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**Belfast
City Council**

1st May, 2024

MEETING OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Thursday, 2nd May, 2024 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. Routine Matters

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

2. Restricted

- (a) Update on XL Bully Legislation (Pages 1 - 12)
- (b) Alleygates Phase V Consultation Update (Pages 13 - 74)
- (c) Six monthly Healthwise and Physical Activity Referral Programmes Update (Pages 75 - 82)
- (d) GLL Leisure Management Contract - six monthly update on contract compliance and performance (Pages 83 - 96)
- (e) Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Working Group Update (Pages 97 - 106)

- (f) Update on Events Social Value Levy Fund (Pages 107 - 110)

3. **Matters referred back from the Council/Motions**

- (a) Blanchflower Stadium - Preferential Use Agreement (Pages 111 - 116)

To consider further the minute of the meeting of 12th March (minute attached) which was referred back to the Committee by the Council on 8th April (minute attached)

4. **Committee/Strategic Issues**

- (a) Response from DAERA re "Rethinking Our Resources: Measures for Climate Action and a Circular Economy In NI" Consultation - seeking an extension (Pages 117 - 120)
- (b) People and Communities Committee Plan 2023/24 - End of Year Report (Pages 121 - 130)
- (c) People and Communities Committee Plan 2024/25 (Pages 131 - 152)

5. **Physical Programme and Asset Management**

- (a) Tullycarnet Bowling Pavilion - Keyholder Agreement (Pages 153 - 156)
- (b) Annual GLL policies and operational procedures alignment statement (Pages 157 - 160)
- (c) Proposal to name New Street (Pages 161 - 164)
- (d) Proposal for Dual Language Street Signage (Pages 165 - 168)

6. **Issues Raised in Advance by Members**

- (a) Provision of toilet facilities at Falls Park - Councillor M. Donnelly to raise
- (b) Public Health Nuisance of feeding pigeons - Councillor G. McAteer to raise
- (c) Books for Refugee Children living across Belfast - Councillor Bower to raise
- (d) Glentoran Football Pitch Request to address the Committee - Councillor Maghie to raise

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Extract from minutes of –

MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

12th March 2024

“Blanchflower Stadium – Preferential Use Agreement”

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues”

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of this Committee that the Preferential Use Agreement with Glentoran Football Club for the use of the second synthetic pitch at Blanchflower Playing Fields, expired on 1 December 2023.**
- 1.2 Outside the timeslots allocated to Glentoran the facility is very popular and continues to be fully booked from 6pm to 10pm Monday to Thursday by a wide range of youth and senior teams.**
- 1.3 On Friday evenings along with Saturday mornings and on Sunday the pitch is booked by South Belfast Youth League**
- 1.4 Council have been approached by several local, community based clubs who are unable to gain access to the pitch.**
- 1.5 There are a number of options for Council to consider regarding the future booking arrangements for this pitch:**

Option 1

To renew the Preferential Use Agreement with Glentoran Football Club

Option 2

To process all pitch bookings at the site following normal Belfast City Council procedures which is first come, first served.

Option 3

To work with local community based football clubs to develop an allocation model so that they all get access to the pitch on Monday to Thursday evenings. An example of a potential allocation model involving 8 clubs and the South Belfast Youth League is included at appendix 1

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Members of the Committee are asked to note that the Preferential Use Agreement with Glentoran Football Club for Blanchflower Playing Fields has ended

2.2 From 1 April 2024 it is suggested that Council should progress with Option 3.

Council Officers will meet with local clubs to develop an allocation model so that they all get access to the pitch on Monday to Thursday evenings (see appendix 1)

3.0 Main report

Background

3.1 In March 2018 Strategic Policy and Resources Committee directed officers to undertake research into the provision of suitable and convenient pitch facilities for Glentoran FC including its Youth Academy. Committee further accepted the East Area Working Group recommendation that a proposed capital programme to install a 3G pitch with floodlighting at King George V playing fields be replaced on the capital programme with a 3G pitch at Blanchflower Playing Fields.

3.2 People and Communities Committee of March 2019 agreed to upgrade facilities at King George V Playing Fields and offer a preferential Use Agreement for 5 years to Glentoran Youth Academy.

3.3 King George V playing fields are subject to a Deed of Covenant with Fields of Trust. Local residents had written to Fields in Trust in opposition to the proposed development of the site and management of bookings. Local residents also approached council officers protesting against the proposal on a number of grounds.

- 3.4 In the meantime significant investment in football facilities had taken place in East Belfast and in particular at Blanchflower Playing Fields where Council has developed two full size floodlit synthetic football pitches at Blanchflower Playing Fields. One of the pitches being directly managed and booked by Harland and Wolff Welders Football Club and the other managed and booked by Council
- 3.5 By 2019 the decision regarding the upgrade works had not been fulfilled approved Preferential Use Agreement at King George V Glentoran FC wrote to Council seeking approval for the previously approved Preferential Use Agreement at King George V playing fields to be transferred to Blanchflower playing fields.
- 3.6 Officers negotiated with Glentoran Football Club and an agreed timetable of priority use for Glentoran Football Club was produced, indicated in the table below. The timetable of use and the teams/sections from within the club using the pitch at these times were to be reflective of Glentoran Football Clubs commitment to growing the game in an inclusive way with significant usage by groups under-represented in sports participation.

Day	Times of Use
Monday	6:00pm-7:00pm 7:00pm -8:00pm
Tuesday	6:00pm-7:00pm 7:00pm -8:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm-7:00pm 7:00pm -8:00pm
Thursday	6:00pm-7:00pm 7:00pm -8:00pm
Friday	None
Saturday	None
Sunday	None

- 3.7 People and Communities Committee of 9 November 2021 agreed to offer a Preferential Use Agreement to Glentoran Football Club at Blanchflower Playing Fields for limited access to the site, as identified in the table above, for a period of two years. This agreement has now ended and there have been enquiries from a number of local youth teams with regards to being able to book this pitch for the slots currently allocated to Glentoran through this agreement.

3.8 Financial & Resource Implications

There are no additional resource implications associated with this report.

3.9 Equality Impact/Rural Needs Assessment

There are no equality or rural needs implications associated with this report.”

The Committee noted that the Preferential Use Agreement with Glentoran Football Club for Blanchflower Playing Fields had ended with effect from 1st April 2024 and agreed that the Council should progress with Option 3.

At the request of a Member, it was further agreed that officers would look to work with local community based football clubs to develop an allocation model which was fair and equitable for all users, to ensure that all clubs would get fair access to pitches throughout the week."

Extract from minutes of –

COUNCIL MEETING

8th APRIL 2024

Blanchflower Stadium – **Preferential Use Agreement**

Amendment 1

Moved by Councillor Lawlor,

Seconded by Councillor Bunting,

“That officers would look to work with local community-based football clubs and Glentoran Football Club to develop an allocation model, based on an assessment of need, so that they all get access to the pitch on Monday to Thursday evenings.”

On a vote by show of hands, eleven Members voted for the amendment and thirty-eight against and it was declared lost.

Amendment 2

Moved by Councillor Maghie,

Seconded by Councillor Murray and

Resolved - “That the Committee’s decision, that officers would look to work with local community-based football clubs to develop an allocation model which was fair and equitable for all users, to ensure that all clubs would get fair access to pitches throughout the week, would be brought back to the Committee for further consideration.”

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Subject:	Response received from DAERA re “Rethinking Our Resources: Measures for Climate Action and a Circular Economy In NI” Consultation
Date:	2nd May, 2024
Reporting Officer:	Stephen Leonard, Director OSSS & Resources and Fleet
Contact Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To note the correspondence received from Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the correspondence as set out in the report.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Committee will recall that, at the People and Communities Committee meeting held on 9th April, 2024, it was agreed to write to the Minister responsible for the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs asking for an extension to the closing date for responses to the consultation on <i>Rethinking Our Resources: Measures for Climate Action and a Circular Economy In NI</i> .
3.2	The Committee is advised that a response has been received from Ms Katrina Godfrey, Permanent Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.
3.3	In her response she advises that she has already communicated to all Council Chief Executives the news that Minister Muir has already agreed to extend the closing date for responses to the consultation until 5.00 pm on 27th June, 2024. It will unfortunately not be possible to grant a further extension but she hopes that this extra period of time will be helpful for the Council.
3.4	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> None associated with this report.
3.5	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Response from Ms Katrina Godfrey, Permanent Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

From the Permanent Secretary
Katrina Godfrey



Department of
**Agriculture, Environment
and Rural Affairs**

An Roinn

**Talmhaíochta, Comhshaoil
agus Gnóthaí Tuaithe**

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25 April 2024

Dear Sara

**'RETHINKING OUR RESOURCES: MEASURES FOR CLIMATE ACTION AND A
CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN NI CONSULTATION**

Thank you for your letter of 19 April 2024 asking for an extension to the closing date for responses to our consultation on *Rethinking Our Resources: Measures for Climate Action and a Circular Economy in NI*.

I have already communicated to all council chief executives the news that Minister Muir has already agreed to extend the closing date for responses to the consultation until 5pm on 27 June 2024. It will unfortunately not be possible to grant a further extension but I do hope that this extra period of time will be helpful for your council.

Yours sincerely

KATRINA GODFREY

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Subject:	2023-24 People and Communities Committee Plan End of Year Update
Date:	2 nd May 2024
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Ann-Marie Mervyn, Performance and Improvement Manager Mark Challis, Performance and Improvement Officer

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

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/Summary of Main Issues

1.1	This paper provides a year end progress update on the key actions contained in the 2023-24 People and Communities (P&C) Committee Plan, as agreed by the Committee in October 2023.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the content of the year end progress report against the agreed actions within the 2023-24 People and Communities Committee Plan.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Members will be aware that the 2023-24 P&C Committee Plan was agreed at the Committee meeting in October 2023.
3.2	The plan locates priorities within the framework of the relevant Belfast Agenda themes (Our Services; Economic Recovery; Community Recovery; Environmental Recovery; Strategic Planning Frameworks; and Organisational Foundations) and the CNS Departmental key priority areas (Open Spaces & Streetscene; Community Provision; City Protection and Bereavement; and Resources & Fleet).
3.3	While the October 2023 report noted that it is likely many of these areas of focus will take several years to deliver, it detailed the key deliverables and priorities for 2023-24.
3.4	The Committee has received specific reports on a number of these priorities, and some are included in the Council's 2023-24 Improvement Plan, though this report provides an end of year progress update regarding all the priorities, as was proposed in the October paper.
3.5	The table in Appendix 1 provides detail and commentary on the progress of all 36 actions. It sets out the work undertaken by the Department to deliver the key priorities, to the end of Q4 2023/24 (ie the end of March 2024). 36 actions were identified across the Department's three Directorates. Of these, 1 has been completed (marked 'blue' in the table), 33 are currently on track (marked 'green'), 2 are considered at risk and are slightly delayed (marked 'amber').
3.6	The Committee is reminded of the resource, capacity and resilience pressures on the City and Neighbourhood Services Department experienced during 2023-24. Recent recruitment exercises have provided some additional resources which will assist with the progress of those actions currently considered to be delayed, though it is anticipated that some of these actions will be carried into the 2024-25 Department Business Plan where completion is more realistically achievable.
3.7	The Department intends to bring a further report detailing the 2024-25 Committee Plan to a subsequent P&C Committee meeting.
3.8	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The Committee Plan and annual programme of work aligns with the budget agreed by Strategic Policy & Resources Committee through the rate setting process in January for 2023-24 for the People and Communities Committee of £98.901m.</p>
3.9	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>

	There are no implications directly relating to this report however individual strategies and plans will be subject to the council's equality, good relations and rural needs requirements.
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – People & Communities Committee 2023-24: Q4 update on key priorities

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Resources and Fleet Directorate Actions		
Strategic Theme: Performance		
Action	BRAG Q4	Comments
Agree a digital/technological solution for waste collections, to integrate the customer experience, improve speed and quality of service and optimise routing and efficiency		Tender exercise to be launched Q1 2024/25 potential contract award Q3 2024/25.
Strategic Theme: Place		
Agree council approach to funding for a fleet replacement strategy in order to transition to an alternative fuel		Exercise complete for 85% transition of council fleet to alternative or greener fuels.
Agree the way forward for the expansion separate Glass Collection services		SOC submitted to Financial Oversight Board to be considered for funding as part of Capital Programme. Funding bid submitted to DAERA Household Waste Collaborative Change Programme.
Agree the way forward for the expansion of the Kerbside Sortation model for recycling		Kerbside sortation model for recycling report submitted to Waste Programme Board – options being considered by CX as to way forward.
Develop proposal for single use plastics policy for the Council		Final draft SUP Policy has been received from consultant. This has been presented to CNS DMT and to the Climate Board. Next steps are presentation (by CNS Director) to CMT and also to P&C Committee. Governance arrangements and action plan to be agreed.
Review and make recommendations on the pilot activity to support the circular economy projects		To promote a circular economy, Paint Reuse Scheme Phase 1 completed, phase 2 implementation due Q1 24/25. Laptop scheme is ongoing.

City Services Directorate Actions		
Strategic theme: Performance		
Action	BRAG Q4	Comments
Review BCC Port Health IT systems requirements in context of emerging EU/UK system solutions and IT automations under development regionally and nationally to support NI Protocol implementation and service functionality		Ongoing - a review of Port Health IT system requirements has resulted in a 'one system approach' being developed where feasible with partners including DAERA, FSA and other NI Councils. This will incorporate BCC functionality requirements and to provide a more streamlined process for industry. Further work to develop and enhance IT systems will be required in 2024/25.
Recruit and retain sufficient staff to deliver the Port Health service		Ongoing - Recruitment campaigns in 2023/24 filled a number of vacant posts including EHOs, Technical Support Officers and Port Health support assistants. The number of vacant posts is currently reduced enabling the service to deliver its statutory obligations, however a focus remains on securing a long term funding and delivery model to provide a more sustainable basis upon which to attract and retain staff.
Work with DAERA and FSA to develop a sustainable funding model to secure necessary funding for the Port Health service, and obtain assurance for the 2024/25 financial year as a priority		BCC Funding bids for 2024/25 were submitted to FSA and DAERA for inclusion in Departmental Commissioning bids to Dept of Finance. Windsor Framework implementation is taking place in phases up to late 2025 and this may include some element of cost recovery via fees/charges for official controls on GB goods

		destined for Republic of Ireland, entering via Northern Ireland Points of Entry (red lane). Councils have not yet been engaged by Central Competent Authorities (DEFRA, FSA, DAERA) in this work and it is not yet clear at what point the long term funding model will be finalised by UK Government.
Review and update the resourcing/staffing model to reflect any new arrangements for the NI Protocol following UK/EU discussions		The Windsor Framework took effect from 1 st October 2023, and a further command paper published in February 2024. Windsor Framework implementation is taking place in phases up to late 2025. A review of the resourcing and staffing model for Port Health will take place once the impacts and longer term requirements of the Windsor Framework, and longer term funding model are more fully understood.
Consider options to identify a resource to review the Pest Control appointment system		The Service Design Project for Pest Control was completed in December 2023. Several workstreams were identified, developed and delivered with the appointment system and area working workstreams to commence. The appointment system is now included in the Case Management System replacement specification and area working will be resolved at implementation stage.
Continue to work towards responsible dog ownership, engaging with all Council internal stakeholders		The Service Design Project for the Dog Warden Service was completed in September 2023. We continue to work in conjunction with colleagues in EEOT; Communications, Marketing and External Affairs and OSS in the delivery of our plan.
Continue to develop the Bereavement Transition and Improvement plan		Bereavement Transition & Improvement plan implementation ongoing. Crematorium structural review moving to implementation phase. A growth proposal for 5xFTE cemeteries staff at Roselawn has been agreed for 24/25. These posts are going out to recruitment in April.
Continue to work with the Department for Infrastructure on taking forward the Belfast off-street Parking Order for the city		Now that an Executive is in place this is a project of work to be progressed during 2024/25.
To explore community arrangement with external providers to assist ambitions for heritage tourism within the context of the tourism strategy for historical cemeteries and city cemetery visitor centre to increase visibility and footfall.		Operating model at City Cemetery Visitor Centre considered by CMT, Strategic Cemeteries & Crematorium Working Group and People & Communities Committee during Q4 of 23/24. More information requested by one of the Members on the proposal. The matter will again be considered by the Strategic Cemeteries & Crematorium Working Group.
To work with Physical Programs to support the identification, acquisition and development of new burial land provision		Approach to be made by P&P to another council regarding one of the shortlisted sites to explore the capital aspect.
Procure the new software system for regulatory services with a single modern and intuitive case management system that embraces mobile technology		Project team & board configured, PME carried out with demonstrations provided by a number of suppliers, project team is currently developing data cleansing processes and mapping processes for each function.
To implement an Operational Crematorium Board to plan and prepare for the effective service delivery of the new crematorium		Operational group configured in Oct-23 and have been supporting on the design elements of the procurement. From Apr-24 to handover date, the officer group will commence planning for the operational transition to the new facility.
Complete the review of the HMO service function and implement required changes		In June 2023 DfC published a report entitled 'Report and Proposals from the Review of Houses in Multiple Occupation Licensing Scheme'. We continue to develop aspects of the service delivery

		required by the review but some proposals will require legislative changes. The internal Service Design Project for the HMO Unit began in September 2023 and is currently in the Development Phase.
Strategic theme: Place		
Continue to delivery Air Quality Action Plan 2021 – 2026		The Air Quality Action Plan remains on track. The 2023 Progress Report has been accepted and published by DAERA and it is available via the DAERA NI Air website as follows: https://www.airqualityni.co.uk/laqm/district-council-reports#511

Neighbourhood Services Directorate		
Strategic theme: Customer		
Action	BRAG Q4	Comments
Establish service standards across all of Neighbourhood Services, communicate to service users and embed within each management unit's business plan		There has been no progress to establish service standards across all of Neighbourhood Services due to a delay in progressing the community services review. It is anticipated that once CI support is provided to progress the review in 2024-25 this will be prioritised.
Strategic theme: Performance		
Develop an assurance framework with AGRS, Departments and SCM and continue to deliver the corporate safeguarding policy and related procedures and provide assurance for CP service delivery		Work continues across the council in relation to safeguarding, a format for the assurance framework has been proposed and is currently with the safeguarding panel for approval before presentation to CMT and full implementation. The SCM continues to work with and support departments with identified needs, incident reporting to embed the corporate policy, procedures and provide assurance for CP service delivery.
Produce the Belfast Physical Activity and Sport Development Strategy		The final round of consultations has now been completed and we are working with the consultants to produce the final strategy. Plan to take it to P&C Committee in Q2 2023/24 for final approval and adoption.
Deliver Boxing Strategy Action Plan		Over 6700 people participated in the boxing programme during the year. The extension of the plan for 24/25 was approved at P&C in March 2024.
Develop a new Pitches Strategy		The initial survey is live on 'Your Say Belfast' and 4 public meetings have now been completed. The draft strategy will be presented to P&C in Q2 and to full Council in Q3 2023/24 for approval.
Review capacity to ensure compliance with Statutory Biodiversity duty		Additional biodiversity resource secured which will bolster existing capacity. To be recruited.
Ensure effective facilitation of relevant partnerships to deliver on agreed action plans and respond to relevant identified community issues for example (D)PCSPs, Shared City Partnership, Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership, Belfast Area Outcomes Group, etc.		Continued to support partners in the delivery of the £1.019m funding framework for the 2023/24 Hardship Programme. Full detail on the 12 programmes supported will be available following return of monitoring information in mid-May. By Q3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120 schools (68% of those in the city) have taken part and provided support to children and young people; • 23 day care providers have provided warm, nutritious and substantial meals to early years children.

		<p>Programmes for children & young people, older people and families have been delivered in 26 Council community centres and 7 Independently managed community centres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued to support 21 Social Supermarkets which provide food and wraparound support for those in need within our communities. • Assessed 28 applications to the Social Supermarket Fund which closed on 26th January 2024 to support activity in 24/25. • Began implementation of Review of Advice Services recommendations which has included enhanced contractual arrangements, improved reporting and greater collaboration amongst generalist advice services and appeals services across the city. <p>Delivered on Year 1 targets in the 2023-27 Age Friendly Plan including co-ordination of Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership (HASP) and development of annual action plan. This has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of a range of programmes for older people including Positive Ageing month, Age Friendly Convention and Older Volunteers Celebration event. • Launch of Older People's Connection Hub in March 24 which will provide fortnightly access to signposting and information in 2 Royal Avenue.
Implement a 2-year health/condition tree survey cycle of inspections on mature street trees, on behalf of the Department for Infrastructure (DfI), as part of the Council's Project Management Agreement with DfI		We have introduced changes to the tree health and condition survey cycles for both council trees and for street tree belonging to the Department for Infrastructure.
Strategic theme: Place		
Support the development of Belfast One Million Trees Programme		We have completed a Tree Canopy Mapping/Tree establishment Strategy for soft and hard landscapes which we plan to share with our One Million Tree partners in the coming months.
Development and delivery of a Belfast Tree Strategy, with a 10 year lifespan, and a commitment to deliver key priorities and actions over the next 3 years		The development of the Belfast Tree Strategy has been completed and successfully launched. We have commenced year 1 of the Action Plan.
Continue to work on actions identified in the Good Relations Strategy, particularly those which relate to emerging priority issues		The Good Relations Unit continues to deliver on the Actions identified in the Good Relations Strategy. This has been through the delivery of 9 Themes within the 23/24 Good Relations Action Plan and also through Home Office Full Dispersal Fund the Unit has developed 6 Asylum Support Programmes. Further to this the Unit has developed and submitted a £15.2 Million Peace Plus Local Action Plan for 2024-2027.
Complete development of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan		Being developed in partnership with the Climate Action Team. Business case developed. To be considered by the Climate and Resilience Board.
Continue to deliver the Council's Alleygate Programme		Delivery of phase 5 underway

Develop a 5 year action plan for the delivery of the Belfast Open Spaces Strategy, and continue to work in partnership with Planning to secure/deliver Section 76 developer contributions for council maintained open space		Partnership working on Section 76 developer contributions for council maintained open space and scoping of project to deliver BOSS action plan ongoing
Continue to develop and support the Playground Improvement Programme		Loughside playground refurbishment was completed in March 2024. North Link playground refurbishment is underway, completion programmed for end of April 2024. New Lodge playground refurbishment is programmed to start by end of April 2024.
Continue to support the delivery of the Climate Action Programme		Continued to support delivery of the One Million Trees initiative. Other business cases focused on biodiversity development drafted and to be considered by the Climate and Resilience Board.

CNS 2023/24 Business Plan: Q4 update					
Strategic Theme	No. of Actions				
		Behind / requires intervention	At risk / change required	On track	Target met / delivered
Resources and Fleet Directorate					
Performance	1			1	
Place	5			5	
City Services Directorate					
Performance	13			13	
Place	1			1	
Neighbourhood Services Directorate					
Customer	1		1		
Performance	7		1	6	
Place	8			7	1
Total	36	0	2	33	1

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Subject:	2024-25 Draft People and Communities Committee Plan
Date:	2 May 2024
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Strategic Director City Services, City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Ann-Marie Mervyn, Performance, and Improvement Manager Caroline McGeown, Senior Performance, and Improvement Officer

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Call-in

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This report provides a draft People & Communities Committee Plan summarising the Committee's key priorities for 2024-25.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to approve the draft People and Communities Committee Plan priorities for 2024-25.
3.0	Main report
3.1	The 2024-25 draft P&C Committee Plan has been developed in the context of the Council's Corporate Plan and the Belfast Agenda and considering the Belfast Agenda Refresh. Consequently, the new Committee Plan contains the commitments within the Corporate Delivery Plan, which fall under the remit of this Committee, plus additional deliverables that have been agreed by the P&C Committee throughout 2023-24 and are relevant to the Standing Orders. The draft plan sets out the main priorities and programmes of work that the Committee oversees to maximise the Council's contribution to the Belfast Agenda.
3.2	<p>The structure of the delivery plan is themed under the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our People and Communities • Our Place • Our Planet • Compassionate City • Improving Our Services • Organisational Priorities
3.3	A series of priorities fall under each theme, each with several committed deliverables for 2024-25.
3.4	<p>Members will recall that the People and Communities Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of strategies, policies, programmes, and projects aimed at improving life at a local level in the context of the outcomes agreed in the community and corporate plans and other corporate strategy. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and delivering programmes, events, and activities to promote health, safety, and well-being at a local level. • Administering and enforcing the Council's powers and duties under the Public Health Acts and all environmental health and building related legislation and regulations. • Securing and providing adequate provision for the recycling, treatment and disposal of commercial and domestic waste including bulky waste and the collection and disposal of abandoned motor vehicles. • Exercising the Council's powers for improving local environmental quality in relation to housing legislation, managing controlled waste, emergency planning and community safety and anti-social behaviour, clean neighbourhoods and other environmental or regulatory issues not falling within the remit of any other Committee.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing, maintaining, and maximising the benefit of the Council's parks, pitches, playgrounds, and other public spaces as well as community centres and other indoor facilities. Developing and implementing activities to ensure the delivery of corporate strategies and initiatives in respect of the promotion of health and physical activity, environmental protection, community safety and other such areas under the domain of this Committee. Overseeing the delivery of the Council's frontline services and associated community assets including Environmental Health Services; Cleansing; Waste Management; Parks and Leisure service (excluding Zoo, Malone House and Belfast Castle), Neighbourhood and Development Services; Community Services, Community Safety and Emergency Planning.
3.5	<p>Summary of Committee Plan Priorities</p> <p>The draft Committee Plan identifies the following key areas of focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build capacity within our communities Addressing vulnerabilities and responding to societal challenges Increase opportunities for people to be physically active Community Safety Heritage Tourism Off-Street Car Parking Open Spaces Reservoir Improvement Programme Transition to low carbon Promote sustainable circular economy approaches Climate Resilience Belfast Youth Council Good Relations Action Plan Community Safety Bereavement Services Port Health House in Multiple Occupancy Digital Development Asset Management
3.6	<p>It is likely many of these areas of focus will take several years to deliver. The draft plan includes and outlines the key deliverables for 2024-25 that we are working towards achieving.</p>
3.7	<p>It is proposed that Committee receive a 6 monthly progress update regarding the priorities. This will be in addition to usual reports that will be brought to Committee regarding individual priorities & deliverables.</p>
3.8	<p>The Departmental Plan on which the committee plan is based reflects that the department is continuing to focus on the delivery of business-as-usual services while progressing the transformation and improvement agenda.</p>

3.9	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The Committee Plan and annual programme of work aligns with the budget agreed by Strategic Policy & Resources Committee on 9th February 2024, for 2024-25 for the People and Communities Committee, of £105,332,936.</p>
3.10	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no implications directly relating to this report however individual strategies, programmes and actions will be subject to the council's equality, good relations, and rural needs requirements.</p>
4.0	Appendices
4.1	Appendix 1 – 2024-25 Draft People and Communities Committee Plan



People & Communities

Committee Plan 2024- 2025



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Introduction

The People and Communities Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of strategies, policies, programmes and projects aimed at improving life at a local level in the context of the outcomes agreed in the community and corporate plans and other corporate strategy.

Its specific functions include:

- Developing and delivering programmes, events, and activities to promote health, safety and wellbeing at a local level
- Developing and delivering programmes, events and activities to promote health, safety and well being at a local level.
- Administering and enforcing the Council's powers and duties under the Public Health Acts and all environmental health and building related legislation and regulations.
- Securing and providing adequate provision for the recycling, treatment and disposal of commercial and domestic waste including bulky waste and the collection and disposal of abandoned motor vehicles.
- Exercising the Council's powers for improving local environmental quality in relation to housing legislation, managing controlled waste, emergency planning and community safety and anti-social behaviour, clean neighbourhoods and other environmental or regulatory issues not falling within the remit of any other Committee.
- Managing, maintaining, and maximising the benefit of the Council's parks, pitches, playgrounds, and other public spaces as well as community centres and other indoor facilities
- Developing and implementing activities to ensure the delivery of corporate strategies and initiatives in respect of the promotion of health and physical activity, environmental protection, community safety and other such areas under the domain of this Committee.
- Overseeing the delivery of the Council's frontline services and associated community assets including:
 - Environmental Health Services
 - Cleansing
 - Waste Management
 - Parks and Leisure Service (excluding Zoo, Malone House and Belfast Castle)
 - Neighbourhood and Development Services
 - Community Services,
 - Community Safety
 - Emergency Planning
 - Building Control

Ref: Standing Orders – December 2021

People & Communities Committee Members



Councillor Micky Murray (Chair)
Party: Alliance Party
Ward: Balmoral



Councillor Micheal Donnelly (Deputy Chair)
Party: Sinn Fein
Ward: Black Mountain



Councillor David Bell
Party: Alliance Party
Ward: Titanic



Councillor Christina Black
Party: Sinn Fein
Ward: Court



Councillor Christine Bower
Party: Alliance Party
Ward: Ormiston



Councillor Ruth Brooks
Party: DUP
Ward: Titanic



Councillor Sarah Bunting
Party: DUP
Ward: Balmoral



Councillor Claire Canavan
Party: Sinn Fein
Ward: Court



Councillor Fred Cobain
Party: DUP
Ward: Castle



Councillor Séamas de Faoite
Party: SDLP
Ward: Lisnasharragh



Councillor Paul Doherty
Party: SDLP
Ward: Black Mountain



Councillor Róis-Máire Donnelly
Party: Sinn Fein
Ward: Black Mountain



Councillor Tracy Kelly
Party: DUP
Ward: Botanic



Councillor Anthony Flynn
Party: Green Party
Ward: Ormiston



Councillor JJ Magee
Party: Sinn Fein
Ward: Oldpark



Councillor Jenna Maghie
Party: Alliance Party
Ward: Ormiston



Councillor Geraldine McAteer
Party: Sinn Fein
Ward: Balmoral



Councillor Paul McCusker
Party: Independent
Ward: Oldpark



Councillor Tomás Ó Néill
Party: Sinn Fein
Ward: Old Park



Councillor Nicola Verner
Party: DUP
Ward: Court

Belfast City Council Priorities

The Belfast Agenda

The Belfast Agenda is the city's community plan.

It was first published in 2017, following extensive engagement with residents and partners. It sets out a long-term vision for Belfast and shared outcomes for the city, supported by shorter-term action plans to help achieve those aims.

Managed by the Belfast Community Planning Partnership (BCPP), it guides what council and

other public agencies in the city will do, in collaboration with businesses and communities, to make Belfast better.

Last year, the BCPP began to review and update the Belfast Agenda. "Continuing the conversation" with residents, the BCCP has agreed 14 priorities for the period 2023-27. Action plans aligned to each of these priorities have been developed and will be updated on an annual basis.

Council Planning Framework

Our Corporate Plan is the main strategic plan for our organisation. It sets out how we will support the Belfast Agenda and deliver our own organisational priorities, services, and programmes. We also have several supporting strategic plans to help manage and direct specific activity.

For example, our Local Development Plan which is the spatial planning framework for the city and our medium-term financial plan which sets out the financial strategy for the council.

These strategic plans, including the Improvement Plan, are supported by annual Departmental and Committee Plans to ensure activity for the year ahead is managed.

The People & Communities Committee Plan for 2024 - 2025, which is aligned to the Corporate Plan, outlines the key areas of work that this committee will be responsible for delivering. These are set out on the following pages.



City and Neighbourhood Services

The City and Neighbourhood Services (CNS) Department was developed in 2016 -17 as part of a restructuring process designed to ensure a more customer focused approach to the delivery of front-line services. As the largest department within Council, CNS brings together around 1,400 staff with the aim of achieving effective and efficient customer facing services through modern, integrated, high-quality, and cost-effective delivery on a city-wide basis.

The department delivers a range of statutory and core services to the residents and visitors of Belfast including essential services such as: emptying the bins, cleaning the streets and inspections and enforcements relating to public and environmental health.

Resources and Fleet

This comprises waste collection, waste management including strategies and policies, recycling centres, and the supply and maintenance of vehicles across council. The vision is complex and ambitious and has several elements which focus on developing a sustainable operating model which places value on the city's waste as a resource, supports the circular economy and helps to mitigate the impact of climate change on the city of Belfast.

Open Spaces and Streetscene (OSS)

Open Spaces and Streetscene is about clean and well-maintained public realm, open spaces, and streets. It's a new way to provide a consistent service across the city by integrating former parks and former street cleansing - sharing management, resources, equipment, and budgets.

Community Provision (Neighbourhood Services)

This encompasses the umbrella of community-type services Council currently offer - like community safety, good relations, community development, and health and wellbeing. Information was initially gathered in 2019 with the support of Centre for Effective Services (CES) to develop a plan for what future service provision might look like, by engaging with staff, benchmarking with other organisations to see what models they use and assessing user needs.

City Services

City Services cover a vast array of issues ranging from keeping neighbourhoods clean and safe, to ensuring the food we eat, water we drink and the air we breathe is not damaging to health. Amalgamating all the regulatory and enforcement services currently within CNS into a single multi-functional City Service, will enable the Department to operate more efficiently and effectively by maximising resources, avoiding duplication, and making it easier for customers to understand the services provided. Four portfolios have been developed: Business, Neighbourhood, Residential, and Bereavement & Emergency Planning.

Our People and Communities

What we will deliver in 2024/25

Build capacity within our communities.

In 2024/ 25 we will:

Senior Responsible Officer:

Jim Girvan
Director City &
Neighbourhood Services

- Implement the recommendations of the review of Belfast City Council Funded advice services.
- Develop and implement a Community Support Plan which outlines Council's agreed approach to Community support and Neighbourhood Integration and Community Planning Priorities.

Addressing vulnerabilities and responding to societal challenges

In 2024/ 25 we will:

Senior Responsible Officer:

Jim Girvan
Director City &
Neighbourhood Services

- Delivery and administration of DFC social supermarkets fund to deliver food/ wrap around support in areas of need.

Increase opportunities for people to be physically active.

In 2024/ 25 we will:

Senior Responsible Officer:

Jim Girvan

- Development of the Belfast Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy and action plan.
- Deliver the Boxing Strategy Action Plan.

<p>Director City & Neighbourhood Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of Belfast Pitches Strategy and action plan. ▪ Work in partnership and deliver an annual work programme with Irish Football Association and Gaelfast to deliver the Stadia Community Benefits Initiative. ▪ Oversight of the contract with and ongoing management of relationships with Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) for the effective operation of BCC leisure centres.
<p>Senior Responsible Officer:</p> <p>Stephen Leonard Director City & Neighbourhood Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scope a review of all Council managed allotment facilities and report back to People and Communities committee. ▪ Continue to deliver the annual Playground Improvement Programme (PIP) and undertake a review of selection criteria for the capital programme. (Implement the programme of development of playgrounds across the city to further improve accessibility).
<p>Community Safety</p>	<p>In 2024/ 25 we will:</p>
<p>Senior Responsible Officer:</p> <p>Jim Girvan Director City & Neighbourhood Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of Anti-social behaviour management in Parks.

Our Place

What we will deliver in 2024/25

<p>Heritage Tourism</p>	<p>In 2024/ 25 we will:</p>
<p>Senior Responsible Officer:</p> <p>Siobhan Toland</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To explore community arrangement with external providers to assist with ambitions for heritage tourism within the context of the tourism strategy for historical cemeteries and city cemetery visitor centre to increase visibility and footfall.

Director City & Neighbourhood Services	
Off-Street Car Parking	In 2024/ 25 we will:
Senior Responsible Officer: Siobhan Toland Director City & Neighbourhood Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work with the Department for Infrastructure on taking forward the Belfast off-street Parking Order for the city.
Open Spaces	In 2024/ 25 we will:
Senior Responsible Officer: Stephen Leonard Director City & Neighbourhood Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work in partnership with Planning to secure/ deliver Section 76 contributions for council maintained open space.
Reservoir Improvement Programme	In 2024/ 25 we will:
Senior Responsible Officer: Stephen Leonard Director City & Neighbourhood Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued inspection, reporting and improvement on the structural integrity of reservoirs to meet new statutory requirements (Reservoirs Act NI 2015).

Our Planet

What we will deliver in 2024/25

Transition to low carbon

In 2024/ 25 we will:

Senior Responsible Officer:

Siobhan Toland
Director City &
Neighbourhood Services

- Coordinate the delivery of the Belfast City Council Air Quality Action Plan 2021 – 2026, in working partnership with Belfast Air Quality Steering Group Members.

Senior Responsible Officer:

Stephen Leonard
Director City &
Neighbourhood Services

- Agree council approach to funding for a fleet replacement strategy.
- Explore opportunities to fund the conversion of the fleet to alternative non fossil fuels (electric) in conjunction with the Director of Finance.
- Continue to lead on the Climate Action Programme for four keys projects including City Centre Recycling pilot; Carbon retention assessment at Cavehill; Species rich grassland pilots; and business case for potential Tree Nursery.
- Implement and deliver on the Belfast Tree Strategy and action plan.
- Undertake a review of the Belfast Tree Strategy after year 1 (Oct 2024) and then every 3 years after.

Promote sustainable circular economy approaches

In 2024/ 25 we will:

Senior Responsible Officer:

Stephen Leonard
Director City &
Neighbourhood Services

- Subject to approval, determine the implementation plan for Household Glass collection services.
- Bring revised options paper on Kerbside Recycling to council governance for consideration and approval.
- Develop and seek approval for a single use plastics policy for the council.
- Consider findings of the report on Paint Re-use scheme and seek approval for full implementation.
- Review of litter bin provision across the City including learning from trial city centre recycling project.

Climate Resilience

In 2024/ 25 we will:

Senior Responsible Officer:

Stephen Leonard
Director City &
Neighbourhood Services

- Scope and develop a Local Biodiversity Action Plan.

Compassionate City

What we will deliver in 2024/25

Belfast Youth Council

In 2024/ 25 we will:

Senior Responsible Officer:

Jim Girvan

Director City &
Neighbourhood Services

- Facilitate, an active and engaged Belfast City Youth Council who work with relevant fora and elected members to ensure that the needs of children and young people are reflected within the Belfast agenda and council priorities.

Good Relations Action Plan

In 2024/ 25 we will:

Senior Responsible Officer:

Jim Girvan

Director City &
Neighbourhood Services

- Delivery of the Good Relations action plan to promote good relations to persons of different religious belief and political opinions or racial group and promote cultural diversity and positive cultural expression for all cultural identities.

Community Safety

In 2024/ 25 we will:

Senior Responsible Officer:

Jim Girvan

Director City &
Neighbourhood Services

- Delivery of the Police and Community Safety action plan, to make people feel safer and confidence in Policing.
- Facilitation of the multi-agency 5 (D) PCSP meeting to support decision making and discussion on the People and Community Safety Action plan and Policing plan.

Improving Our Services

What we will deliver in 2024/25

Bereavement Services	In 2024/ 25 we will:
Senior Responsible Officer: Siobhan Toland Director City & Neighbourhood Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a review of Bereavement service to ensure responsive, integrated, and flexible service to realise the programme benefits.
Port Health	In 2024/ 25 we will:
Senior Responsible Officer: Siobhan Toland Director City & Neighbourhood Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a service review of Port Health to ensure responsive, integrated, and flexible service to realise the programme benefits.
House in Multiple Occupancy	In 2024/ 25 we will:
Senior Responsible Officer: Siobhan Toland Director City & Neighbourhood Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a service review of HMO services to ensure responsive, integrated, and flexible service to realise the programme benefits.

Organisational Priorities

What we will deliver in 2024/25

Bereavement Services

In 2024/ 25 we will:

Senior Responsible Officer:

Siobhan Toland
Director City &
Neighbourhood Services

- CNS to work with Physical Programs and Estates to support the identification, acquisition, and development of new burial land provision for BCC.
- CNS to work with Physical Programmes on preparing for the new Crematorium development and the repurposing of the existing crematorium building.

Port Health

In 2024/ 25 we will:

Senior Responsible Officer:

Siobhan Toland
Director City &
Neighbourhood Services

- Advocate for a long-term sustainable funding model to secure adequate funding and review resources (Including staff) to ensure effective delivery of the Council's legal responsibilities at Belfast Port.

Digital Development

In 2024/ 25 we will:

Senior Responsible Officer:

Siobhan Toland
Director City &
Neighbourhood Services

- Replace the current software system with a single modern and intuitive case management system designed to embed mobile technology and digitally transform how we plan, manage, and monitor our service delivery across the core areas of City & Neighbourhood Services.

Senior Responsible Officer:

Stephen Leonard

- Development and implementation of the in-cab technology to enhance operational performance and efficiency.

Director City & Neighbourhood Services	
Asset Management	In 2024/ 25 we will:
Senior Responsible Officer: Stephen Leonard Director City & Neighbourhood Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Develop a container policy for parks.

Key Expenditure

The expenditure for the People & Communities Committee is assigned as follows:

Service	Net Expenditure 2024 - 25 (£)
City Services	£5,889,460
Neighbourhood Services	£27,574,719
Open Spaces and Street Scene	£25,552,061
Resources and Fleet	£38,343,055
Support Services	£7,404,903
TOTAL	£104,764,198

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Subject:	Request for a key handling arrangement at Tullycarnet Bowling Pavilion.
Date:	Thursday 2 May 2024
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Strategic Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Stephen Leonard, Operational Director, City & Neighbourhood Services

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After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

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/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Members for the Council to enter into a key holding arrangement with the Church of Ireland Diocese of Down and Dromore for access to and use of Tullycarnet bowling pavilion.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the contents of the report. ii. Grant authority for key holding arrangements subject to satisfactory terms being agreed by the Operational Director of City and Neighbourhood services and on the condition that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group resolve all operational and health and safety issues to the satisfaction of Council officers. • An appropriate legal key holding arrangement be prepared by legal services to include the necessary facility management and health and safety requirements.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.2	Tullycarnet bowling pavilion has been the main base for the Tullycarnet church which is a new church community within the Tullycarnet and Ardarn estates.
3.3	From a governance, finance, and charitable status perspective, it sits under the umbrella of the Diocese Of Down and Dromore.
3.4	Currently Tullycarnet church hire the bowling pavilion by making regular bookings with the outdoor leisure unit. The block booking has been in place now for approximately two years with no issues other than Council can on occasion find it difficult to open and close the facility due to staffing difficulties.
3.5	As a church it has Sunday services every Sunday morning, mid-week meetings on Wednesday evenings and Children's work on Friday evenings. In addition, the church hosts special seasonal events such as Easter, Summer and Christmas schemes.
3.6	Tullycarnet bowling pavilion is used by a number of other groups such as Tullycarnet bowling club and Charter NI/TAGIT for seasonal summer, Halloween and Christmas events. There have been no prior clashes of bookings and the key holder agreement would not have any impact on the hire of the pavilion or events booked by other 3 rd party organisations.
3.7	The church will continue to book the pavilion using the prior booking arrangements to ensure avoidance of double bookings and will continue to pay the hire charges.
3.8	If the church become responsible key holders for the building, this negates the need for the Department to staff the facility when in use by the requestor.
3.9	The church will name responsible personnel and Council officers will provide specific training on facility management, health and safety and fire safety and evacuation procedures.
3.10	The church will provide all required documentation, including evidence of public and employers' liability insurance to the department and legal services.
3.11	Council officers responsible for the building will monitor the arrangement and report any issues, similar to other facility or partner managed agreements.

3.12	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> None.
3.13	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Annual GLL policies and operational procedures alignment statement
Date:	Thursday 2 nd May 2024
Reporting Officer:	Jim Girvan, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Noel Munnis, Partnership Manager

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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
	To present members with annual assurances on GLL policy and procedure alignments as set out within the leisure management contract.
2.0	Recommendations
	Members are requested to consider:
2.1	The information provided below and note the statement of policy alignment as presented at 3.2.5 below.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Under the terms of the leisure contract between BCC and GLL, Council (previously via ABL) is required to assess and provide assurance that specified GLL policies and operating procedures reflect those of Belfast City Council. This requirement is set out in the partnership specification and leisure management contract documentation. The last annual policy and procedure alignment report was presented to committee in June 2023.</p> <p>GLL are not required to adopt BCC policies and procedures but are required to have policies and operational procedures in place that are substantially aligned to those of the Council. Key policy areas specified within the leisure management contract are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Equality & Diversity b) Health & Safety (including safeguarding) c) Human Resources d) Emergency Support & PSNI/BCC Public Safety <p>Each policy area is continually monitored as part of the CNS contract compliance and performance assurance programme. GLL policy documents and operational method statements are held by CNS and are confirmed/updated annually.</p> <p>Assurance statements are scheduled to be presented to committee annually in May.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Outcomes and proposals</u></p> <p>GLL policies and procedures related to the above four areas remain under ongoing review. Each is monitored by CNS officers in consultation with corporate colleagues where appropriate. The CNS Partnership Manager liaises directly with the relevant dedicated BCC departments/sections and co-ordinates any necessary actions with GLL.</p> <p>Since contract commencement in 2015 it has been standard practice to conduct intermittent in-depth reviews of GLL policies and procedures around Equality & Diversity and Health & Safety.</p>
3.2.1	The next in-depth assessment of Equality and Diversity alignment will be carried out in the Autumn of 2024.

3.2.2	Health and Safety is rightly regarded as a key BCC corporate risk. Consequently, GLL compliance with H&S legislation, including safeguarding, is closely monitored and has been independently reviewed by external consultants on three separate occasions over the last eight years.
3.2.3	GLL Human Resources practices, including TUPE transfer conditions as set out in the leisure management contract, are standard agenda items at monthly CNS/GLL strategic meetings and are the subject of regular meetings at Director and Chief Executive level.
3.2.4	Under Emergency Support & PSNI/BCC Public Safety GLL are required to make Council leisure facilities and GLL staff available when required. The CNS Partnership Manager sits on the Councils Emergency Planning Group to co-ordinate any activities or issues relevant to the leisure estate or the GLL management contract.
3.2.5	<p>Ongoing contract compliance monitoring alongside a review of previous analysis concludes that key GLL and BCC policy and operating procedures remain substantially aligned. Consequently, we are satisfied that the current arrangements and outputs support the following statement:</p> <p>‘At 2nd May 2024, BCC and GLL policies and operational procedures in relation to Equality & Diversity, Health & Safety (including safeguarding), Human Resources and Emergency Support & PSNI/BCC Public Safety are closely aligned with no significant variances or areas of concern to address.’</p>
3.3	<p><u>Summary</u></p> <p>Members are requested to consider the information provided above and note the statement of policy alignment assurance presented at 3.2.5 above.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Communications & Public Relations</u></p> <p>None</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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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/Summary of Main Issues

1.1	To consider applications for the naming of two new streets in the city.									
2.0	Recommendation									
2.1	<p>Based on the information presented, the Committee is required to make a recommendation in respect of applications for naming two new streets in the city: Black Ridge Place and Black Ridge Hill.</p> <p>The Committee may either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant the applications, or• Refuse the applications and request that the applicants submit other names for consideration.									
3.0	Main Report									
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The power for the Council to name streets is contained in Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995.</p>									
3.2	<p>The Council may also erect a second street nameplate in a language other than English pursuant to Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995.</p>									
3.3	<p>Members are asked to consider the following applications for naming new streets in the city. The applications particulars are in order and the Royal Mail has no objections to the proposed names. The proposed new names are not contained in the Council's Streets Register and do not duplicate existing approved street names in the city.</p>									
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3.5	<p>Apex Housing Association have advised that Black Ridge Place and Black Ridge Hill are derived from Divis (from Irish Dubhais 'black ridge'). The Divis mountain is situated north of the development.</p>									
3.6	<p>The second choice for Black Ridge Place is Black Ridge Row. The second and third choices for Black Ridge Hill are Black Ridge Mount and Black Ridge Glen.</p>									
3.7	<p>These streets contain 41 residential properties and are part of the overall housing development that is known as Glenmona. The entire Glenmona site is a new mixed use urban development which will contain over 650 social and affordable homes.</p>									
3.8	<p>Applications for the erection of dual language street signs in Irish have been received from the developer for these two streets. Members are asked to note that at the March People and Communities Committee it was agreed, and ratified by Full Council on 8th April 2024, that delegated authority be given to the City Solicitor in relation to the approval of the erection of dual language street nameplates for this development.</p>									

3.9	Proposed English Name	Non- English Name	Location	
	Black Ridge Place	Plás Dhuibhise	Off Monagh By Pass, BT11	
	Black Ridge Hill	Cnoc Dhuibhise	Off Monagh By Pass, BT11	
3.10	The translations were authenticated by Queens University, the approved translator for Belfast City Council.			
3.11	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> There are no Financial, Human Resources, Assets and other implications in this report.			
3.12	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no direct Equality implications.			
4.0	Appendices			
	None			

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Belfast
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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

AGENDA ITEM : PROPOSALS FOR DUAL LANGUAGE
STREET SIGNS

Subject:	Proposals for dual language street signs
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3.5	In accordance with the Council's policy for the erection of dual language street signs, surveys of all persons appearing on the electoral register plus owners or tenants in actual possession of commercial premises, for the above streets were carried out and the following responses were received.
3.6	<p>Meadowhill, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 occupiers (41.79%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.7	<p>Glencolin Manor, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 occupiers (18.05%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.8	<p>Glencolin Close, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 occupiers (54.31%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 1 occupier (2.17%) had no preference either way.
3.9	<p>Glenveagh Park, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 occupiers (25.63%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.10	<p>Ramoan Drive, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 occupiers (27.5%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 1 occupier (0.83%) was not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.11	<p>Garnock Hill, BT10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 118 occupiers (48.76%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 14 occupiers (5.78%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 2 occupiers (0.82%) had no preference either way.
3.12	<p>Naroon Park, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37 occupiers (48.68%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.13	<p>Laganvale Street, BT9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 occupiers (28%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 4 occupiers (16%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.14	<p>South Parade, BT7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56 occupiers (28.57%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 30 occupiers (15.30%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 6 occupiers (3.06%) had no preference either way.

	<p>One resident is not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate due to the cost of the sign.</p> <p>Another resident is not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate due to the cost and they feel that Protestants may move out of the street.</p>
3.15	<p>Willowvale Avenue, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 84 occupiers (47.45%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 2 occupiers (1.12%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 1 occupier (0.56%) had no preference either way.
3.16	<p>Hamill Park, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 occupiers (69.23%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
	<p><u>Assessment against policy</u></p>
3.17	<p>The Council's policy on the erection of a second street nameplate requires that at least fifteen percent (15%) of the occupiers surveyed must be in favour of the proposal to erect a second street sign in a language other than English, to progress to Committee for consideration.</p>
3.18	<p>All of the surveys listed above demonstrate compliance with the threshold contained within the Policy.</p>
	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.19	<p>There is a cost of approximately £4,050 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>
3.20	<p>Each application for a dual language street sign is subject to an initial assessment for any potential adverse impacts on equality, good relations and rural needs.</p>
3.21	<p>The initial assessments and elected member notification carried out for the applications being considered did not identify any potential adverse impacts to prevent the surveys being carried out.</p>
4.0	Appendices
	None