoyment of a playground. |
| 3.4 | The play value and accessibility audit was undertaken by Play Services Ireland (PSI) Ltd in addition to their annual suite of playground safety inspections. As agreed, scores from the play value and accessibility audit has informed site selection for PIP 2024-25 and will inform subsequent improvement programmes going forward. Total scores allocated for each playground relate to existing features, elements within the playground that are not play equipment but do enhance users experience, and types of play opportunities available and their accessibility for a range of age groups and abilities (see Appendix 2). |

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| 3.5 | All playgrounds were ranked in order of their total play value and accessibility score, helping to identify which facilities are in most need of improvement. If scores were tied sites were ranked using their combined play score; if these scores were also tied sites were then ranked in alphabetical order (see Appendix 3). |
| 3.6 | PSI Ltd. categorised all playgrounds as either Local Equipped Areas for Play (LEAP) or Neighbourhood Equipped Areas for Play (NEAP). Members should note that due to their scale, neighbourhood facilities have the potential to offer a wider range of accessible play opportunities than smaller local facilities, therefore neighbourhood facilities would cost more to refurbish than smaller, local facilities. |
| 3.7 | LEAPs and NEAPs are colour coded on the results table (Appendix 3) helping to identify their size and the potential scale of investment required. This will determine how many playground sites can be improved annually within the available capital budget. |
| 3.8 | In reference to the results table, members will note that Cathedral Gardens, received the second lowest score. It is recommended that this site is not considered for refurbishment under PIP 2024-25 as this is a temporary facility on a site to be redeveloped under the Capital Programme. |
| 3.9 | It is also recommended that Bridge End playground, the third lowest scoring playground, is also omitted from selection as this facility is due to be improved using a developer contribution under a Section 76 Planning Agreement. |
| 3.10 | <p>Therefore, based on estimated costs to deliver improvements within the available capital budget, three playgrounds were selected for refurbishment this financial year, they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grampian Avenue Playground (LEAP) • Michelle Baird Playground (LEAP) • Balfour Avenue Playground (NEAP) |
| 3.11 | Once improvement works are complete, or in the event of other capital investment in any playground, sites will be independently re-evaluated with the results table amended accordingly. |
| 3.12 | It is proposed to review the play value and accessibility audit process in five years to ensure it aligns with best practice guidance, with the option to seek approval to update and repeat the audit process if necessary. |
| 3.13 | Members should note that independent safety inspections, which informed site selection in previous years, will continue annually to identify essential repairs and ensure ongoing compliance with relevant safety standards. All repairs will be completed in parallel with improvement works under PIP. |
| 3.14 | The previous selection process focused on the quality and safety compliance of play equipment and did not consider play opportunities provided or how accessible they were. |
| 3.15 | The new audit and selection process provides an opportunity to enhance play value and improve accessibility at those facilities in most need, it also provides a useful tool that will inform future design decisions under PIP. |
| 3.16 | Members should also note that accessible parking and toilet provision was also assessed as part of the audit. Whilst delivery of these features would be outside the remit of PIP, findings from the audit will be used to inform future capital projects in our parks and open |

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| | spaces. Subsequently, council officers have had discussions with the Mae Murray Foundation and Playboard NI around the development of concept designs for an exemplar, inclusive play space, with supporting infrastructure, that will meet the varying play needs of every child; initial discussions have aligned with key issues raised under the Notice of Motion, June 2022 – Inclusive Play Parks. |
| 3.17 | The December 2023 committee requested that a copy of the Annual Safety Inspection 2023 Playground Mean Quality scores were circulated. This is included in Appendix 4. |
| | <u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> |
| 3.18 | All proposed playground improvement works will be funded through the Capital Programme within an allocated budget of £580,000. CNS Landscape Planning & Development Officers will continue to re-design play facilities and project manage all works associated with the delivery of PIP 2024-25. |
| 3.19 | As with previous years, CNS OSS Managers will continue to assist with the distribution of information relating to playground improvements to elected members, local communities, and user groups. |
| | <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> |
| 3.20 | None |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
| | Appendix 1 – Refurbished Playground Images Appendix 2 – Typical Play Value & Accessibility Report Appendix 3 – Play Value and Accessibility Results Table Appendix 4 – Annual Safety Inspection 2023 Playground Mean Quality Scores |

Appendix 1 - Playgrounds refurbished under Playground Improvement Programme (PIP) 2023-2024



Loughside Playground



Northlink Playground



New Lodge Playground





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Appendix 2 – Typical Play Value & Accessibility
Assessment











Play Balfour Avenue


Area :





| Play Value and Accessibility Assessment | | | | | | | | | |
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| The audit allocates a 'play value' and accessibility score for each playground based on features and play opportunities present. Each feature and play opportunity will get a score of 1 if present and 0 if not present. | | | | | | | | | |
| Features: 12/26 Play Opportunities: Physical 14/36 Sensory 2/20 Social 2/8 Play value & Accessibility total: 30/90 | | | | | | | | | |
| Playground Name: | Balfour Avenue | | | Date of audit: | 07/03/2024 | | | | |
| Inspector: | Mel Campbell | | | | | | | | |
| Classification: | LEAP | | NEAP | ✓ | Please see page 8 for definitions of LEAP and NEAP | | | | |
| | Features | Image | Comments | | | | | | Score |
| 1 | Pleasant /attractive play space (score 0-3) |  | | | | | | | 2 |
| 2 | Natural Surveillance / Overlooked |  | | | | | | | 1 |
| 3 | Informative Signage |  | | | | | | | 0 |
| 4 | Communication Board(s) | N/A | | | | | | | 0 |
| 5 | Seating (with backs & arm rests) |  | Seats with back rests, no arm rests. | | | | | | 1 |
| 6 | Picnic Table(s) | N/A | | | | | | | 0 |
| 7 | Accessible Picnic Table(s) | N/A | | | | | | | 0 |
| 8 | Bike stands (note if sheltered) | N/A | | | | | | | 0 |
| 9 | Bin (note if tamperproof) | N/A | | | | | | | 0 |

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| 10 | Public toilets (note type - separate male & female or gender neutral) | N/A | | | | | | 0 |
| 11 | Accessible toilet / Changing Places | N/A | | | | | | 0 |
| 12 | Undulating ground/mounding | N/A | | | | | | 0 |
| 13 | Safety Surfacing in good condition |  | | | | | | 1 |
| 14 | Pathways within playground in good condition |  | | | | | | 1 |
| 15 | Secure Boundary (including self closing gate) |  | | | | | | 1 |
| 16 | Accessible entrance / entrances (note in comments No. of gates) |  | | | | | | 1 |
| 17 | Accessible internal layout |  | | | | | | 1 |
| 18 | Parking (note approx. capacity) |  | Parking at the recreation centre. On street parking. | | | | | 1 |
| 19 | Accessible parking to DSNI spec (note capacity) | N/A | Disabled parking at the recreation centre, none specifically for the playground. | | | | | 0 |
| 20 | Accessible by Public Transport |  | | | | | | 1 |
| 21 | Shelter | N/A | | | | | | 0 |
| 22 | Formal or Informal Ball Play |  | | | | | | 1 |
| 23 | Capacity for events | N/A | | | | | | 0 |
| 24 | Assistance Dog Provision | N/A | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | Features Total | | | | | 12 |

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| | Play Score | Toddler & Pre-school age | Primary school + age | Reduced mobility | Wheelchair Accessible | Comments | | | | | |
| Physical Play | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Rotating | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |  | | | | 2 |
| | | | | | | Pedal roundabout | Rotating springer | | | | |
| 2 | Sliding | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  | | | | | 2 |
| | | | | | | Junior multi unit | | | | | |
| 3 | Rocking | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |  |  |  | | | 2 |
| | | | | | | Green rocker | Yellow rocker | Seesaw rocker | | | |
| 4 | Swinging | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  |  |  | | | 3 |
| | | | | | | Cradle swings | Flat swings | Tyre spring | | | |
| 5 | Climbing / getting to height | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  | | | | | 2 |
| | | | | | | Junior multi unit | | | | | |

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| 6 | Balancing | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  |  | | | | 2 |
| | | | | | | Junior multi unit | Rotating springer | | | | |
| 7 | Bouncing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Crawling | 0 | 1 | 0 | N/A |  | | | | | 1 |
| | | | | | | Junior multi unit | | | | | |
| 9 | Gliding | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | 0 |
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| | | | | | | Physical Play Total | | | | | 14 |

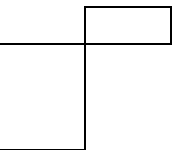
| Sensory Play | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|----------|
| 1 | Tactile (sand/water/texture) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Auditory/sound making | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | 0 |
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| 3 | Cognitive (puzzles, musical) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Interaction with natural features | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | 0 |
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| 5 | Quiet Spaces to sit/chat /think | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  | | | | | 2 |
| | | | | | | Junior multi unit | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Sensory Play Total | | | | | 2 |
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| Social Play | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Social /cooperative play | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  | | | | | 2 |
| | | | | | | Junior multi unit | | | | | |
| 2 | Imaginative/ themed play | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social Play Total | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Play Score (Combined Total) | | | | | | | | | | | 18 |
| Features Total | | | | | | | | | | | 12 |
| Play Value and Accessibility Score | | | | | | | | | | | 30 |
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Fields in Trust/NPFA Playing Space Definitions

LEAP (Local Equipped Area for Play):- These are unsupervised play areas that are equipped for children of early school age. While sharing similar characteristics to LAPs (Local Areas for Play), LEAPs feature a range of different types of play equipment. The NPFA consider these should be located within 5 minutes walking time of home.

NEAP (Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play):- These are also unsupervised but they are intended to service a substantial residential area. While sharing similar characteristics to LEAPs, NEAPs feature a significant range of different types of play equipment. It is equipped mainly for older children but with opportunities for play for younger children. The NPFA recommend these should be located within 15 minutes walking time of home.



Appendix 3 - Play Value and Accessibility Results Table

| | NEAPs | | | | | | | |
|----|---------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|--|
| | LEAPs | | | | | | | |
| | BT Zone | Site Name | Features Total | Physical Play | Sensory Play | Social Play | Play Score (Combined) | Total Play Value & Accessibility Score |
| 1 | BT4 | Grampian Avenue | 12 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 24 |
| 2 | BT15 | Cathedral Gardens | 15 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 25 |
| 3 | BT5 | Bridge End | 9 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 17 | 26 |
| 4 | BT13 | Michelle Baird | 17 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 28 |
| 5 | BT7 | Balfour Avenue | 12 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 30 |
| 6 | BT17 | White Rise | 13 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 18 | 31 |
| 7 | BT13 | Ohio Street | 10 | 9 | 10 | 2 | 21 | 31 |
| 8 | BT5 | Roddens Crescent | 13 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 32 |
| 9 | BT5 | Finvoy Street | 12 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 20 | 32 |
| 10 | BT5 | Carema Allen | 13 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 33 |
| 11 | BT17 | Mount Eagles | 13 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 33 |
| 12 | BT12 | Lemberg Street | 11 | 13 | 6 | 3 | 22 | 33 |
| 13 | BT12 | Willowbank | 11 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 22 | 33 |
| 14 | BT13 | Browns Square | 10 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 23 | 33 |
| 15 | BT15 | Alexandra Park Upper | 15 | 15 | 3 | 3 | 21 | 35 |
| 16 | BT36 | Finlay | 13 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 22 | 35 |
| 17 | BT15 | Alexandra Park Lower | 12 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 23 | 35 |
| 18 | BT4 | Ballymacarrett | 11 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 23 | 35 |
| 19 | BT13 | Highfield | 12 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 23 | 35 |
| 20 | BT15 | New Lodge | 11 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 24 | 35 |

| | NEAPs | | | | | | | |
|----|---------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|--|
| | LEAPs | | | | | | | |
| | BT Zone | Site Name | Features Total | Physical Play | Sensory Play | Social Play | Play Score (Combined) | Total Play Value & Accessibility Score |
| 21 | BT6 | Cregagh Play Area | 15 | 15 | 3 | 3 | 21 | 36 |
| 22 | BT15 | North Queen Street | 14 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 22 | 36 |
| 23 | BT11 | Horn Drive | 13 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 23 | 36 |
| 24 | BT12 | McCrory Park | 13 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 23 | 36 |
| 25 | BT12 | Springfield Site A | 11 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 25 | 36 |
| 26 | BT14 | Ardoyne | 14 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 23 | 37 |
| 27 | BT13 | Bull Ring Senior (Shankill) | 14 | 15 | 6 | 2 | 23 | 37 |
| 28 | BT4 | Tommy Patton Park | 13 | 18 | 3 | 3 | 24 | 37 |
| 29 | BT12 | Dunville Park | 18 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 20 | 38 |
| 30 | BT14 | Alloa Street | 16 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 22 | 38 |
| 31 | BT4 | Knocknagoney | 16 | 14 | 5 | 3 | 22 | 38 |
| 32 | BT12 | Springhill | 15 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 23 | 38 |
| 33 | BT5 | Erin Thomson Memorial | 14 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 24 | 38 |
| 34 | BT14 | Ardoyne Community Centre | 13 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 25 | 38 |
| 35 | BT9 | Musgrave Sensory | 13 | 4 | 18 | 3 | 25 | 38 |
| 36 | BT12 | Nubia Street | 13 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 25 | 38 |
| 37 | BT14 | Tyndale | 13 | 15 | 7 | 3 | 25 | 38 |
| 38 | BT17 | Hannahstown | 17 | 14 | 6 | 2 | 22 | 39 |
| 39 | BT6 | Eversleigh Street | 14 | 15 | 7 | 3 | 25 | 39 |
| 40 | BT13 | Glencairn | 14 | 17 | 5 | 3 | 25 | 39 |
| 41 | BT17 | Sally Gardens | 14 | 19 | 3 | 3 | 25 | 39 |
| 42 | BT5 | Mountforde | 13 | 17 | 6 | 3 | 26 | 39 |

| | NEAPs | | | | | | | |
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| | LEAPs | | | | | | | |
| | BT Zone | Site Name | Features Total | Physical Play | Sensory Play | Social Play | Play Score (Combined) | Total Play Value & Accessibility Score |
| 43 | BT5 | Flora Street | 12 | 21 | 3 | 3 | 27 | 39 |
| 44 | BT4 | Skippers | 13 | 17 | 7 | 3 | 27 | 40 |
| 45 | BT17 | Jubilee Park | 12 | 14 | 11 | 3 | 28 | 40 |
| 46 | BT12 | Blythefield | 11 | 20 | 6 | 3 | 29 | 40 |
| 47 | BT5 | Clara Street | 16 | 17 | 3 | 5 | 25 | 41 |
| 48 | BT10 | Geeragh | 15 | 13 | 10 | 3 | 26 | 41 |
| 49 | BT17 | Poleglass | 10 | 17 | 11 | 3 | 31 | 41 |
| 50 | BT11 | Carnamore Play Area | 16 | 17 | 6 | 3 | 26 | 42 |
| 51 | BT6 | Daddy Winkers | 15 | 17 | 3 | 7 | 27 | 42 |
| 52 | BT8 | Edenderry | 15 | 17 | 3 | 7 | 27 | 42 |
| 53 | BT10 | Wedderburn | 15 | 18 | 6 | 3 | 27 | 42 |
| 54 | BT13 | Dover Street | 14 | 19 | 6 | 3 | 28 | 42 |
| 55 | BT3 | Victoria Park | 18 | 19 | 3 | 3 | 25 | 43 |
| 56 | BT17 | Areema Drive | 13 | 16 | 11 | 3 | 30 | 43 |
| 57 | BT12 | Olympia Leisure Centre | 18 | 17 | 6 | 3 | 26 | 44 |
| 58 | BT11 | Glassmullin | 17 | 19 | 5 | 3 | 27 | 44 |
| 59 | BT14 | Ballysillan | 16 | 19 | 6 | 3 | 28 | 44 |
| 60 | BT36 | Navarra Place | 16 | 19 | 6 | 3 | 28 | 44 |
| 61 | BT7 | Stewart Street | 12 | 18 | 11 | 3 | 32 | 44 |
| 62 | BT7 | McClure Street | 11 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 33 | 44 |
| 63 | BT14 | Glenbank Park | 15 | 16 | 11 | 3 | 30 | 45 |
| 64 | BT5 | Hanwood | 14 | 17 | 11 | 3 | 31 | 45 |

| | NEAPs | | | | | | | |
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| | LEAPs | | | | | | | |
| | BT Zone | Site Name | Features Total | Physical Play | Sensory Play | Social Play | Play Score (Combined) | Total Play Value & Accessibility Score |
| 65 | BT9 | Taughmonagh Park | 14 | 25 | 3 | 3 | 31 | 45 |
| 66 | BT12 | Whiterock Leisure Centre | 14 | 17 | 11 | 3 | 31 | 45 |
| 67 | BT12 | Grosvenor Community | 13 | 18 | 11 | 3 | 32 | 45 |
| 68 | BT15 | Queen Mary's Waterworks | 23 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 23 | 46 |
| 69 | BT6 | Cherryvale | 21 | 19 | 3 | 3 | 25 | 46 |
| 70 | BT4 | Belmont Park | 18 | 19 | 6 | 3 | 28 | 46 |
| 71 | BT17 | Fullerton Park | 17 | 15 | 11 | 3 | 29 | 46 |
| 72 | BT5 | Tullycarnet Park | 16 | 16 | 11 | 3 | 30 | 46 |
| 73 | BT15 | Castleton | 14 | 18 | 11 | 3 | 32 | 46 |
| 74 | BT15 | Duncairn Gardens | 14 | 22 | 7 | 3 | 32 | 46 |
| 75 | BT8 | Belvoir Drive | 13 | 19 | 7 | 7 | 33 | 46 |
| 76 | BT5 | Clarawood | 13 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 33 | 46 |
| 77 | BT13 | Woodvale Park | 18 | 17 | 9 | 3 | 29 | 47 |
| 78 | BT7 | Rev Robert Bradford | 15 | 18 | 11 | 3 | 32 | 47 |
| 79 | BT13 | Hammer | 14 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 33 | 47 |
| 80 | BT12 | Vere Foster | 14 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 33 | 47 |
| 81 | BT15 | The Grove | 18 | 18 | 8 | 4 | 30 | 48 |
| 82 | BT13 | Blackmountain | 15 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 33 | 48 |
| 83 | BT9 | Drumglass | 18 | 19 | 6 | 6 | 31 | 49 |
| 84 | BT12 | Falls Park | 16 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 33 | 49 |
| 85 | BT14 | Glenbryne Park | 13 | 22 | 11 | 3 | 36 | 49 |
| 86 | BT17 | Lady Dickson | 21 | 14 | 11 | 4 | 29 | 50 |

| | NEAPs | | | | | | | |
|-----|---------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|--|
| | LEAPs | | | | | | | |
| | BT Zone | Site Name | Features Total | Physical Play | Sensory Play | Social Play | Play Score (Combined) | Total Play Value & Accessibility Score |
| 87 | BT15 | Cavehill | 16 | 20 | 10 | 4 | 34 | 50 |
| 88 | BT9 | Barnett Demesne | 14 | 23 | 10 | 3 | 36 | 50 |
| 89 | BT7 | Botanic Gardens | 18 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 33 | 51 |
| 90 | BT10 | Old Golf Course Road | 18 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 33 | 51 |
| 91 | BT14 | Tir Na Nog | 18 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 33 | 51 |
| 92 | BT17 | Brook activity centre | 19 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 33 | 52 |
| 93 | BT6 | Lower Ormeau | 18 | 20 | 11 | 3 | 34 | 52 |
| 94 | BT14 | Westlands | 17 | 21 | 11 | 3 | 35 | 52 |
| 95 | BT11 | Northlink | 15 | 24 | 11 | 3 | 38 | 53 |
| 96 | BT14 | Marrowbone Junior | 21 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 33 | 54 |
| 97 | BT4 | Dr Pitt Park | 18 | 18 | 11 | 7 | 36 | 54 |
| 98 | BT5 | Orange Field | 16 | 22 | 11 | 7 | 40 | 56 |
| 99 | BT6 | Clonduff | 14 | 23 | 11 | 8 | 42 | 56 |
| 100 | BT11 | Pairc Nua Chollan | 18 | 20 | 11 | 8 | 39 | 57 |
| 101 | BT7 | Ormeau Park (Park Road) | 20 | 23 | 12 | 4 | 39 | 59 |
| 102 | BT15 | Loughside | 20 | 27 | 12 | 4 | 43 | 63 |
| 103 | BT36 | Belfast Zoo | 20 | 18 | 19 | 7 | 44 | 64 |
| 104 | BT10 | Blacks Road (combined) | 18 | 18 | 20 | 8 | 46 | 64 |

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Playground Mean Quality Scores 2023

| | Playground | Area | Mean Score |
|-----|---|-------------|------------|
| 1. | Alloa Street Play Area | BT14 | 10 |
| 2. | Barnetts Demesne | BT9 | 10 |
| 3. | Bridge End Play Area | BT5 | 10 |
| 4. | Brown's Square Play Area | BT13 | 10 |
| 5. | Clarawood Park | BT5 | 10 |
| 6. | Geeragh Play Area | BT10 | 10 |
| 7. | Glencairn Play Area | BT13 | 10 |
| 8. | Jubilee Park | LISBURN | 10 |
| 9. | Musgrave Park | BT9 | 10 |
| 10. | Navarra Place Play Area | BT36 | 10 |
| 11. | Stewart Street Sure Start | BT7 | 10 |
| 12. | Clonduff Drive | CASTLEREAGH | 9.9 |
| 13. | Colin Park (Pairc Nua Chollan), Stewartstown Road | BT11 | 9.9 |
| 14. | Rev Robert Bradford Memorial Park | BT7 | 9.9 |
| 15. | Belvoir Drive Play Area | CASTLEREAGH | 9.8 |
| 16. | Fullerton Park | LISBURN | 9.8 |
| 17. | Ormeau 2000 Play Area | BT7 | 9.8 |
| 18. | Tullycarnet Park Play Area | CASTLEREAGH | 9.8 |
| 19. | Vere Foster Park | BT12 | 9.8 |
| 20. | Blackmountain Play Area | BT13 | 9.7 |

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| 21. | Blythefield Play Area | BT12 | 9.7 |
| 22. | Edenderry Play Area | LISBURN | 9.7 |
| 23. | Falls Park Play Area | BT12 | 9.7 |
| 24. | Glenbryne Park | BT14 | 9.7 |
| 25. | Roddens Crescent | CASTLEREAGH | 9.7 |
| 26. | Tullycarnet Resource Centre | CASTLEREAGH | 9.7 |
| 27. | Ballymacarrett Play Area | BT4 | 9.6 |
| 28. | Carnanmore Play Area | BT11 | 9.6 |
| 29. | Duncairn Play Area | BT15 | 9.6 |
| 30. | Lower Ormeau | BT6 | 9.6 |
| 31. | Lemberg Street | BT12 | 9.6 |
| 32. | McClure Street Play Area | BT7 | 9.6 |
| 33. | McCrory Park | BT12 | 9.6 |
| 34. | Tommy Patton Play Area | BT4 | 9.6 |
| 35. | Carema Allen Memorial Park | CASTLEREAGH | 9.5 |
| 36. | Drumglass Park | BT9 | 9.5 |
| 37. | Sandy Row Community Gardens, Britannic Drive | BT12 | 9.5 |
| 38. | Wedderburn Play Area | BT10 | 9.5 |
| 39. | Woodvale Play Area (Large) | BT13 | 9.5 |
| 40. | Woodvale Play Area (Small) | BT13 | 9.5 |
| 41. | Ardoyne Play Area | BT14 | 9.4 |
| 42. | Botanic Play Area | BT7 | 9.4 |
| 43. | Daddy Winkers Play Area | BT6 | 9.4 |
| 44. | Dr Pitt Park | BT4 | 9.4 |
| 45. | Eversleigh Street Play Area | BT6 | 9.4 |
| 46. | Finlay Play Area | BT36 | 9.4 |
| 47. | Hannahstown Play Area | BT17 | 9.4 |

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| 48. | Queen Mary's Waterworks | BT15 | 9.4 |
| 49. | Cathedral Gardens | BT15 | 9.3 |
| 50. | Hammer Play Area | BT13 | 9.3 |
| 51. | Highfield Play Area | BT13 | 9.3 |
| 52. | Knocknagoney Play Area | BT4 | 9.3 |
| 53. | Skippers Play Area | BT4 | 9.3 |
| 54. | Springhill Play Area | BT12 | 9.3 |
| 55. | Tyndale Play Area | BT14 | 9.3 |
| 56. | Victoria Park | BT3 | 9.3 |
| 57. | Flora Park | BT5 | 9.2 |
| 58. | Horn Drive Play Area | BT11 | 9.2 |
| 59. | Orangefield Play Area | BT5 | 9.2 |
| 60. | The Grove Play Area | BT15 | 9.1 |
| 61. | The Zoo Play Area | BT36 | 9.1 |
| 62. | Alexandra Lower Play Area | BT15 | 9 |
| 63. | Blacks Road Sensory Garden | BT11 | 9 |
| 64. | Clara Street Play Area | BT5 | 9 |
| 65. | Colin Park (Blacks Road) | BT10 | 9 |
| 66. | Glenbank Play Area | BT14 | 9 |
| 67. | Olympia Leisure Centre | BT12 | 9 |
| 68. | Ballysillan Play Area | BT14 | 8.9 |
| 69. | Dover Street Play Area | BT13 | 8.9 |
| 70. | North Queen Street Play Area | BT15 | 8.9 |
| 71. | Cavehill Adventurous Playground (Junior) | BT15 | 8.8 |
| 72. | Dunville Play Area | BT12 | 8.8 |
| 73. | Grampian Avenue | BT4 | 8.8 |
| 74. | Sir Thomas and Lady Dixons Park | BT17 | 8.8 |

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| 75. | Poleglass Play Area | LISBURN | 8.7 |
| 76. | Cregagh Play Area | CASTLEREAGH | 8.6 |
| 77. | Old Golf Course Road | BT10 | 8.6 |
| 78. | Castleton Play Area | BT15 | 8.5 |
| 79. | Taughmonagh Park | BT9 | 8.5 |
| 80. | Whiterock Leisure Centre | BT12 | 8.5 |
| 81. | Ohio Street Play Area | BT13 | 8.4 |
| 82. | Balfour Avenue Play Area | BT7 | 8.3 |
| 83. | Belmont Play Area | BT4 | 8.3 |
| 84. | Michelle Baird Play Area | BT13 | 8.3 |
| 85. | Tir Na Nog Ligoniel Play Area | BT14 | 8.3 |
| 86. | Brook Leisure Centre | LISBURN | 8.2 |
| 87. | Cherryvale Play Area | BT6 | 8.2 |
| 88. | Mount Eagles Play Area | LISBURN | 8.2 |
| 89. | Mountforde Play Area | BT5 | 8.2 |
| 90. | Erin Thompson Play Area | CASTLEREAGH | 8.1 |
| 91. | Glassmullin Playground | BT11 | 8.1 |
| 92. | Nubia Street Play Area | BT12 | 8 |
| 93. | Stewart Street | BT7 | 7.9 |
| 94. | White Rise Play Area | LISBURN | 7.9 |
| 95. | Ardoyne Community Centre Play Area | BT14 | 7.8 |
| 96. | Clarawood Millennium Playground | BT5 | 7.8 |
| 97. | Cavehill Adventurous Playground (Senior) | BT15 | 7.7 |
| 98. | Alexandra Upper Play Area | BT15 | 7.6 |
| 99. | Willowbank Play Area | BT12 | 7.5 |
| 100. | Walkway Playground (Finvoy Street) | BT5 | 7.4 |

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| 101. | Springfield Site A | BT12 | 7.3 |
| 102. | Northlink Play Area | BT11 | 6.4 |
| 103. | New Lodge Play Area | BT15 | 6.3 |
| 104. | Loughside Play Area | BT15 | 6.2 |
| 105. | Sally Gardens Play Area | LISBURN | 4.9 |

***Quality Score**

Score 9 – 10 Excellent

Score 8 – 9 Very Good

Score 7 – 8 Good

Score 6 – 7 Fairly Good

Score 5 – 6 Sufficient

Score 4 – 5 Fair

Score 3 – 4 Insufficient

Score 2 – 3 Poor

Score 1 – 2 Very Poor

Score 0 – 1 Extremely Poor

***Note: Mean quality score = Total quality score divided by the number of items**

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| 1.1 | <p>The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress made to date in the planning and launch of three initiatives to improve the service delivery and recycling performance of Waste Collections within Resources and Fleet. These initiatives are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Streets Pilot with PSNI/DFI • Introduction of Small Vehicles for Difficult to Access Streets • Expansion of Separate Glass Collection Services. <p>It will be seen that these initiatives have been progressed to such a stage that officers will provide regular progress reports to Committee going forward.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2.0 | Recommendation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1 | <p>Members are requested to note the contents of the report, in particular</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The status of the collaborative work with PSNI/DFI • the phased introduction of small vehicle routes to difficult to access streets commencing 12th August 2024 • the letter of offer from DAERA in relation to the BCC application to the DAERA Household Waste Collaborative Change Programme for match funding to procure equipment (containers and vehicles) for expanded glass collections | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.0 | Main Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1 | <p>Small Streets Pilot in collaboration with PSNI and DFI.</p> <p>3.2 Members will be aware that this pilot was launched on 6th May 2024, with the first area identified as the side streets from the Stranmillis Road in the University area. The plan was envisaged to run as follows.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="274 1406 1485 1697"> <thead> <tr> <th>Area</th> <th>Start Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Stranmillis Rd Area</td> <td>06/05/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donegall Road / Village Area</td> <td>03/06/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cregagh/ Loopland Area</td> <td>01/07/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Springfield Road Area</td> <td>29/07/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lower Ormeau Road/ Park Road Area</td> <td>26/08/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>'Iveagh' Area</td> <td>23/09/2024</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>3.3 It was envisaged that in each area the timetable would be as follows</p> <p>Week 1 – BCC staff Letter Drop to residents addresses and social media postings</p> <p>Week 2 – PSNI will patrol and letter windscreens of poorly parked vehicles with leaflets.</p> <p>Weeks 3-6 – Increased presence of joint PSNI/DFI neighbourhood officers and traffic attendants</p> | Area | Start Date | Stranmillis Rd Area | 06/05/2024 | Donegall Road / Village Area | 03/06/2024 | Cregagh/ Loopland Area | 01/07/2024 | Springfield Road Area | 29/07/2024 | Lower Ormeau Road/ Park Road Area | 26/08/2024 | 'Iveagh' Area | 23/09/2024 |
| Area | Start Date | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stranmillis Rd Area | 06/05/2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Donegall Road / Village Area | 03/06/2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cregagh/ Loopland Area | 01/07/2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Springfield Road Area | 29/07/2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lower Ormeau Road/ Park Road Area | 26/08/2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 'Iveagh' Area | 23/09/2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 3.4 | <p>To date three areas have gone ahead as per the plan. Letter drops by BCC officers were carried out as planned, and DFI patrolling was carried out as agreed. Unfortunately, the PSNI have informed council officers that they have not been able to provide resources as planned due to other prioritised operational pressures during this period.</p> |
| 3.5 | <p>At the time of writing, two areas have gone through their first cycle and the third will end soon. Officers have started looking at the data from these areas, both before and after each cycle, and hope to bring in more detailed analysis and results to the September 2024 Committee meeting. Officers have asked if DFI can provide some relevant data but unfortunately, they have let it be known that their systems are not configured to report on a street by street basis. Therefore, data will be collected from BCC records only.</p> |
| 3.6 | <p>As a note, officers can confirm that at the request of a member from the area, a small adjustment has been made to the streets proposed in the Springfield Road area, namely Rose Street has been removed and Waterford Gardens and Cavendish Street have been added.</p> |
| 3.7 | <p>Introduction of Small Vehicles for Difficult to Access Streets</p> <p>The previous update to Committee in February 2024 outlined a proposed timeline of a launch of this initiative sometime in Q1 2024 (March – June) with actual dates to be confirmed. This was subject to timely procurement of suitable Refuse Collection Vehicles and the successful recruitment of staff to run or backfill for the duration of this trial.</p> <p>In addition, officers reported that significant data analysis was ongoing in order to test the assumptions of the Consultant’s report and findings and to create as effective and efficient routes as possible prior to operational launch.</p> |
| 3.8 | <p>Since then Waste Collection officers have been working on those outstanding actions. Good progress has been made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two 18 tonnes Dennis Eagle Refuse Collection Vehicles have been leased for an initial period of 12 months. • Staff have been sourced to operate the proposed routes. <p>Since their arrival the collection vehicles have been utilised in some rigorous testing of the Consultant’s report findings, to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify access to defined streets |

- Test the numbers of bins presented, and the actual weight of waste being produced within the defined streets compared to the consultants report
- Carry out actual timings of travel times between streets and frequency and travel times to tip and the Waste Transfer Station.

The revised 'actual' information will be considered when preparing routing plans for the new vehicles.

3.9 From the testing it has been found that the figures in the consultant's report may be a little optimistic. This is due mainly to actual increased weights within bins vis a vis the estimates in the consultants report and the increased occurrence of more than one black bin being presented per household over and above the consultants expectation. Both of these factors have resulted in smaller route sizes due to the necessity to tip fully laden vehicles at the Waste Transfer Station more often than envisaged.

3.10 Because of these variances, Waste Collections propose to introduce the small vehicles in a phased approach. This is to ensure that the service does not raise unachievable expectations and then have to reverse changes to routing which may prove problematic. This is also designed to minimise the number of changes to collection days for residents.

The planned phases are as follows

Phase 1 – Aug 12th to Sept 30th

- One vehicle will be fully loaded with Black Bin collection routes and will be fully monitored to establish if the routes have spare capacity or are overloaded in practice. This will continue for 6 weeks giving each chosen street 3 collections (1 per fortnight). Any spare capacity or overloading issues will be quantified and streets added to / removed from routes as deemed appropriate
- The second vehicle will be used for on going route development and refinement. Further trials will take place for blue and brown bin collections to establish as accurate routes as possible

Phase 2 – Sept 30th – Nov 4th

- Second period of 6 weeks(3 collection rounds)
- The first vehicle routes will be fully established and operational. Should there be surplus capacity this will be made available in the short term for Brown and Blue collections.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second vehicle will onboard any additional black bin collections as required. Spare capacity will be allocated to begin roll out of brown and blue bin collections <p>Phase 3 – Nov 4th onward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both vehicles will be given established routes for all collection Synergies will be explored with the current 18 tonnes vehicle which currently carries out recovery collections and some similar activities on a limited basis. <p>3.11 A list of streets being changed to smaller collection vehicle routes from 12th August is attached at Appendix 1 – restricted.</p> <p>3.12 Please note that following agreement at the Lord Mayor’s Cleanliness Task Force, streets that are part of the separate PSNI/DFI pilot are currently not included in this exercise, and since the consultant’s report was commissioned, it is important to note that Waste Collections management have continued to resolve individual street collection issues. Additionally, where a satisfactory solution to a street’s access issues has been put in place within the last 12-18 months resulting in consistent collections being established over an extended period of time, they have not been included in Phase 1 of the initiative, but all streets will remain under constant review.</p> <p>Expansion of Separate Glass Collection Services</p> <p>3.13 Following a feasibility study into the expansion of the kerbside collection of glass, Members approved revenue funding to deliver phase 1 of this project aimed at delivering the scheme to an additional 22,000 households in 24/25.</p> <p>3.14 Resources and Fleet subsequently compiled and submitted an application to DAERA under the Household Waste Collaborative Change Programme for financial assistance with regard to capital funding for the project. After a series of clarifications from the regulator, officers can report that a Letter of Offer was received from DAERA on 25th July, outlining the scale and conditions of funding. Subject to the Council’s approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) concerning, amongst other things, capital funding on a 50/50 basis, the project will now progress to implementation mode.</p> <p>3.15 The Implementation phase involves the recruitment of collection crews, procurement of containers (44 litre boxes & lids), initial leasing of vehicles prior to the procurement of new vehicles, communication of the scheme to the selected households, assessment of</p> |
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| <p>3.16</p> <p>3.17</p> <p>3.18</p> <p>3.19</p> | <p>apartments (if any within the selected areas) and finally delivery of containers followed by first collections.</p> <p>Given the lead times associated with a number of these activities, in particular the purchase and receipt of containers, and mindful of the potential clash with collections arrangements for the Xmas season, it is envisaged that the implementation phase will be completed in Q4 of the current financial year.</p> <p>The Service will continue to keep Members apprised of the progress of the scheme through the Council's usual governance procedures.</p> <p>Financial and Resource Implications</p> <p>In relation to the expansion of glass collections, DAERA will 50/50 match fund the agreed capital requirements as agreed in their Letter of Offer, subject to the Memorandum of Understanding having been agreed by the Council.</p> <p>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</p> <p>None</p> |
| | <p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p> |
| <p>4.1</p> | <p>Appendix 1 (Restricted) – Phase 1 - Streets to move to 18 Tonnes black bin vehicle collections from 12th August,2024</p> |

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| Subject | Investigation of a Public Path Creation Order at College Heights / Ailesbury Road |
| Date: | 6 th August 2024 |
| Reporting Officer: | Stephen Leonard, Director of Resources, Fleet and OSS |
| Contact Officer: | Duane Fitzsimons, Access Officer, CNS Department |

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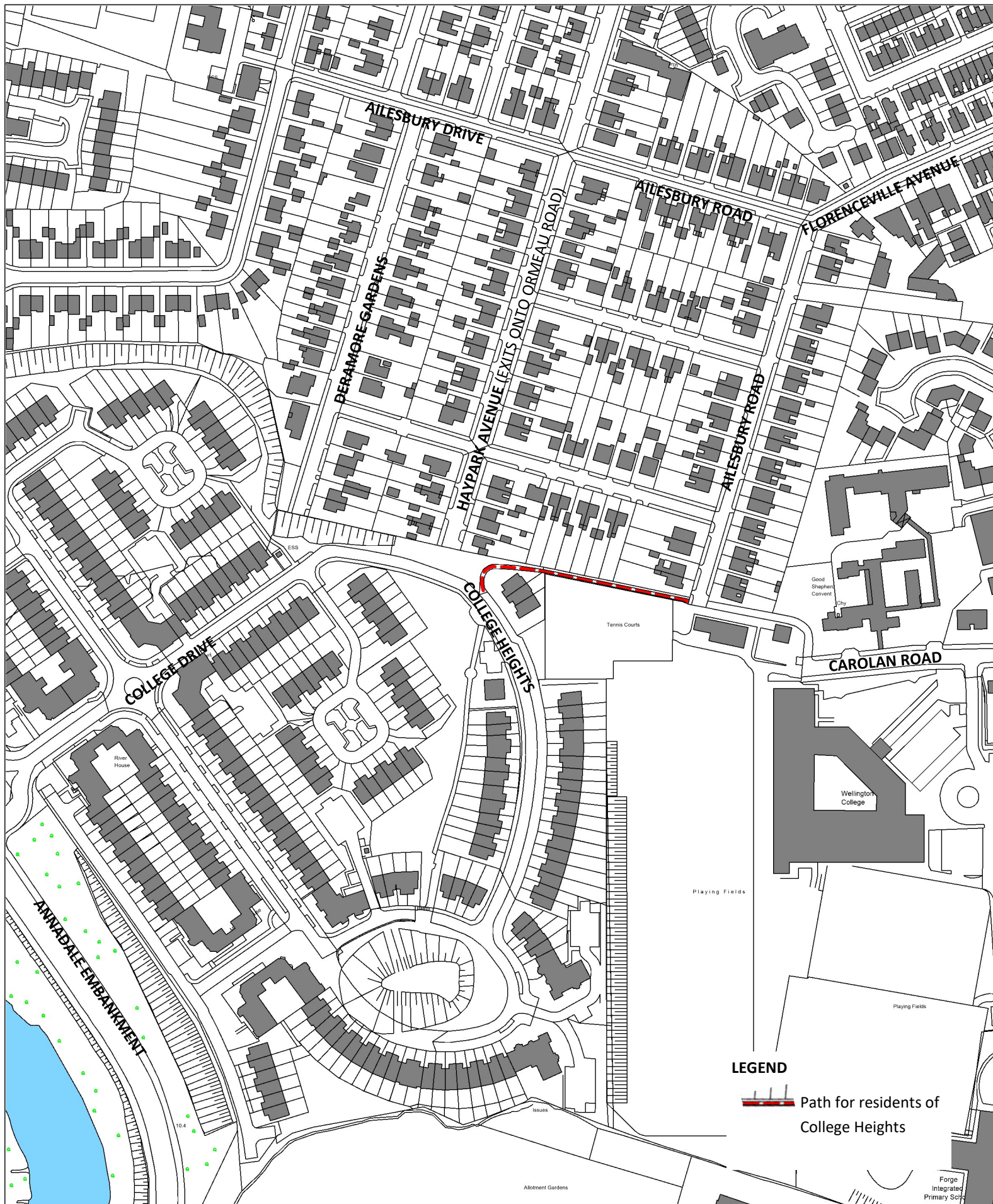
Call-in


Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

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| <p>1.0</p> <p>1.1</p> | <p>Purpose of Report</p> <p>Members are asked to permit officers to begin the examination of a potential public path creation order from College Heights into the neighbouring Ballynafeigh area. Under the Article 12 of the Access to the Countryside Order (NI) 1983 all Local Councils may enact compulsory powers for path creation where it appears to a district council that there is need for a public path.</p> |
| <p>2.0</p> <p>2.1</p> | <p>Recommendation</p> <p>Members are asked to grant permission to officers to examine the potential of a public path creation order.</p> |
| <p>3.0</p> | <p>Main report</p> |
| <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p> | <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Under the Article 12 of the Access to the Countryside Order (NI) 1983 all Local Councils may enact compulsory powers for path creation where it appears to a district council that there is need for a public path.</p> <p>In 2006 a path through Annadale Grammar School was brought to the Council’s attention as a potential public right of way. In 2008 investigations indicated this was not the case. The site was redeveloped into a residential area with a path for use of its residents but not the public at large. In 2022 the Council began to investigate whether it was feasible to enter into a permissive path agreement or public path creation agreement with the landowner. The Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 places a duty on District Councils to ‘assert, protect and keep open and free from obstruction or encroachment any public right of way’. In 2008 the Legal Advice on the nature of the route pointed that being closed overnight meant that no public right of way exists.</p> <p>The site was developed into a residential area with a path retained for the enjoyment of residents in the development. It is locked by a gate and a management company maintains the landscaped areas of this development including the pathway.</p> <p>In 2022 members of the public approached elected members requesting that the path be open to the general public for use. This includes active travel such as walking to and from school, going to the shops and general recreation. The alternative route involves a 30-minute walk to and another to return which parents and guardians are doing 2-3 times daily.</p> <p>The Council wrote to the landowner and explained that they would be willing to explore the potential of a public path creation agreement. The landowner did not respond. The Council then approached about the potential of a permissive path agreement on a pilot basis whereby the path could be opened and closed during set times of the day for a set period of time. There was no response from the landowner.</p> <p>Public path creation by Order is a complex matter. The Council needs to be satisfied that there is a need for the path. It must also be willing to meet certain undertakings with regard to maintenance, liability, etc.</p> <p>The Council must also consult with statutory undertakers including DAERA to confirm that the path is required and does not adversely impact upon the landowner’s enjoyment of the land.</p> |

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| 3.9 | Should the Council be able to demonstrate that the above can be met, the matter would be taken to a full Council meeting seeking approval to make the Order. |
| 3.10 | <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no Financial or Resource implications.</p> |
| 3.11 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no Equality or Good Relations Implications.</p> |
| 4.0 | Appendices |
| | Appendix 1: Map of the route |

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LEGEND
 Path for residents of College Heights

Map of wider connections

Scale 1:2,500

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| Subject: | Active Belfast Approach for 24/25 |
| Date: | Tuesday 6th August 2024 |
| Reporting Officer: | Jim Girvan, Director of Neighbourhood Services, CNS |
| Contact Officer: | Nicola Lane, Neighbourhood Services Manager, CNS Kim Kensett, Belfast Health Development Unit, (Belfast Health Development Unit/Public Health Agency) |

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Call-in

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | The purpose of this report is to seek approval for use of Belfast City Council's (BCC) allocation of £90,000 to support Active Belfast Partnership (ABP) in 2024/25 to deliver the programme of activity detailed in the report. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to approve the use of the BCC allocation of £90,000 to support Active Belfast Partnership in 2024/25 to deliver the programme of activity detailed in the report. |
| 3.0 | Main report |
| 3.1 | <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Active Belfast Partnership (APB) is a multi-agency partnership supporting physical activity and healthy eating in Belfast. It is jointly funded by BCC (£90,000) and the Public Health Agency (PHA) (£157,189.25). Physical activity and healthy eating remain priority areas within the refreshed Belfast Agenda (Our People and Communities, Health Inequalities) as well as wider health-focussed strategic documents. ABP therefore, both as an approach and as a partnership, plays a vital role in facilitating collaboration with key partners to take forward relevant and novel approaches.</p> |
| 3.2 | <p><u>Proposed Active Belfast 24/25 Budget Profile</u></p> <p>The table below lists the recommended allocation for 24/25 following discussions with partners in line with the agreed Community Plan. The rationale for supporting these projects is outlined below and Table 1 shows the budget breakdown.</p> <p>Proposed expenditure 24/45.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a 3-year ABP action plan. The allocation would enhance the action-planning process by enabling the recruitment of independent technical support/facilitation. • 'Emotional Wellbeing/Get Active' Participatory Budgeting (PB) - 24/25 delivery. The allocation would enable continued testing of participative and innovative methods of engaging citizens in programme delivery and will contribute directly to BCC's performance improvement plan 2025 and Belfast Agenda. Successful projects will be designed to improve residents' Mental Health and Emotional Well-being and physical activity levels, based around 'Take 5 Steps to Well-being'. <p>ABP Innovation Projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole-system approach (WSA) to Obesity Leadership Group - mapping the system (phase 3). The allocation would support the continued development of a WSA to Obesity in Belfast (following completion of phase 1 'set-up' and 2 'building the local picture'). • WSA Test & Learn. The allocation will enable stakeholders to prioritise areas to intervene in the local system in the form of collaborative and aligned actions designed to address obesity within Belfast (phase 4 'action'). <p>Business continuity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jog Belfast (£42,411.60 - 7 sites x 3) – Allocation of funding will support 7 sites across the City of Belfast, within North, South, West, and East to deliver 3 |

programmes across the year. A Task and Finish group will be established to review current model and funding of the initiative.

- AB PB Move More Phase 2 Delivery & Celebration Event. The funding was ring-fenced as part of the Phase 2 of PB led by BCC Sports Development under the 'Move, more, eat well to feel better' brand.
- Resources/Training/Evaluation. The funding would enable purchasing of resources, training, and/or professional services (OBA development) to support the delivery of the ABP approach described. The approach includes PB and WSA to Obesity which aim to contribute to improving physical activity levels and healthy eating within Belfast.

Table 1 – Budget Breakdown

| 2024/25 | BCC AB | PHA PAB21 | Total |
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| Income | £ 90,000.00 | £ 157,189.25 | £ 247,189.25 |
| Uplift | | £ 1,540.45 | £ 1,540.45 |
| Total Income | £ 90,000.00 | £ 158,729.70 | £ 248,729.70 |
| Proposed Expenditure 2024/25 | | | |
| Develop 3 year action plan + transition year | £ 2,500.00 | £ 2,500.00 | £ 5,000.00 |
| Emotional Wellbeing/Get Active PB - 24/25 delivery (80% or 90%) | £ 31,202.03 | £ 49,323.93 | £ 80,525.96 |
| Partnership innovation projects | | | |
| WSA Test & Learn (community centres BCC) | £ 23,333.33 | £ 46,666.67 | £ 70,000.00 |
| WSA Leadership Group - mapping the system | £ 1,500.00 | £ 1,500.00 | £ 3,000.00 |
| Business continuity | | | |
| Jog Belfast (£42,411.60 - 7 sites x 3)(uplifted) | £ 9,338.80 | £ 33,072.80 | £ 42,411.60 |
| AB PB Move More Phase 2 Delivery & Celebration Event | £ 18,125.84 | £ 18,125.85 | £ 36,251.69 |
| Resources/Training/ Evaluation | £ 4,000.00 | £ 6,000.00 | £ 10,000.00 |
| Total expenditure | £ 90,000.00 | £ 157,189.25 | £ 247,189.25 |

Financial & Resource Implications

3.3 All activity outlined in this report can be delivered within existing budgets.

Human Resources

3.4 Belfast Health Development Unit will continue to lead on this work. Oversight will be provided at organisational level by Nicola Lane within BCC and David Tumilty within PHA, as well as at a partnership/thematic level with the stakeholders involved in the ABP.

3.5 Asset and Other Implications

N/a.

3.6 Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

The Participatory Budgeting programme has been equality screened and all other activity will be delivered with due regard to any equality/good relations and rural needs considerations.

4.0 Appendices

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| Subject: | Request for the use of Parks for 2024 Events |
| Date: | Tuesday 6 August 2024 |
| Reporting Officer: | David Sales, Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services |
| Contact Officer: | Stephen Leonard, Director of Resources, Fleet and OSS |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues |
| 1.1 | <p>The Committee is asked to note that Council has received several requests from event organisers to host events across several city park locations in 2024, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VC Glendale – Falling Leaves Irish National League Race – Falls Park • Ulster University – School of Art 175 Anniversary Light Show – Cathedral Gardens |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | <p>The Committee is asked to grant authority to the applicants for the proposed events on the dates noted; subject to the completion of the appropriate event management plans and satisfactory terms being agreed by the Director of City & Neighbourhood Services and on the condition that the Event Organisers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. resolves all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction; II. meets all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety, and licensing responsibilities; and III. shall consult with adjoining public bodies and local communities as necessary. |
| 2.2 | <p>Please note that the above recommendations are taken as a pre-policy position in advance of the Council agreeing a more structured framework and policy for 'Events', which is currently being taken forward in conjunction with the Councils Commercial team.</p> |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>If agreed, the event organiser or promoters will be required in advance of the event to submit an event management plan for approval by the Council and all relevant statutory bodies.</p> <p>3.2 This will include an assessment of how the event will impact upon the surrounding area and measures to mitigate these impacts.</p> <p><u>VC Glendale – Falling Leaves Irish National League Race – Falls Park - Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 October 2024</u></p> <p>3.3 Belfast City Council has received a request from VC Glendale to host their annual Irish National League Cycling Race at Falls Park in October 2024. The falling leaves event has taken place at Falls Park for the last 8 years and has been supported by BCC during its time at the park. Due to the nature of the event, areas of the park will be required to be closed off to members of the public to allow the race to proceed safely and to ensure that no park users or participants are injured. There are expected to be around 500 people in attendance with participants and spectators attending from across the UK & Ireland.</p> <p>3.4 Key dates for the event are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Up – TBC • Main Event Day 1 – Saturday 5 October – 12pm to 3pm • Main Event Day 2 – Sunday 6 October - 8am to 4.30pm • De-Rig - TBC |

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| 3.5 | The areas of the site the organisers plan to use are the grassed area beside the playground leading to the woodland area beside the cemetery; followed by the pathed area along the side of the Falls Road and across the bridge leading to the pitches. Participants will then cycle around the entirety of the parks pitched area. |
| 3.6 | The event organiser VC Glendale are a voluntary cycling club who are established as a cross community cycling club with members taking part in races across the UK & Ireland. The club have worked closely with Belfast City Council over the years to run this event with no issues occurring during this time. |
| | <p><u>Ulster University – School of Art 175 Anniversary Light Show – Cathedral Gardens – Monday 18 November 2024 to Wednesday 20 November 2024</u></p> |
| 3.7 | Belfast City Council has received a request from Ulster Universities School of Art to use Cathedral Gardens as part of their three-night Light Show to celebrate the 175 th anniversary of the School of Art. The event is designed to be a collaboration between local artists and communities to tell the story of Belfast’s history ranging from the origins of the linen industry to moments during the troubles. |
| 3.8 | The event will be an animated light show projected onto buildings such as St Anne’s Cathedral and the Belfast Campus of Ulster University. It will be a free ticketed event with pre-registration taking place on-line to ensure the site does not go over its capacity. |
| 3.9 | <p>Key dates for the event are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Up – Monday 18th November at 9am • Main Event – Monday 18 November to Wednesday 20 November – 4.30pm to 9.30pm daily • De-Rig – Thursday 21st November |
| 3.10 | <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> There are no known implications at this time.</p> |
| 3.11 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no known implications.</p> |
| 4.0 | Appendices |
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| Subject: | Proposals for dual language street signs |
| Date: | 6 th August 2024 |
| Reporting Officer: | Kate Bentley, Director of Planning and Building Control |
| Contact Officer: | Ian Harper, Building Control Manager, ext. 2430 |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues |
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| 1.1 | To consider applications for the erection of dual language street signs for fourteen existing streets within the city. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2.0 | Recommendation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to agree to the erection of a second street nameplate in Irish at, Kestrel Grange, Ophir Gardens, Antigua Street, Salisbury Avenue, Parkside Gardens, Mount Eagles Lane, , Lagmore View Way, Finaghy Park North, Commedagh Drive, Corrib Avenue, Isadore Avenue, Hazelwood Avenue, Slievegallion Drive, Brooke Close, . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.0 | Main Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1 | <u>Key Issues</u> The Council may erect a second street nameplate in a language other than English pursuant to Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.2 | Members are asked to consider the following applications to erect a dual language street nameplate showing the name of the street expressed in a language other than English. The second language is Irish. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Isadore Avenue, BT13 3QQ | Ascaill San Iosadóir | Off Springfield Road, BT13 | 74 |
| Hazelwood Avenue, BT17 0SY | Ascaill na Collchoille | Off Colin Road, BT17 | 312 |
| Slievegallion Drive, BT11 8JN | Céide Shliabh gCallann | Off Andersonstown Road, BT11 | 120 |
| Brooke Close, BT11 9NT | Clós an tSrutháin | Off Brooke Drive, BT11 | 31 |
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3.4 The translations were authenticated by Queens University, the approved translator for Belfast City Council.

3.5 In accordance with the Council's policy for the erection of dual language street signs, surveys of all persons appearing on the electoral register plus owners or tenants in actual possession of commercial premises, for the above streets were carried out and the following responses were received.

3.6 **Kestrel Grange, BT17**

- 11 occupiers (37.93%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.

3.7 **Ophir Gardens, BT15**

- 42 occupiers (48.27%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
- 8 occupiers (9.19%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.
- 2 Occupiers (2.29%) had no preference either way.

One resident not in support of the dual language street sign has queried the 15% threshold.

3.8 **Antigua Street, BT14**

- 15 occupiers (57.69%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.

3.9 **Salisbury Avenue, BT15**

- 77 occupiers (35.81%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
- 9 occupiers (4.18%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.
- 2 Occupiers (0.93%) had no preference either way.

3.10 **Parkside Gardens, BT15**

- 7 occupiers (25.92%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.

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| 3.11 | <p>Mount Eagles Lane, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 occupiers (25%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. |
| 3.12 | <p>Lagmore View Way, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 occupiers (30.76%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. |
| 3.13 | <p>Finaghy Park North, BT10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 occupiers (57.14%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 2 occupiers (5.71%) had no preference either way |
| 3.14 | <p>Commedagh Drive, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54 occupiers (41.53%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. |
| 3.15 | <p>Corrib Avenue, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 occupiers (22.22%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 2 occupiers (1.48%) had no preference either way. |
| 3.16 | <p>Isadore Avenue, BT13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 occupiers (35.13%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 5 occupiers (6.75%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate. |
| 3.17 | <p>Hazelwood Avenue, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 105 occupiers (33.65%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. |
| 3.18 | <p>Slievegallion Drive, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 occupiers (21.66%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. |
| 3.19 | <p>Brooke Close, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 occupiers (19.35%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. |
| 3.20 | <p><u>Assessment against policy</u></p> <p>The Council's policy on the erection of a second street nameplate requires that at least fifteen percent (15%) of the occupiers surveyed must be in favour of the proposal to erect a</p> |

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| <p>3.21</p> <p>3.22</p> | <p>second street sign in a language other than English, to progress to Committee for consideration.</p> <p>All of the surveys listed above demonstrate compliance with the threshold contained within the Policy.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £4,620 to cover the cost of the manufacturing and erection of the dual language street signs. The cost for these street signs has been allowed for in the current budget.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>Each application for a dual language street sign is subject to an initial assessment for any potential adverse impacts on equality, good relations and rural needs.</p> <p>The initial assessments and elected member notification carried out for the applications being considered did not identify any potential adverse impacts to prevent the surveys being carried out.</p> |
| <p>4.0</p> | <p>Appendices</p> |
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| Subject: | Proposal for naming new streets |
| Date: | 6 th August, 2024 |
| Reporting Officer: | Kate Bentley, Director of Planning and Building Control |
| Contact Officer: | Ian Harper, Building Control Manager, ext. 2430 |

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Is this report restricted? Yes No

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues |
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| 1.1 | To consider applications for the naming new streets in the city. | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2.0 | Recommendation | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1 | <p>Based on the information presented, the Committee is required to make a recommendation in respect of applications for naming new streets in the city.</p> <p>The Committee may either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant the applications, or • Refuse the applications and request that the applicant submits other names for consideration. | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.0 | Main Report | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1 | <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The power for the Council to name streets is contained in Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.2 | <p>Members are asked to consider the following applications for naming new streets in the city. The application particulars are in order and the Royal Mail has no objections to the proposed names. The proposed new names are not contained in the Council's Streets Register and do not duplicate existing approved street names in the city.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
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| 3.4 | <p>Apex Housing Association have advised that Black Ridge Crescent and Black Ridge Road are derived from Divis (from Irish Dubhais 'black ridge'). The Divis mountain is situated north of the development.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.5 | <p>The second and third choices for Black Ridge Crescent are Black Ridge Close and Black Ridge Street. The second and third choices for Black Ridge Road are Black Ridge Parade and Black Ridge Street.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.6 | <p>These streets contain 32 residential properties and are part of the overall housing development that is known as Glenmona. The entire Glenmona site is a new mixed use urban development which will contain over 650 social and affordable homes.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.7 | <p>Applications for the erection of dual language street signs in Irish have been received from the developer for these two streets. Members are asked to note that at the March 2024 People and Communities Committee it was agreed, and ratified by Full Council on 8th April 2024, that delegated authority be given to the City Solicitor in relation to the approval of the erection of dual language street nameplates for this development.</p> | | | | | | | | | |

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| 3.10 | <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no Financial, Human Resources, Assets and other implications in this report.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.11 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no direct Equality implications.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
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