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**Belfast
City Council**

6th December, 2022

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 December, 2022 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

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- (c) Declarations of Interest

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Subject:	Notice of Motion: Belfast Cycle Network
Date:	6th December, 2022
Reporting Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
Contact Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a motion in relation to Belfast Cycle Network, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 24th November.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to consider the motion and the appropriate action to be taken.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 24th November, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Harvey and seconded by Councillor Nelson, was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p>
3.2	<p>“That this Council, along with the PSNI and Department for Infrastructure, should develop a long-term, comprehensive strategy to ensure that the Belfast cycle network is kept clean and free from obstructions, such as parked cars and commercial bins.”</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.



Subject:	Notice of Motion: Corey Jack Aughey Memorial Park
Date:	6th December, 2022
Reporting Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
Contact Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a motion in relation to Corey Jack Aughey Memorial Park, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 24th November.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to consider the motion and, if the proposal is agreed, to agree that a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 24th November, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Pankhurst and seconded by Councillor McCullough, was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p>
3.2	<p>“This Council notes with deep sadness the passing of Corey Aughey on holiday in June 2022. We also note that Corey was a well known and loving character within the Glenbryn area of North Belfast.</p> <p>As such, this Council will move to rename “Glenbryn Playpark” as the “Corey Jack Aughey Memorial Park” as a fitting tribute in his memory. The Council will also agree to install a memory bench in his name within the park.”</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.



Subject:	Notice of Motion: Inclusive Leisure Services
Date:	6th December, 2022
Reporting Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
Contact Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a motion in relation to Inclusive Leisure Services, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 24th November.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to consider the motion and, if the proposal is agreed, to agree that a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 24th November, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Michael Collins and seconded by Councillor Ferguson, was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p>
3.2	<p>“This Council recognises the shortage of services available for people with disabilities. The Council will seek to engage with BETTER to expand and promote inclusive services within our leisure centres to ensure an accessible and welcoming environment for everyone.</p> <p>The Council will seek the input of service users, engage with autism support networks, BETTER and Disability Sport NI to bring inclusion and community to our leisure centres by improving accessibility for people with autism and other disabilities in a number of key areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belfast’s 12 leisure centre to promote inclusive sessions for people with disabilities as is the case with Lagan Valley Complex and Dundonald Ice Bowl in Lisburn • These sessions should include but not be limited to swimming pools, and should be at an accessible hour for children and parents to make best use of them • The Council will work with BETTER to ascertain which other services: such as trampolining, Inflatable Park facilities and any other leisure facilities which may be included in these inclusive sessions • The Council will strive to ensure all amenities inside leisure centres are fully inclusive for people with disabilities. This includes improving advertising and continuing to promote the use of WAP cards, as well as ensuring staff are adequately trained to support children, families and carers to provide fully inclusive services to people with autism and other abilities • The Council will continue its pioneering work with Swimming Buddies in Brooke Leisure Centre and explore ways to expand this across all 12 leisure centres in Belfast, to ensure the life skill of swimming lessons are readily accessible for children at a local level offering a supportive space for families and provided in an inclusive manner • The Council will engage with BETTER to explore the permanent installation of a Sensory Room in one or more of our leisure centres in Belfast • The Council will strive to better promote and advertise inclusive services in our leisure centres across all of our social media platforms and publications with the overall aim of being leaders in the area of inclusive leisure services.”
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>

3.4	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
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Subject:	Notice of Motion: Imagination Library
Date:	6th December, 2022
Reporting Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
Contact Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a motion in relation to Support for Parents, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 24th November.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to consider the motion and, if the proposal is agreed, to agree that a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 24th November, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor de Faoite and seconded by Councillor Howard, was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p>
3.2	<p>“Belfast City Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledges that the majority of physical brain development occurs in the first three years of life, when children form over 1 million new neural connections per second; • Recognises the benefits of reading, and reading aloud, to young children which can promote the development of basic literacy and vocabulary skills, establish strong inter-personal relationships between children and parents/guardians, as well as improving longer term educational, health, social and economic outcomes; • Is concerned about the rising cost of living which will limit the ability of families to pay for essential educational resources like books for young children; • Agrees to investigate and establish a pilot of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in the City to provide a new book each month for children aged 0-5, working with any interested partners to secure the success and sustainable funding of the scheme.”
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.



Subject:	Social Supermarket Fund - Update
Date:	6 th December 2022
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Director Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Kelly Gilliland, Neighbourhood Services Manager Margaret Higgins, Lead Officer – Community Provision

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	<p>Following P&C and Council approval in August/September 2022 to take forward the design and delivery of the Social Supermarket Fund (DfC allocation) in-year, officers have spent the intervening months liaising with area-based Strategic and Thematic partners to identify and then liaise with potential delivery partners, assessing capacity to deliver and to what level of resource and to seek their views on how the additional funding could best be used within their service delivery models whilst ensuring that the high level social supermarket principles set by DfC are met.</p> <p>The paper outlines officer recommendations following these meetings/ discussions and seeks member agreement for the proposed approach outlined for 22/23 allocation and delivery.</p>
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the outcomes of engagement and co-design processes undertaken with strategic and thematic partners in support of implementing the Social Supermarket Fund (SSF) 2022-23. • Note and agree the allocations to nominated area-based delivery partners (outlined in Appendix 1) following discussions with Strategic Partners. • Note and agree the allocations to nominated city centre and thematic-based delivery partners (also outlined in Appendix 1) following discussions with Thematic Partners. • Grant delegated authority to the Director of Neighbourhood Services to enhance awards to delivery partners in-year (dependent on budget and capacity) in order to ensure in-year spend.
3.0	Main report
	Background <u>Social Supermarket Fund</u>
3.1	In September Council approved acceptance of £228,342.42 for delivery of a social supermarket fund (SSF) for 22/23 in the Belfast area. The social supermarket model aims to offer a sustainable response to food insecurity by seeking to help address the root causes of poverty rather than simply provide food. This is achieved through the provision of a referral network for wraparound support.
3.2	The objective of administering this fund is to support the co-design of a social supermarket model in Belfast council area and in-year implementation of same. The Department for Communities have stated that they will also consider requests to support projects that meet the high-level social supermarket principles to enable actions to address food insecurity to be delivered in 2022/23.
3.3	Members gave approval for officers to engage with existing Strategic and Thematic Partners to agree participating partners ensuring coverage for all areas. It was agreed that 60% of the overall allocation (£137,005) was to be made to area partners based on population and deprivation figures. A summary of the area allocations is provided in Appendix 1.
3.4	The overall aim of the co-design process has been to support delivery by organisations who have the capacity to deliver a social supermarket model through enhancement of their existing service provision. In a small number of cases, for example where the area/partner financial allocation is relatively low, partners have stated that they wish to provide food vouchers to those in extreme need that they identify through other wrap around services they are already providing (as noted in 3.1 second paragraph DfC have confirmed they would be content with this).

	<p>£91,336.97 was then allocated to support organisations who work with key communities across the city, on a thematic basis. However, follow up engagement with thematic partners has identified that most individuals who are members of communities of interest/Section 75 groups should be able to access provision on an area basis as part of the community in which they live.</p>
3.5	<p>Nonetheless, there was recognition that some people experience barriers in accessing services at an area level and that, for these individuals, ability to access a form of city centre-based provision might be beneficial. It was also noted that there are currently particular pressures meeting the needs of refugees and asylum seekers, and those with complex needs, in accessing food <u>alongside</u> wrap around service provision.</p>
3.6	<p>Two organisations have been identified as having a model that could be adapted to meet the Social Supermarket approach on a city centre basis to meet the needs of those identified above, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storehouse – City centre based – long established foodbank (15 years) with a wide range of relevant partners who refer into their services including for example the Welcome Organisation, Extern, Womens Aid. • Homeplus – University area – already provide support to refugees and asylum seekers and are seeking to extend their operations to enable weekend provision.
3.7	<p>Making an equal allocation to each of these organisations would equate to an award of £45,668.48 which may prove challenging to spend within the financial year 22/23 (3 months remaining). It is therefore recommended that a maximum allocation of £21,000 is made to each of these two organisations.</p>
3.8	<p>Whilst other thematic partners have indicated they are not in a position to establish a social supermarket type model some have expressed an interest in using a smaller allocation to provide food vouchers to those in extreme need that they identify through other wrap around services. As noted previously, as long as this food is provided within the high-level social supermarket principles, then this would be considered eligible spend. Appendix 1 outlines recommended allocations to thematic partners made on this basis.</p>
3.9	<p>Some of the area-based partners have also indicated that they could accept a higher level of funding to deliver activity in support of the SSM fund; members therefore may wish to consider making additional allocations available to area partners, based on identified slippage and their capacity to spend in year. However, members should note that many of these area-based organisations have since been recommended by committee as delivery partners for the recently</p>

	approved Council Fuel Hardship Fund. The additional work associated with administration of this fund may have an impact on their capacity to deliver enhanced activity supported by the Social Supermarket Fund.
3.10	Members are asked to grant delegated authority to the Director of Neighbourhood Services to consider and approve any allocation of identified slippage so that timely allocations can be made, and external funding can be maximised. NB Delegated authority for the Director was approved in 21/22 to ensure that external funding was maximised.
3.11	All organisations identified in this report will be required to submit a project proposal, which will be assessed by officers through an agreed process, to ensure that activity meets the aims of the funding programme, is eligible, presents value for money, and can be delivered within timescales. The same process will be used for the allocation of any identified slippage.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.12	All activity outlined in this report can be delivered within existing resources – via the allocation from DfC.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications and Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.13	This will be considered throughout and any appropriate issues highlighted to Members.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Social Supermarket Fund Update – proposed area and thematic allocations

Appendix 1
People & Communities Committee 06.12.22
Social Supermarket Update

Area Allocations

North	
North Belfast Advice Partnership	£11,323.33
Loughview Community Action Project	£11,323.33
Ashton Community Trust	£11,323.33
South	
LORAG	£7,896.67
Southcity	£7,896.67
Forward South	£7,896.67
East	
In this Together	£16,432.50
Larder	£16,432.50
West	
Blackie River Centre	£36,700.00
Shankill	
Greater Shankill Partnership	£9,780.00
TOTAL	£137,005

Recommended Thematic allocations

Storehouse	£21,000.00
Homeplus	£21,000.00
Belfast and Lisburn Womens Aid	£7,337.00
Mens Advisory Partnership	£7,000.00
Here NI	£7,000.00
CaraFRiend	£7,000.00
Transgender NI	£7,000.00
Disability Action	£7,000.00
Parent Rooms	£7,000.00
TOTAL	£91,337

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Subject:	Stadia Community Benefits Initiative 2022-2023 Quarter 2 Update
Date:	6 December 2022
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Director, City and Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Catherine Taggart, Neighbourhood Services Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To advise Committee of progress with the Stadia Community Benefits Initiative (SCBI) for 2022/2023 and update on the action plan.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note progress to date
3.0	Main report
3.1	The Council has been undertaking the Leisure Transformation Programme to renew its Leisure facilities across the City. This Programme has been influenced by the Partnership opportunities presented by the NI Executive Stadia Programme.

3.2	The Council, Department for Communities (DfC) and the Irish Football Association (IFA) have recognised the opportunities presented by the Stadia Programme, have committed to work together to maximise these benefits, and have agreed to establish a Stadium Community Benefits Initiative as part of the Belfast Community Benefits Initiative ('the Project') to implement and deliver agreed objectives including promoting equality, tackling poverty, and tackling social exclusion within the Belfast area.
3.3	In March 2016 the Council, DfC and IFA signed an agreement which sets out their respective commitments to the project. As other major stadia are developed in Belfast it is anticipated that other sports governing bodies shall become parties to the agreement. At its April 2018 meeting People and Communities committee agreed that Council would work with the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) within the Stadia Community Benefits Initiative and recognised their significant planned investment in Gaelic Games in the city to support their Gaelfast strategy. GAA activities became fully incorporated into the action plan at the start of financial year 2019-2020, with Gaelfast staff imbedded into the governance structure at the Delivery Board and the Policy and Performance Group.
3.4	The agreement is for a period of ten years with financial commitment from Council and IFA in place to the end of March 2026. Delivery is managed through monthly meetings of the Delivery Board, which reports quarterly to the Policy and Performance Board. Financial and performance reports will be presented to Council and other partners' Boards as necessary.
3.5	<p>The Policy & Performance Group is responsible for agreeing the Benefits Realisation Plan and associated annual targets. Work was undertaken to ensure the end benefits/outcomes are aligned to partners' strategies. To measure the progress of this the Council and the IFA have developed a range of indicators/intermediate benefits which are monitored through programme delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Number of coaching sessions provided b. Number of coaches engaged in delivering coaching c. Number of sessions improving club governance d. Number of volunteering opportunities e. Participation opportunities for under 16s f. Female participation rates g. Number of people completing skills development programme i. Number of sessions for under-represented groups j. Number of sessions for school and youth groups k. Community group usage of stadia

	<p>l. Number of clubs attaining club-mark</p> <p>m. Educational opportunities</p> <p>o. Number of programmes targeting ASB</p> <p>q. Improved collaborative working</p> <p>r. Number of disabled participants</p> <p>s. Number of older people participating</p>
3.6	The policy and performance group held their meeting on Friday 4 November to review performance to date and to be updated in terms of the programme for Q3 and Q4
3.7	<p>Following the completion of a baseline assessment in early 2017, annual workplans are developed each year. The Action Plan for 2022-2023 has been produced by the partners and includes a mixture of sports specific programmes including National Governing Body specific coach education courses and some joint collaborative initiatives delivered by both sporting codes such as information webinars which continue to prove popular. A joint conference will take place in January 2023.</p> <p><u>Performance</u></p> <p>3.8 Delivery to date in Q1 and Q2 of year 6 (financial year 2022/2023) has started strongly and details of the IFA and GAA specific activities are included at appendix (i) and appendix (ii) A number of joint initiatives are planned for Q3 and Q4</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.9 In accordance with the Council's obligations under its DfC Funding Agreement for the Olympia Regeneration Project, the Council has committed a sum of £100,000 per annum for a minimum of ten years, so that a minimum of £1,000,000 is contributed in total to the Project.</p> <p>In relation to 2022/23 Q2 spend partners have reported a normal level of spend in line with programmes delivered. Partners have projected full utilisation of the budget across both joint and individual work programmes by the end of March 2023.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>3.10 There are no additional impacts related to this report.</p>

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - IFA Performance Report Quarter 2 2022/2023 Appendix 2 - GAA Performance Report Quarter 2 2022/2023

IFA Actual Quarter 2 2022-2023		
Intermediate Benefits	Q2 Total	Commentary
a. Number of coaching sessions provided	120	
b. Number of coaches engaged in delivering coaching	67	National Coaching Certificate for adults is arranged and to be run in new year
c. Number of sessions improving club governance	9	
d. Number of volunteering opportunities	186	
e. Participation opportunities for under 16s	565	Halloween camp and street soccer programme
f. Female participation rates	553	Numbers have increased with success over the summer as well as with the easter camp numbers
g. Number of people completing skills development programme	118	National Coaching Certificate Amateur finally underway and will be rolled out this financial year
h. Number of sessions for under-represented groups	167	
i. Number of sessions for school and youth groups	8	
j. Community group usage of stadia	4	
k. Number of clubs attaining club-mark	0	New Clubmark Programme launched
l. Educational opportunities	30	
m. Number of programmes targeting ASB	121	
n. Improved collaborative working	116	
o. Number of disabled participants	16	
p. Number of older people participating	16	

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Gael Fast ACTUAL Q2 2022		
Intermediate Benefits	Q2 TOTAL	Commentary
a.Number of coaching sessions provided	171	Summer Camps (4 sessions a day for 5 days) Inclusive camps, Feile Go Games
b.Number of coaches engaged in delivering coaching sessions	108	Summer Camps, inclusive camps, Antrim cup
c.Number of sessions improving club governance	0	
d.Number of volunteering opportunities	228	Summer Camps (8 coaches per camp), Feile Go Games, 12 Talent ID, Antrim Cup
e.Participation numbers for Under 16s	3460	Summer Camps, Antrim cup (Super games)
f.Female Participation Rates	657	Summer Camps, Feile Go Games
g.Number of people completing skills development programme		
h.Number of sessions for underrepresented groups	153	Summer Camps, Feile Go Games, Inclusion
i.Number of sessions for school and youth groups	52	Super games sessions at 13 venues city wide for 4 weeks.
j.Community Group usage of the stadium	n/a	
k.Number of clubs attaining clubmark		
l.Educational opportunities	80	Coach Education Foundation Level Qualification and Coaching participants with Autism workshop
m.Number of programmes targeting ASB	0	
n.Improved collaborative working	7	Deliver of summer camps involving GAA, Handball, Camogie, LGFA Feile, Antrim GAA, Ulster GAA
o.number of disabled participants	120	Inclusive Camps, Summer Camps (12), Super Games programme and Antrim cup
p.Number of older people participating	18	Inclusion sessions and Super games programme

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Subject:	Belfast Boxing Strategy 2022-2023 Quarter 2 Update
Date:	6 December 2022
Reporting Officer:	David Sales Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Catherine Taggart, Neighbourhood Services Manager

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This report is to provide an update on progress on implementation of Belfast Boxing Strategy for July to September 2022 (Quarter 2).
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the progress to date of the Strategy Work Plan for 2022-23.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Background</u> Council agreed, through the January 2018 Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, to provide £200,000 to the Irish Athletic Boxing Association Ulster Branch (IABA) for delivery of an agreed annual action plan supporting the Belfast Boxing Strategy. The current strategy is scheduled to finish on 31 March 2023

3.2	The IABA provided SP&R with a detailed breakdown of programmes to be delivered under six main areas. Salary – Development Officer and Coaches, Pathways, Events, Coach Education, Club Support, Governance.
3.3	Following this decision the Belfast Boxing Strategy Steering Group has met quarterly, with the most recent meeting on held online due to Covid-19 and associated regulations. The most recent meeting took place on 3 November 2022. This Steering Group is chaired by the Director of Neighbourhood Services with Council Officers, IABA Officers and Officials and Co. Antrim Board Officials attending. Small variations to the budget across the six areas have been agreed to assist prioritisation in line with the agreed annual action plan.
	<u>Monitoring</u>
3.4	The Leisure Development Unit works directly with IABA officials to verify reporting on performance and finance and provides detailed reports for discussion at the Steering Group.
	<u>Performance</u>
3.5	Council agreed a total of 37 Indicators with IABA to monitor delivery of the programmes. IABA have complied with reporting requirements and their performance report for 22/23 Quarter 2 is at Appendix (i) along with their overall performance to date for 22/23 at Appendix (ii). IABA have provided narrative against each of the KPIs to describe progress against each indicator and have advised that they anticipate that all KPIs will be achieved by the end of 22/23
3.6	Much of the focus in terms of method of delivery has returned to normal following the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions however some delivery of training courses remains online.
	<u>22/23 Action Plan</u>
3.7	In line with normal process the IABA have developed their programme action plan relating to 22/23. This plan was approved by Committee on 8 March 2022
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.8	A total of £200,000 is available within the current financial year to support the Action Plan. It is likely that the full budget will be expended.
	Subject to the completion of the rate setting process and the agreement of departmental cash limits, £200,000 is included with the estimates for 2023/2024. This is with a view to extending support for the Strategy and related action plan for a further year pending the production of

	the new Belfast Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy. Any request will be formally presented to committee.
3.9	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>The strategy was equality screened in line with the Council's equality process. The screening showed that there were potential adverse impacts on a number of groups including females and people with a disability and mitigating actions were added to the strategy. Members agreed that an equality screening be undertaken prior to a decision being made in relation to funding for 19/20. Officers have finalised this screening and the initial findings show that progress has been made in increasing the participation of underrepresented groups and this has been reported separately through the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee. The IABA continue to target underrepresented groups in its delivery of the 22/23 programme with particular focus on the events, club based sessions and the non-contact boxing programme.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - IABA 2022-2023 Quarter 2 Performance Report

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Boxing Strategy KPI Report 22-23 Q2					
	To have an effective efficient Pathway to engage and nurture talent within Belfast				
KPI	Description	Female	Male	Total	Commentary
1.1	Run 3 talent squads in Belfast (2 Male 1 Female)	0	0	0	Likely to Start in Q3 with new season beginning in September
1.2	To Run competitive opportunities for Belfast talent squads (2/3)	0	0	0	Likely to Start in Q3 with new season beginning in September
1.3	Number of boxers getting Elite Gym Memberships	0	4	4	4 Boxers in received GLL funding and Gym membership opportunities
1.5	Number of boxers obtaining support for sport funding or outside funding	0	0	0	Completed
2.1	To run 1 volunteer education event with 32 clubs represented and 40 participants	0	0	0	This is in planning and will happen before end of this year's funding.
2.2	To run 1 Volunteer recognition event with a minimum of 30 participants from clubs present	0	0	0	This is in planning and will happen before end of this year's funding.
3.1	To run 1 Scoring/Event Official Course per year with 10 newly trained officials	0	0	0	Planned for October / November ahead of Ulster Elites
3.2	To run 1 Referee and Judging Course per year with 20 newly trained officials	0	0	0	Planned for the start new year
3.3	Delivery of a minimum of 2 Committee training courses throughout the year to improve club governance	12	20	32	2 Safeguarding Course took place with clubs from Belfast present (Ormeau Road, Holy Trinity, Emerald, Midland, Cairn Lodge, St John Bosco, Mc Cullaghs, Gleann, Saints, St Agnes, St Georges). 5 clubs attend Support for Sport Workshop (Star, Holy Family, Oliver Plunkett, City of Belfast, Cairn Lodge)
	To recruit, train and sustain active coaches within Belfast				

4.1	5 coaches receive talent coach training and mentoring	1	4	5	Coach Development coaches continue to work closely with Ulster High Performance with 2 new coaches nominated from St John Bosco & Ledley Hall.
4.2	20 new grassroots coaches trained	0	0	0	Date planned in November for new roll out of coaching courses.
4.3	50 new people accessing online resources	0	0	0	ongoing through website, social media, blocworx and online learning.
4.4	Increase the number of female coaches	0		0	Date planned in November for new roll out of coaching courses.
4.5	To work with mental health training providers to design a toolkit for every club and to deliver training and webinars. To encourage clubs to appoint a Mental Health and Wellbeing Champion. 10 Clubs to be involved	3	14	17	St Michaels Boxing Club took part in a mental health workshop with our partners TAMHI after the sad loss of one of their members. We have rolled out to all clubs should they want to get involved.
4.6	5 clubs trained on inclusive boxing module			0	IABA currently working with Disability Sport NI to introduce inclusive boxing aspect to new coaching courses.
	To grow and sustain club membership within Belfast				
5.1	160 participants at come and try it event	0	0	0	Planned for Q3
5.2	1600 pupils taking part in non contact boxing sessions	378	684	1062	Summer Schemes included: Glenparent YC, Andersontown LC, Grove LC, Olympia LC, Lisnasharragh LC, Whiterock LC, Shankill LC, Ballysillan LC, Falls Lc, Brook LC). Schools included: Christ the Redeemer, St Josephs, Clarawood, Oliver Plunkett, Hazelwood, Scoil Na Fuisioige, Holy Evangelist).
5.3	160 participants at Belfast Day of Boxing	0	0	0	Planned for Q3
5.4.1	2 new clubs established and availing of seeding grant			0	Planned for Q3 and Q4
5.4.2	4 clubs obtaining equipment grants			0	This has went out for Halloween midterm break

5.4.3	27 clubs obtaining membership development grants			0	This has went out for Halloween midterm break
5.5	50 new members in Belfast clubs	16	64	80	13 new Adult members and 67 new junior members attended the 2 county antrim medical days.
5.6	15 clubs receiving for support for sport grants			0	Need info from BCC
5.7	180 participants in holiday camps	0	0	0	This has went out for Halloween midterm break
	To promote and sustain good governance standards within Belfast clubs				
6.1.1	2 clubs to attain clubmark accreditation			1	Sacred Heart BA
6.1.2	8 clubs to attain reaccreditation			0	ongoing
6.2	180 participants in good relations programme	0	0	0	This has went out for Halloween midterm break
	Funding to support competitive local and international events in Belfast				
7.1	Deliver 8 local events			0	Events for new season planned October 22 to March 23
7.2	Deliver 2 international events			0	Events for new season planned October 22 to March 24
7.3	150 male competitors		0	0	Events for new season planned October 22 to March 25
7.4	50 female competitors		0	0	Events for new season planned October 22 to March 26
7.5	50 visiting competitors		0	0	Events for new season planned October 22 to March 27
7.6	150 Belfast competitors		0	0	Events for new season planned October 22 to March 28
7.7	5 visiting officials		0	0	Events for new season planned October 22 to March 29
7.8	15 Belfast officials		0	0	Events for new season planned October 22 to March 30

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Subject:	Belfast City Youth Council Update
Date:	6 th December 2022
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Director Neighbourhood Services, CNS
Contact Officer:	Kelly Gilliland, Neighbourhood Services Manager Margaret Higgins, Lead Officer – Community Provision

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on the Belfast City Youth Council (BCYC) and recommend that the next scheduled special meeting of People and Communities committee with the youth council is postponed until February/March 2023.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the update on the Belfast City Youth Council and approve the recommendation that the next scheduled special meeting of People and Communities committee with the youth council is postponed until February/March 2023.
3.0	Main report
3.1	In September, members were provided with an update in relation to the recruitment of the Council's Children & Young People's Co-ordinator (C&YP Co-ordinator) and the impact that this vacancy had had on the operation of the Belfast City Youth Council (BCYC). Members approved an officer request to postpone the special committee meeting with BCYC from October until 20 th December 2022.

3.2	The current cohort of BCYC have not had the opportunity to meet consistently and identify their priorities for the incoming term. Officers highlighted in the September report that the BCYC would need to have the dedicated support of the C&YP Co-ordinator in order to prepare them for the Special committee meeting.
3.3	Unfortunately, due to the requirement for pre-employment checks to be completed prior to taking up post, the newly appointed co-ordinator did not commence employment with Council until the beginning of November. Since then, he has been engaging with the Youth Council membership, but they are currently not in a position to take part in the special Committee meeting in December.
3.4	The next scheduled meeting between the youth council and committee is not until Monday 26th June 2023. If members are content, officers will arrange a special committee meeting in late February/early March and will also arrange a meeting with the Youth Champions of each party and the youth council before that meeting takes place. This will allow the co-ordinator ample time to rebuild relationships with youth council members, identify their needs and priorities for the incoming year, and prepare and support them to be able to actively participate in the rearranged meeting.
3.5	<p>Financial & Resource Implications</p> <p>There are no financial or resource implications</p>
3.6	<p>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</p> <p>There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications of this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None



Subject:	Leisure management contract governance and performance reporting
Date:	6 th December 2022
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Noel Munnis, Partnership Manager

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To present proposals for reporting on performance and contract compliance in relation to GLL and the leisure management contract.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed contract compliance and performance report schedules presented below at 3.5, 3.6 and in Appendices 1 and 2. To consider the recommendation that GLL only attend committee meetings as required to present or be available to respond to queries in relation to specific reports or topics.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	In November 2020 SP&R agreed to review the tri-partite leisure model and the Active Belfast Limited (ABL) Board, including its membership and governance arrangements. Terms of

	<p>reference were approved in June 2021 and First Point Management and Consultancy Limited were appointed to conduct the review.</p> <p>The final review report was presented to the SP&R Committee on 25th March 2022. After consideration the committee approved Option 3 as the preferred way forward. Namely, to bring Contract Compliance and Performance Monitoring of GLL back into the Council and commence the winding up of ABL. The committee decision was subsequently ratified by Council on 4th April.</p> <p>ABL has been dormant since 6th June and will remain so until formally dissolved.</p> <p>Contract compliance, performance management and financial transactions have been managed through City and Neighbourhood Services (CNS) (previously as Parks & Leisure) since the contract with GLL commenced on 1st January 2015. Until June 2022 reports were present to ABL and into Council through SP&R. On 18th November SP&R agreed that future governance and reporting would be through the People and Communities Committee (P&C). The decision was ratified by Council on 1st December.</p> <p>Proposals for committee consideration include general oversight arrangements, periodic reports, key performance indicators, budgets and financial transactions and audit/risk assurances.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Outcomes and proposals</u></p> <p>This paper sets out proposed report schedules for governance and performance monitoring of the leisure management contract. The process will be delivered through CNS including the preparation of committee reports.</p> <p>CNS will continue to gather and collate contract compliance evidence and performance data as previously required for reporting through ABL.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Committee reporting and governance overview</u></p> <p>Following the decision to bring management of the GLL leisure contract back under direct Council control, all related reports will be presented through the P&C committee.</p> <p>An extensive schedule of reports is defined within the conditions of contract. An established schedule has evolved since 2015 and is now well established. Contract governance and performance reporting mechanisms have always been subject to review by the Council's Audit, Governance & Risk unit.</p>

3.5	<p><u>Contract compliance</u></p> <p>CNS takes the central role in collating information and works with Corporate H&S, Corporate finance, Audit, Governance and Risk Services and BCC Legal Services to review and present assurances.</p> <p>Contract compliance requirements are set out within the legally binding contract between BCC and GLL. As these contractual requirements will remain unchanged, it is proposed that the same suite of check mechanisms and assurance reports be retained as part of direct Council governance procedures. For example, existing mechanisms include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Assurances on key BCC/GLL policy alignments b) Health and Safety (including Safeguarding) reporting c) Timelines for submission of key annual proposals around, pricing, programming, marketing and promotion, sports development, community engagement, etc.
3.6	<p><u>Performance reporting</u></p> <p>Periodic performance report measures and formats have evolved since contract commencement in January 2015. The current scorecard format has provided consistent and comparable management information for the last four years. Nine key performance indicators (KPI's) are presented under the following three themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Business (financial) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Labour cost recovery - Expenditure recovery - Cost per visit b) Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre-Paid monthly membership net gain - Pay & Play membership net gain - Swim School membership net gain c) Occupancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Main hall occupancy to capacity ratio - Studio occupancy to capacity ratio - Synthetic Pitch occupancy to capacity ratio

	<p>A sample scorecard (quarter 1 2022/23 example) is presented at Appendix 1. Quarterly scorecards present current quarter, last quarter, same quarter last year and current year to date data for comparative purposes.</p> <p>The above KPI's present a solid overview of contract performance. All three themes are accepted within the wider leisure industry as key drivers of overall performance.</p> <p>To provide the above, CNS would continue to collate more detailed data, beyond the nine listed KPI's, which would be retained on file should additional or more specific ad-hoc performance analysis be requested.</p>
3.7	<p>It is recommended that contract compliance and performance reports be presented at a strategic level to Committee on a six-monthly basis presented in November and May. This would allow for sufficient time to collate and verify management information data related to the preceding six-month periods of April to September and October to March.</p> <p>Additional annual reports requiring approval by specific dates will be presented as set out below in the Appendix 2.</p> <p>Given the timeline around the transfer of contract governance from ABL to Council, the first report covering April to September 2022 will be presented to committee in January 2023. The routine biannual report cycle (November and May) will resume from May 2023.</p> <p>CNS would continue to collate monthly management information data on a centre-by-centre level. Unless otherwise requested, six monthly committee reports would be presented at a strategic overall service level supported by centre specific performance examples where appropriate.</p> <p>An annual report schedule is presented for consideration below at Appendix 2. The schedule reflects the sequence of reports historically presented through ABL.</p>
3.8	<p><u>Summary</u></p> <p>Members are requested to consider the contract compliance and performance report schedule proposals set out above and below in Appendices 1 and 2.</p> <p>Key elements of the proposed schedule are:</p> <p>a) Six monthly reports on contract compliance and performance at a strategic level.</p>

	<p>b) Annual reports on specific issues requiring approval by defined dates as set out in the conditions of contract.</p> <p>c) CNS will continue to gather detailed data and will present all reports to P&C committee.</p> <p>d) At members discretion GLL will be available to attend meetings to respond to questions relating to relevant reports.</p> <p>Members are requested to consider:</p> <p>The proposed contract compliance and performance report schedules presented above at 3.5, 3.6 and below in Appendices 1 and 2.</p> <p>The recommendation that GLL attend committee meetings as required to present or be available to respond to queries in relation to specific reports or topics.</p> <p><u>Communications & Public Relations</u></p>
3.9	None
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.10	None
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.11	None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 Blank Sample KPI Scorecard
	Appendix 2 Proposed annual report schedule

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APPENDIX 1

Blank sample KPI scorecard (quarter 1 2022/23 example)

OVERALL SERVICE

BUSINESS					Movement Comparisons		
	KPI	Measure	Actual	Q1	Last Q	Q1 LY	21/22 YTD
1	Labour Cost Recovery	Income	£0				
		Labour cost	£0				
2	Expenditure Recovery	Expenditure	£0				
		Income	£0				
3	Cost Per Visit	Throughput					
		Expenditure	£0				

MEMBERSHIP					Movement Comparisons		
	KPI	Measure	Actual	Q1	Last Q	Q1 LY	21/22 YTD
4	Pre-Paid M'ship Net Gain	Pre-paid m'ships					
		Quarter start point					
5	Pay & Play M'ship Net Gain	Pay & play m'ships					
		Quarter start point					
6	Swim School M'ship Net Gain	Swim School m'ships					
		Quarter start point					

OCCUPANCY					Movement Comparisons		
	KPI	Measure	Actual	Q1	Last Q	Q1 LY	21/22 YTD
7	Main Hall Occupancy to Capacity Ratio	Main hall occupancy					
		Main hall capacity					
8	Studio Occupancy to Capacity Ratio	Studio occupancy					
		Studio capacity					
9	3G Pitch Occupancy to Capacity Ratio	Pitch occupancy					
		Pitch capacity					

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APPENDIX 2

Proposed annual report schedule

1. Policy and procedure alignment reports covering:
(To be presented annually in May)
 - a. Equality & Diversity
 - b. Health & Safety (including safeguarding)
 - c. Human Resources
 - d. Emergency Support & PSNI/BCC Public Safety
2. Quarterly Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Reports covering:
(To be presented biannually in November and May)
 - a) Business (financial)
 - Labour cost recovery
 - Expenditure recovery
 - Cost per visit
 - b) Membership
 - Pre-Paid monthly membership net gain
 - Pay & Play membership net gain
 - Swim School membership net gain
 - c) Occupancy
 - Main hall occupancy to capacity ration
 - Studio occupancy to capacity ratio
 - Synthetic Pitch occupancy to capacity ratio

The above KPI's and report format are subject to annual review and amendment.

3. Six monthly reports on key business areas and shared priorities:
(To be presented biannually in November and May)
 - a. Facility management & centre inspection report
 - b. Healthwise and Physical Activity Referral programmes
 - c. 3G Pitch Utilisation & Business Performance
4. Annual reports on key business areas and shared priorities:
(To be presented annually in April)
 - a. Community Engagement
 - b. Underrepresented Target Groups
5. GLL periodic review updates and proposals covering:
 - a. GLL Annual service report for previous year
(To be presented annually April)
 - b. GLL Annual schedule of charges review proposal for following year
(To be presented annually in October)
 - c. GLL Annual review customer survey outcomes
(To be presented annually in April)

The above reports would be prepared by CNS and presented as routine reports to Committee. To maintain and demonstrate effective governance, while controlling the volume of reports being presented to committee, the above suite of reports would be packaged with the aim of presenting leisure contract related reports at four specific monthly meetings in each year. Namely April, May, October and November

CNS would continue to collate contract management data on a much broader and more detailed level. Additional ad-hoc reports on specific areas of interest could be prepared and presented on request.



Subject:	Belfast City Airport Request – Bird Strike Management at Victoria Park: Implications to Air Safety
Date:	6 th December 2022
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Stephen Leonard, Neighbourhood Services Manager

Restricted Reports	
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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of the report is for Members to consider a request from The George Best Belfast City Airport (GBBCA) to gain access to Victoria Park to continue habitat modifications to mitigate the risk of bird strike. This is part of an ongoing control programme in line with their Wildlife Hazard Assessment and the Civil Aviation Authority licensing requirements.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to agree to the request from George Best Belfast City Airport to grant them access under licence to Victoria Park to facilitate rookery management in particular further winter nest removal and nest site discouragement in Mid-January 2023.</p> <p>If agreed the licence will permit works to commence in early January and end on 31st January 2023 and permit GBBCA thereafter to carry out monitoring until 31st March 2023 (subject to the terms and conditions).</p>

	Members are advised that any decision to grant this permission is subject to legal agreement that would be developed by the Councils Legal Services Department and will include a requirement to ensure that any works are permissible and the required NIEA licence and consents are in place.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Members should be aware that control of birds in the flight path to the airport is a requirement of the airport's Civil Aviation Authority licence. In line with GBBCA's national aerodrome license requirements and associated guidance material presented in CAP772: Wildlife Hazard Management at Aerodromes, the airport is required to identify sources of risk and to reduce and maintain risk to an acceptable level in compliance with the Civil Aviation Authority licensing requirements.
	<u>Rooks</u>
3.2	Members will recall granting a similar request for rookery management at the December 2021 meeting of this committee. GBBCA report that post breeding rookery management conducted last year seen a further reduction in nesting rooks the following spring and a redistribution of nests to another location within Victoria Park. With progress made and still potential for the rookery to expand, the airport has identified the need to follow up with another session of winter nest removal and nest site discouragement. The proposed works to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The removal of old rook nests to take place during the Works Period; 2. Any necessary thinning of sheltering pines, structural pruning of preferred nesting trees, and reducing shelter from ivy.
3.3	GBBCA will appoint a suitable contractor with previous experience to undertake the work.
3.4	If members are content, officers will review the submitted risk assessment and insurance certificates in line with procedure and work with Legal Services to issue the requested licence. The licence will include relevant conditions to ensure that the airport confirm that all work is permissible, and any required licences are in place to allow work to take place within the required timescales. The licence will also place an onus on the airport to ensure that health and safety measures are implemented, essential signage is assembled, one-way systems are established where necessary.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.5	GBBCA will be responsible for any costs associated with the request.

	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.6	None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Supporting Vulnerable People impacted by Cost-of-Living
Date:	6 December 2022
Reporting Officer:	John Tully, Director of City and Organisational Strategy David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services Lisa Caldwell, Director of External Affairs, Communications & Marketing.
Contact Officers:	Kevin Heaney, Head of Inclusive Growth and Anti-Poverty Kelly Gilliland, Neighbourhood Services Manager

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To provide P&C Committee with an update on plans to support vulnerable people and families impacted by the cost-of living crisis and who are at risk of negative health and social impacts of living in cold homes.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. note the Council's expanding role in supporting vulnerable people/households impacted by the cost-of-living crisis ii. note the work underway to bring forward a programme of warm hubs (Warm Welcome / Warm Spaces) in Council assets and facilities during this winter period iii. consider the civic leadership and convening role of the Council in bringing together a citywide programme of similar support and in helping raise awareness and signposting to such facilities

	iv. note the support provided by the MarCom's team in helping to raise awareness and promote the support available including the development and rollout of the #BelfastTogether narrative.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	Households and vulnerable individuals are experiencing the perfect storm, emerging from a Covid-19 pandemic, growing pressures on household incomes and unprecedented increases in gas and electricity bills. The impacts of fuel poverty are felt in a wide range of ways, on physical and mental health, household finances, the economy and ultimately on people's quality of life. Despite the hard work of many agencies across the statutory, community, voluntary and private sectors, the impact of fuel poverty is intensifying within Belfast and the wider region.
3.2	It is important to highlight the growing pressures and demand on referrals to existing support schemes including the Affordable Warmth Scheme and the Belfast Warm and Well programme both of which are already exceeding capacity and we are still to enter the winter period. The Warm and Well programme has experienced a 300% growth in demand since it was first established.
3.3	Members will be aware of the recent decision taken by the SP&R Committee to allocate £1m towards a fuel hardship scheme across the city. Council officers are also engaging with the Department for Communities to explore what support can be brought forward for those most need during this winter period.
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.4	Members may be aware of the growing focus across the UK whereby public, voluntary and faith organisations are utilising local community assets and facilities as 'warm hubs' which are open for people to go to keep warm and often to refreshments and to take part in social activities. This initiative is being brought forward at pace in response to the inability of people and families to heat their home this winter.
3.5	Whilst recognising that 'warm hubs' should not be seen as an alternative to providing households with adequate resources to make heating their homes affordable, there is a growing number of councils across Northern Ireland who are already bringing forward similar plans for either setting up, supporting or highlighting/signposting the locations for 'warm hubs'. Whilst not a new concept, as we enter the forthcoming winter months, this is a practical step to support people in communities who need it the most.

3.6	Within Belfast, the concept of warm hubs (or Warm Welcome/Spaces) is building momentum with a number of key services including, from a Council perspective, our leisure and community centres, putting in place plans to have locations within their facilities as warm hubs which will be made available for people to avail of during the colder months.
3.7	Work is also underway to programme a series of activities and events within these facilities (e.g. tea clubs, homework clubs, classes, wellness programmes etc) to encourage attendance and broaden the scope (to reduce stigma and encourage longer-term engagement). Discussions are also ongoing with other key statutory agencies and community service providers including NI Libraries, Museums, the Public Health Authority and Area Partnership Boards in relation to their plans/proposals. Officers have also utilised established community planning networks to gather information on relevant local initiatives which may be planned
3.8	Whilst the Council has a direct role in providing such facilities, it can also use its leadership and convening role to help coordinate a citywide programme and help identify, raise awareness and signpost to locations which may be available across the city through multiple platforms and channels. Members to note that officers are currently pulling together a short and easy-to-read information booklet which will outline the range of key support services available as well as advice, including energy savings tips, to help people mitigate the impacts of the cost-of-living crisis. Again, the intention would be that this information would be shared as widely as possible and using multiple channels.
	<u>Marketing and Communications</u>
3.9	Our Marketing and Communications team is providing comms support around a number of initiatives that Council is rolling out in response to the cost-of-living crisis. Some of the initiatives have been referred to above and seek to support communities/households in need - for example our 'warm spaces, warm welcomes' programme in leisure/community centres; extra programming in community centres to encourage people, particularly seniors, into our community centres; community advice sessions including energy saving advice; fuel stamps; age-friendly events, and the Fuel Hardship Scheme. It is also important to note that ongoing communications activity and messaging around the circular economy, employment academies and support for businesses – all relate back to Council supporting the city/communities during this time of crisis.
3.10	Similar to our communications approach during Covid, our Marcomms team is providing signposting for our residents and ratepayers to relevant third-party services and resources available to help with the cost-of-living crisis, including the 'warm spaces, warm welcomes' scheme being delivered by our leisure partners, GLL. In the latest edition of City Matters, we included a dedicated section on where to go for support and advice in relation to the cost-of-living crisis. We have also developed a #BelfastTogether narrative so that relevant information can be

	'badged' in a consistent, recognisable way. This is currently running across Council's social media channels, and we will continue to regularly review and update our web content.
3.11	Earlier this month, we launched our own programme of 'warm spaces, warm welcomes' in community centres, involving the Lord Mayor in Marcomms activity including the Lord Mayor's video blog, and our Marcomms activity has also been highlighting the positive work going on to support older people in our communities including information sessions and age-friendly events. We are planning more PR and Marcomms activity to promote this work and encourage citizen engagement in the coming weeks. Attached at Appendix 1 is some illustrative artwork developed for the upcoming drop-in sessions.
3.12	Members to note that a core group of internal officers from across council, including e.g. CNS, Climate and Community Planning will be brought together to ensure that the internal consideration and operational planning of future support is coordinated and synergies maximised. MarCom's will continue to provide advice, support and leadership on the associated comms and how this can fit with the #BelfastTogether narrative.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.13	The financial implications contained within this report will be funded through existing departmental budgets and/or through possible financial or in-kind contributions from partners towards programming activity.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Implications</u>
3.14	None
4.0	<u>Appendices – Documents Attached</u>
	Appendix 1: Illustrative Artwork

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Community information drop-in sessions

Residents will be able to access information on:

- our small grants scheme
- warm spaces
- keeping warm and well through the winter and more.

Sessions are **FREE** to attend with light refreshments also available.

Avoniel Leisure Centre	Monday 5 December 12.30pm to 1.30pm	Tel: 07585959042
Cregagh Community Centre	Monday 5 December 5.30pm to 6.30pm	Tel: 07585959042
Glen Community Centre	Monday 28 November 10am to 12.30pm	Tel: 07880447098
Girdwood Community Centre	Wednesday 30 November 10.30am to 2.30pm	Tel: 07500911648
Olympia Leisure Centre	Wednesday 7 December 10am to 12pm	Tel: 07825141098

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Subject:	Pitch Partner Agreements Quarterly Update
Date:	6 th December 2022
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Cate Taggart, Neighbourhood Services Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This report is to provide an update on progress regarding implementation of Partner Agreements for July – September 2022.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to note the progress to date at Partner Agreement sites.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Legal Agreements Council agreed to enter into Partner Agreements at the following sites with the clubs identified below.

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3.2	The Agreements are for an initial period of 5 years with an option to extend, subject to satisfactory performance by the Agreement holders. The Department has extended all of the Agreements beyond the initial 5 year period.																	
3.3	Council is currently developing a new policy regarding the management of assets within the community with a pilot being delivered across a number of sites. One of the sites included in the initial pilot is Ulidia Playing Fields and this site has been assessed using the pilot approach. At their meeting in October, Strategic Policy and Resources committee endorsed this committee’s recommendation to transfer the existing Partner Agreement at Ulidia to a long-term lease. It is anticipated that, following review of the CAT pilot process, a number of the sites listed above may also be made available for consideration under new management arrangements. Until that time, and to ensure continuity of service provision, it is intended that the remaining existing Partner Agreements continue until new arrangements are put in place.																	
3.4	Regular checks on the necessary Insurance, Health and Safety and building operations and governance have been completed at all sites.																	
3.5	Quarterly reporting on Safeguarding, Finance and Performance in in place with the reporting documents amended in accordance with audit requirements and sent to partners one month in advance of reporting deadlines. All partners are compliant with regards to reporting requirements.																	
3.6	Financial Support to deliver Sports Development Plans																	

	<p>Successful applicants submitted their plans in early 2022 to improve sports development outcomes at each site in the 2022 – 2023 financial year. Funding of up to £20,000 per annum is available for each partner to deliver a programme supporting their Sports Development Plan. Letters of offer to all partners are based on approved sports development plans for the financial year. Partners must submit Sports Development plans annually which are aligned to the financial planning calendar for the incoming year.</p>				
3.7	<p>Monitoring</p> <p>A calendar of regular monitoring meetings are in place with OSS managers, the Leisure Development Manager and Sports Development Officer. The 2022/23 action plans are reviewed and agreed with the partners during these discussions to ensure that planned outcomes are achieved and improvements identified where required.</p>				
3.8	<p>Sports Development Impact</p> <p>In line with Council objectives, the diversification of use and improved sports development impact are priorities at the Partner Agreement sites. Programme delivery has led to significant positive achievements across the sites. The table below indicates outputs at the sites as reported by the 7 partners for Quarter 2 (July-September) 2022/23.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="260 1167 1444 1975"> <tr> <td data-bbox="260 1167 986 1574"> <p>A. Participation type</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Members of different codes People with a Disability People from a minority ethnic background Females Older people Schools / youth organisations </td><td data-bbox="986 1167 1444 1574"> <p>6100 people</p> <p>539 people</p> <p>2595 people</p> <p>3360 people</p> <p>2108 people</p> <p>7 schools /groups</p> </td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="260 1574 986 1975"> <p>B. Participation usage</p> <p>Number of full pitch/adult matches on site</p> <p>Number of full pitch/adult match participations</p> <p>Number of small sided/youth matches on site</p> <p>Number of youth match participations</p> <p>Number of training sessions held on site</p> <p>Number of training session participants</p> <p>Number of other bookings / activities on site</p> </td><td data-bbox="986 1574 1444 1975"> <p>237 matches</p> <p>6,488 users</p> <p>225 matches</p> <p>8077 users</p> <p>559 sessions</p> <p>20,232 participants</p> <p>59 bookings</p> </td></tr> </table>	<p>A. Participation type</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Members of different codes People with a Disability People from a minority ethnic background Females Older people Schools / youth organisations 	<p>6100 people</p> <p>539 people</p> <p>2595 people</p> <p>3360 people</p> <p>2108 people</p> <p>7 schools /groups</p>	<p>B. Participation usage</p> <p>Number of full pitch/adult matches on site</p> <p>Number of full pitch/adult match participations</p> <p>Number of small sided/youth matches on site</p> <p>Number of youth match participations</p> <p>Number of training sessions held on site</p> <p>Number of training session participants</p> <p>Number of other bookings / activities on site</p>	<p>237 matches</p> <p>6,488 users</p> <p>225 matches</p> <p>8077 users</p> <p>559 sessions</p> <p>20,232 participants</p> <p>59 bookings</p>
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	C. Partnership working	
	1. Working with Belfast City Council	All reported partnership working
	2. Sport's Governing Bodies	16 engaged
	3. Other teams / groups in your sport	23 teams / groups
	4. Other teams / groups in different sports	7 teams / groups
	5. Community / voluntary groups	5 community groups
	D. Social value	
	1. Young people at risk	1191 people
	2. Encourage participation of under- represented groups	2619 people
	3. Promote positive cross community relations	320 people
	4. Promote health and wellbeing in socially deprived communities	3157 people
	5. Promote Volunteering skills	33 people
	6. Develop skills that will improve employability	9 people
3.9	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> A total of £140,000 per annum is available within revenue estimates to support annual Sports Development Plans at the Partner Agreement sites.	
3.10	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None.	
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached	
	None	



Subject:	Cherryvale Gate Anti-Social Behaviour Measures update
Date:	6 December 2022
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Stephen Leonard Neighbourhood Services Manager Colin Willetts OSS Area Manager (East) Kathy Watters Neighbourhood Integration Manager (East)

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Is this report restricted?

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Some time in the future

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Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	<p>The purpose of the report is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update members on the Cherryvale gate opening resident/member engagement meetings. Present mitigations for approval and completion.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the detail discussed at the resident/member engagement meetings. Consider the mitigations discussed and grant approval for officers to move ahead with the works. Note ongoing engagement with DFI in reference to the crossing.

3.0	Main report
3.1	Following a decision at Council on 3 rd October 2022, officers and members from the Lisnasharragh DEA have completed a number of engagement meetings with residents interested in the opening of the gate at Cherryvale Playing Fields from Knockbreda Park and the proposed anti social behaviour mitigations.
3.2	Meetings were held on 21st October and 17 th November to accommodate residents and members attendance. Residents from 8 surrounding properties who were opposed to the gate opening were invited and 11 residents attended the discussions. A combined note of the meetings is attached at Appendix 1 for information. An updated timeline of committee decisions and engagement with residents has been attached as Appendix 2.
3.3	<p>Measures and key issues discussed are outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing –Additional fencing and the replacement of the inner gate was discussed and officers agreed to a site meeting with residents before installation. • It was communicated to residents that CCTV would not be installed but the Council is currently considering a CCTV policy which will inform any future decision in relation to this. • Lighting – this is not seen by council as a necessary mitigation. It is too costly and the gate will be closed at dusk in line with our parks opening hours. • Additional dog litter bins will be installed to facilitate increased dog walkers in the area. • Tree pruning carried out around the sub-station. • Increased park warden patrols following the opening of the gate and this would kept under review. Numbers would also be provided to residents to contact when they witnessed ASB.
3.4	<p>If such measures detailed above were implemented in order to manage anti-social behaviour concerns, the costs would be as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Litter bins - £800 • Erection of fencing around substation and rear of houses at Rosetta Park - £13,000 • Resurfacing of the triangle if land outside the current gate £4000.
3.5	At September Committee it was agreed that a letter would be sent to DFI (Appendix 3) requesting an update on the installation of the pedestrian crossing. A reply was received and a copy is attached at Appendix 4. Since receiving this letter, council officers have further engaged with DFI on the timeline for installation of the crossing. Initial feedback from DFI

	officers confirms that a recent survey confirms that due to the busy nature of the road, this crossing will be installed regardless of the gate opening. Council have agreed that this work should be completed before the opening of the gate.
3.6	When this matter was considered by members at its September meeting, officers were requested to produce a report on ASB in parks across the city and this information is currently being collated. Members should also note that following the opening of the gate that it was agreed that the area would be kept under review for a period of 6 months.
3.7	The committee is asked to note the engagement with residents and consider the reduced antisocial behaviour mitigations recommended for installation.
	Finance and Resource Implications
3.8	Operational arrangements can be accommodated within existing budgets.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment
3.9	An Equality & Rural Needs impact assessment of the proposal has been completed and no implications have been identified.
	Legal Services
3.10	A triangle of land exists between the gate and the footpath which officers had not yet been able to identify ownership of. The issue had been referred to Legal Services and is subject to further investigation in relation to title.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Notes from the two resident/member engagement session Appendix 2 – Updated timeline of decisions and engagements Appendix 3- Letter to DFI Appendix 4 – Response from DFI

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Cherryvale Gate Opening – Resident and Elected member discussions

Two meetings were held to discuss and agree the final remedial measures to mitigate against antisocial behaviour arising from the reopening of the gate at Cherryvale Playing Fields.

The meetings were held on 21st October and 17th November 2022.

The following points were discussed and agreed and will be circulated to attendees.

- The decision has been made to reopen the gate at Cherryvale Playing Fields. Council want to work with residents to agree mitigations that will be put in place to help address their concerns.
- The gate will not be opened until the crossing (DFI) and the agreed mitigations are put in place. This includes establishing the tenure of the unadopted section of land.
- The gate will be open from dawn to dusk in line with our parks opening hours.
- Lighting is not considered a necessary mitigation as the gate will be closed at dusk.
- Fencing has been agreed and will be discussed at a site meeting with residents.
- Issues with the gate which was installed in June this year will be investigated, and a second gate will be installed.
- Trees will be pruned back at the sub station.
- There will be increased park warden patrols following the opening of the gate and this will be kept under review.
- CCTV – Council is currently considering a CCTV policy which will inform any future decision in relation to this.
- Should Belfast City Council decide on 24hours opening for their parks, it will be a member decision if playing fields are included in this.
- Residents have been given elected member and council contact numbers (028 9032 0202) and advised to ring 101 to report incidents of concern.
- Park Warden teams cannot issue fines for dogs off leads.
- Noted that other councils have introduced legal exclusions where dogs are unallowed in playgrounds and playing fields. (Derry/Strabane and Lisburn/Castlereagh)
- If there is damage to property, it will be investigated on an individual basis. BCC cannot agree to pay for damages.
- Council officers have agreed to site visits with residents where necessary and continued engagement re timelines.
- Agreed site visit to residents property to agree on materials alongside the boundary on Knockbreda road side of gate.
- BCC Health and Safety personnel will carry out a risk assessment prior to opening.
- Belfast Agenda – Council is working to make our parks and open spaces safe, welcoming and accessible places that can be enjoyed by all.
- BCC officers will engage with DFI in reference to the crossing.
- Agreement that the gate opening will be kept under review.

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Timeline of Committee decisions and engagement - November 2022

P&C Committee	3rd March 2020	P&C agreement to commence consultation for opening of gate with immediate neighbours
P&C Committee	11th August 2020	Members agree to conduct a site visit at request of Councillor De Faoite to meet with various user groups to discuss any relevant issues regarding the playing fields.
Site Visit	3rd September 2020	Members were advised at the site visit that a survey had been sent to 100 neighbours within the immediate vicinity requesting their views
P&C Committee	8th September 2020	Councillor Kelly requested the survey be widened to incorporate additional residents. Following discussion, it was subsequently decided to extend the survey scope to a 400 metre radius (i.e. approximately within a 5 minute walk) from the gate.
P&C Committee	9th March 2021	<p>Results of the survey presented to members. Members agree in principle to gate reopening, subject to DfI road crossing being installed.</p> <p>The Committee, in reviewing the findings, asked that in an attempt to address the anti-social behaviour concerns, that an assessment be carried out in consultation with adjacent residents who might be affected on the possible options to prevent anti-social behaviour including new lighting options, anti-graffiti paint and anti-climb paint and additional fencing.</p>
ASB face to face Survey	May 2021	61 were offered opportunity to engage in consultation. (18 responded and three dropped out). Subsequently face to face surveys took place with 15 residents. The results of this survey were included in the draft report December 2021 – this has not been re-submitted to P&C Committee.
Most recent DfI engagement	November 2021	The Department for Infrastructure had identified three potential options for a traffic light system on Knockbreda Road, and in a discussion between council officers and DfI officers in mid-November, DfI notified Council that final plans relating to the second option.
EAWG	May 2022	<p>Noted the update on engagement and requested a more comprehensive asb profile for the park to be provided.</p> <p>Agreed that, subject to committee approval, fencing should be installed before the gate is</p>

		opened. Agreed that further engagement with residents take place.
P&C Committee	22nd September 2022	Results of the engagement surveys and site visits presented along with options for anti social behaviour mitigations and associated costs. Members noted the high costs associated with preventing asb in an area where asb levels are very low.
Full Council	3rd October 2022	Members agreed that further engagement should take place between residents and elected members from the Lisnasharragh DEA as a matter of urgency.
Member and resident engagement meeting	21st October 2022	Discussions took place with residents on the gate opening and asb mitigations.
Member and resident engagement meeting	17th November 2022	Discussions took place with residents on the gate opening and asb mitigations.

Legal and Civic Services Department

Democratic Services Section



Your reference

Being dealt with by Mrs Sara Steele

Our reference SS. P&C 22.09.2022

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Date 17th October, 2022

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Dear Minister,

Cherryvale Gate Anti-Social Behaviour Measures Consultation

At a meeting of the People and Communities Committee, held on 22nd September, the Committee discussed the reopening of the gate at Cherryvale Park and the agreed installation of the pedestrian crossing.

The Committee was advised that the installation of the pedestrian crossing was not scheduled to take place until after the gate had been reopened. This was discussed that the meeting and the Committee agreed, due to health and safety concerns, to write to the Department for Infrastructure seeking it to proceed with the installation of the pedestrian crossing prior to the gate being reopened.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

Sara Steele

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Democratic Services Officer

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CHERRYVALE GATE – KNOCKREDA ROAD

Thank you for your email dated 17 October 2022 to Infrastructure Minister, John O'Dowd, regarding the installation of a controlled pedestrian crossing on Knockbreda Road outside the back gate of Cherryvale Playing fields. As this is an operational matter I have been asked to respond.

I can advise that officials within the Department had previously been asked to look at the possible provision of a controlled crossing on Knockbreda Road in association with the Council's desire to open a back entrance onto Cherryvale playing fields.

The Department commissioned a study of the site and a preferred location was identified outside no 30 Knockbreda Road.

The detailed design of the crossing is underway and a safety audit has recently been commissioned to inform the design process.

However, I can confirm that residents living adjacent to the site of the proposed crossing have expressed considerable opposition to the proposal. As such the Department has been asked to liaise with the Council on if, and how, these objections might be satisfactorily overcome.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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Divisional Roads Manager

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Subject:	Requests for containerised storage at Falls Park and Sally Gardens
Date:	6 th December 2022
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, director Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Stephen Leonard, Neighbourhood Services Manager, CNS Jacqui Stewart, Assets Co-ordinator, CNS

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To advise and seek member support in dealing with two requests from soccer clubs for installation of containers on council land.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That members support the application for installation of a storage container by Belfast Celtic at Falls Park for their own use. This recommendation is based on the recent incidents of vandalism resulting in damage to the Club's equipment. That members do not support the request from Celtic Boys for installation of a container for their exclusive use at Sally Gardens on the basis that the requirements for storage at the wider site and the expectations of the broad range of users are not fully understood at this time.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That members make recommendations as appropriate to Strategic Policy and Resources committee regarding the agreements required to govern the installations approved. • That officers will recommence work on development of a policy to govern the use of containerised storage at CNS sites and whilst this is in development no further requests will be considered.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	Members may recall that in April of 2017 the committee received and approved a report from the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services establishing a management position in respect of the provision of containers and other storage accommodation on land owned and managed by Belfast City Council. The management position was adopted in the absence of any formal policy.
3.2	The Committee agreed that where it can be established that containers are required by a sports club for storage of essential equipment the Council will consider granting permission. Factors influencing decision making include consideration of proposed use, regularity of the use; appearance, size and access; in addition the sports club would be responsible for maintenance; obtaining appropriate public liability and building/content insurance and for installation and subsequent removal as well as the cost of any reinstatement required at the site.
3.3	A key factor in support of any approval is a pre-existing formal relationship between the club and the council at the site. Where existing relationships, governed by a legal agreement such as an FMA a lease or a partner agreement, are in place they provide a surety and leverage should the Terms and Conditions of use of any containerised facility be broken. It was agreed that where permission is to be granted it would be limited to the period of the existing agreement or would be for a period deemed reasonable by the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood services but not initially to exceed 2 years.
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.4	In the absence of a formal policy, City and Neighbourhood services departmental asset board have been managing containerised storage requests on this basis. Two requests have now come forward simultaneously which warrant consideration by members as they

	<p>sit outside the normal circumstances, ie. there is no existing agreement with the club at the site.</p>
3.5	<p>The first is a request from Belfast Celtic FC who are seeking permission to install at their expense, a storage container near the 3G pitch in Falls Park. The request comes because goalposts owned by the club but stored at the pitch, have been repeatedly broken and vandalised. There have been at least seven recorded incidents of antisocial behaviour leading to damage of the club's property and costing the club several hundreds of pounds in repair and replacement costs. Despite the efforts of council officers to curb the anti-social behaviours at the site the risk to the club's equipment remains. The council is not currently in a position to provide storage for the club's equipment and the club therefore are requesting permission to purchase and to house a storage container on council land to be able to safely store this equipment.</p>
3.6	<p>The club have no formal facility management or partner agreement for use of this site but, in common with other users, book the site through the normal council booking process. Belfast Celtic are the most frequent user of these pitches, their recent bookings amount to 43% of the total with the other 57% split across nine other users.</p>
3.7	<p>The second request has been made by Celtic Boys FC who have asked for permission to install a container at their own expense to house equipment on land in the car park adjacent to the pitch at Sally Gardens Community Centre. This club has no formal agreement with the council for use of the site other than through the standard booking process.</p>
3.8	<p>The pitch at Sally Gardens is subject to an agreement governed by the GAA joint management board. The board submit block booking requirements twice yearly and only once they have been put on the system can other sports including soccer make bookings on the site. Celtic Boys FC are one of 10 regular customers and their bookings represent 28% of the total with Oliver Plunkett FC being the most frequent user with bookings representing 32%.</p>
3.9	<p>In considering both of these requests the requirements and expectations of the broad range of site users need to be given consideration particularly in relation to any perceived opportunity for other users to request additional containers for their exclusive use.</p>

	<p>The CNS assets board is recommending that members support the application for installation of a storage container by Belfast Celtic at Falls Park for their own use. This recommendation is based on the recent incidents of vandalism resulting in damage to the Club's equipment. If supported the agreement would run for a maximum period of 2 years and align to the management position established by the 2017 committee decision as outlined in paragraph 3.2 of this report.</p>
3.10	<p>In considering the request by Celtic Boys FC at Sally Gardens the CNS asset board could find no immediately evident reason to warrant the installation of storage at the site for the exclusive use of this one club. On the basis that supporting the request may not best serve the requirements and expectations of the broad range of site users the board is recommending members do not grant the club's request at this time. However, given the significant physical changes ongoing at Sally Gardens in developing The Colin Healthy Living Centre officers propose a comprehensive review of storage requirements at the site to highlight any gaps in supply and identify solutions to best serve the needs of users across sports and community programming.</p>
3.11	<p>In considering these requests for containers and the nature of the equipment the clubs are seeking to store at council sites, officers have identified what may be a gap in provision. Some further work is required to fully understand the extent to which large non portable equipment, over and above that provided by council as a standard part of the booking, is required to support pitch use. Officers propose to review equipment provision and, if a gap exists, how such equipment might best be supplied and stored.</p>
3.12	<p>The current and other recent requests have also highlighted the weaknesses of operating under a management position and reinforce the need for development of a formal policy on provision of containers at council sites. Work on development of this policy, begun pre pandemic by the CNS policy and business development unit, had identified at least thirty five CNS sites utilising containers for storage, most sites with more than one container and the majority owned by site users rather than by council. Officers propose that this work, having been paused to allow CNS to focus on other priorities, is recommenced. Whilst this work is ongoing no further requests for installation of containerised storage by site users will be considered.</p>

3.13	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>In line with the position agreed in 2017 those clubs being authorised to place containerised storage on council land will be responsible for all costs associated with supply of the container, obtaining any necessary planning permission, obtaining appropriate public liability and contents insurance and for installation, maintenance and subsequent removal as well as the cost of any reinstatement required.</p> <p>Whilst both requests indicate that the clubs would meet all installation and operational costs and would be governed by a suitable agreement drafted with support of officers from the estates and legal team, it should be noted that compliance failures in the past have resulted in council being forced to remove facilities of this nature from sites and as a result council has incurred significant cost.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.14	None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Public Right of Way at Floral Park
Date:	6 th December 2022
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Cate Taggart, Neighbourhood Services Manage Duane Fitzsimons, Outdoor Recreation & Education Officer

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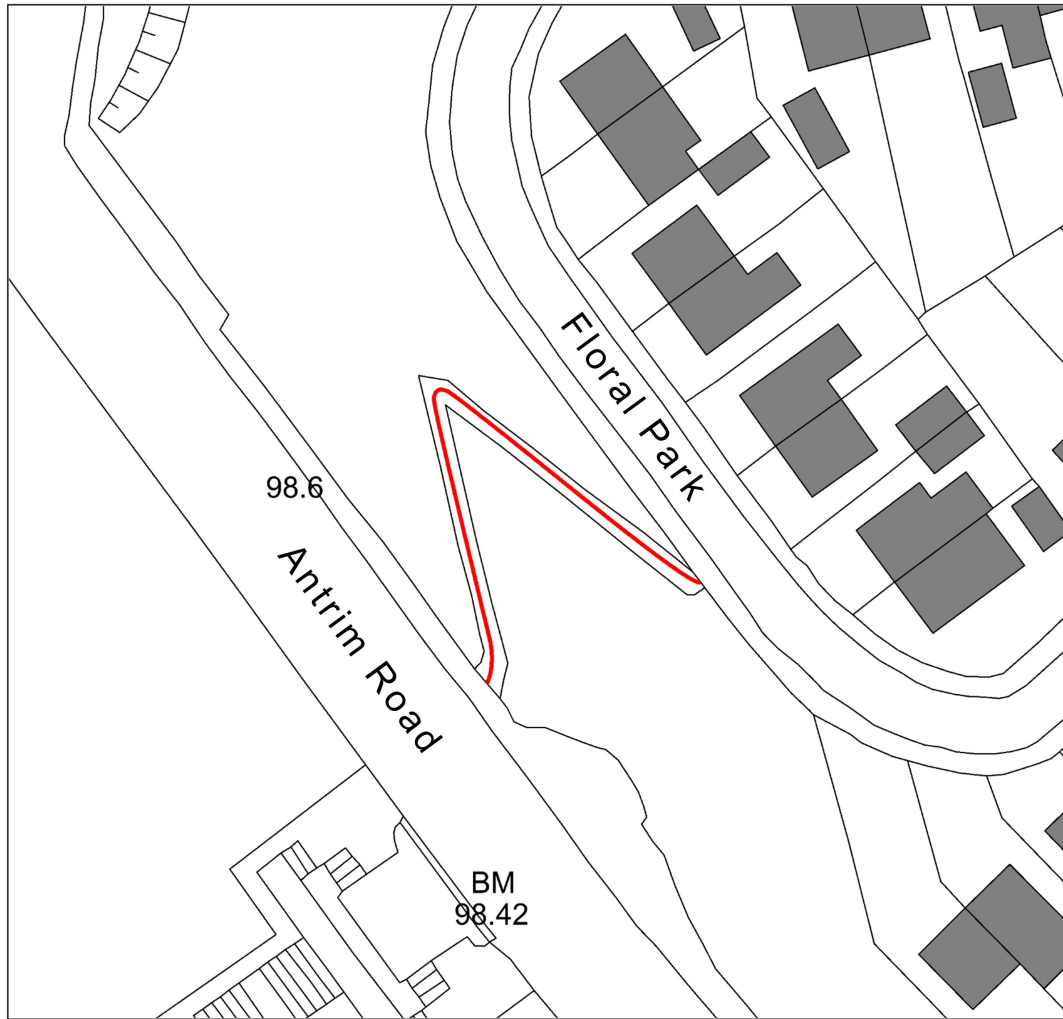
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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issue
1.1	Under the Article 3 of the Access to the Countryside Order (NI) 1983 all Local Councils have a duty to <i>...assert, protect and keep open and free from obstruction or encroachment any Public Right of Way.</i>
1.2	Application LA04/2021/0743/F received by Planning proposes to divert a public right of way from Floral Park to the Antrim Road. This route was investigated by Council in 2005 and was deemed to be a public right of way. However, at that time the proposed development

	did not proceed, and the assertion of the route did not take place. The Council have written to DAERA and been advised that the route can only be diverted to facilitate development after it has been asserted. Legal Services have been contacted and have advised that the route can be asserted using historic information.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give approval to assert the Public Right of Way from Floral Park to Antrim Road.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	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'.
3.2	In 2021 an application was received by the Council to develop land which a route, deemed by Legal Services as a public right of way, crosses. This route was previously investigated in 2005. However, despite a grant of planning permission being given, the development of the land did not proceed and the assertion was not undertaken by the Council. The current proposal includes a diversion of the existing route. The land in question has previously been granted planning permission and Planning is likely to be granted again.
3.3	Article 16 of the Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 gives the Department power to divert any public right of way where this is needed to enable compliance with a planning permission. The Council wrote to DAERA and were advised that the route can only be diverted after it has been asserted. Legal Services are satisfied that previous evidence supports the case for the route being a public right of way and that status cannot have changed since that time.
3.4	<p>For a Public Right of Way to exist at Common Law there are two essential elements,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Dedication by the owner of the soil b) Acceptance of the Right of Way by the public

3.5	Dedication by the Landowner can be either express or presumed. The vast majority of cases will turn on presumed dedication by the Landowner, as only very rarely will a Landowner expressly dedicate his lands as a Public Right of Way.
3.6	<p>The following evidence shows presumed dedication by the landowner;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The path was constructed through the amenity space by the developer providing a pedestrian link between Floral Park and Antrim Road. b) The route in question has been used 'as of right' by the general public. c) the use continued for a sufficient period to imply the owner intended to dedicate a Public Right of Way. d) The route connects two public places or places to which the public regularly resort e) That use has followed a more or less consistent line.
3.7	<p>Given the above assessment, members are asked to assert the route from Floral Park to Antrim Road as a Public Right of Way on foot.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p>
3.8	<p>There are no Financial or Resource implications.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments</u></p>
3.9	There are no Equality, Good Relations or Rural Needs Implications identified.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: Map of the route

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Floral Park to Antrim Road

Scale 1:500

Public right of way —

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Subject:	Proposal for dual language street signs
Date:	6 th December, 2022
Reporting Officer:	Ian Harper, Building Control Manager
Contact Officer:	Roisin Adams, Property and Legal Coordinator

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider an application for the erection of dual language street signs for an existing street within the City.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	This application was received prior to the implementation of the new dual language street signs policy and was considered under the old policy following consultation with the applicant. Under the old policy two thirds of the persons surveyed were required to support the proposal for a second street sign in a second language. As at least two thirds of the total numbers of persons surveyed in the street are in favour of the proposal to erect a second street nameplate in Irish at John Street, the Committee is recommended to approve the application.

3.0	Main report										
	<u>Key Issues</u>										
3.1	The power for the Council to consider applications to erect a second street nameplate in a language other than English is contained in Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995.										
3.2	Members are asked to consider the following application to erect a second street nameplate showing the name of the street expressed in a language other than English. The second language is Irish. This application was received by Building Control prior to the new dual language policy being implemented and was progressed under the old policy.										
3.3	<table><tr><th>English Name</th><th>Non- English Name</th><th>Location</th><th>Applicant</th><th>Persons surveyed</th></tr><tr><td>John Street</td><td>Sráid Eoin</td><td>Between Divis Street and Institution Place, BT12</td><td>Una McNulty, resident</td><td>42</td></tr></table>	English Name	Non- English Name	Location	Applicant	Persons surveyed	John Street	Sráid Eoin	Between Divis Street and Institution Place, BT12	Una McNulty, resident	42
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3.4	The translation was 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 street were carried out and the following responses were received.										
3.6	<p>John Street, BT12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 28 occupiers (66.67%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate• 2 occupiers (4.76%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate• 12 occupiers (28.57%) did not respond to the survey										
3.7	The Council’s old policy on the erection of a second street nameplate requires that at least two thirds (66.6%) of the occupiers surveyed must be in favour of the proposal to erect a second street sign in a language other than English.										

3.8	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £100 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>
3.9	<p>There are no direct equality/rural needs implications.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>

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