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**Belfast
City Council**

3rd January, 2018

MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Tuesday, 9th January, 2018 at 4.30 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. Routine Matters

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

2. Presentation

- (a) Monika Kosinska - Focal Point in the World Health Organisation (WHO)
Europe for Healthy Cities

3. Matters Referred Back from Council/Notices of Motion

- (a) Notice of Motion - Housing Provision in Belfast (Pages 1 - 2)
- (b) Notice of Motion - Sustainable Food Policy for Belfast (Pages 3 - 4)

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- (a) Revenue Estimates and District Rate 2018/19 (to follow)

- (b) Request for the use of Ormeau Park (Pages 5 - 8)
- 5. **Committee/Strategic Issues**
 - (a) Antisocial Behaviour in Parks and Open Spaces (Pages 9 - 14)
- 6. **Physical Programme and Asset Management**
 - (a) Partner Agreements Quarterly Update (Pages 15 - 18)
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 - (a) Everybody Active 2020 (Pages 19 - 22)
- 8. **Operational Issues**
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 - (c) Appointment of Public Analyst (Pages 39 - 42)
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 - (e) Request for the use of Ormeau Park - XMTB Spring Series 2018 (Pages 47 - 50)
 - (f) Cregagh Green Peace Fields Twinning Request (Pages 51 - 56)
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 - (i) Update in respect of Jubilee Gardens (Pages 63 - 66)



Subject:	Motion – Housing Provision in Belfast
Date:	9th January, 2018
Reporting Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer, ext. 6301
Contact Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer, ext. 6301

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee’s attention a Motion on Housing Provision in Belfast which is due to be presented to the Council at its meeting on 3rd January.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to consider the Motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The following motion on Housing Policy in Belfast, which will be proposed by Councillor Armitage and seconded by Councillor Nicholl, is due to be presented to the Council at its meeting on 3rd January:

“This Council notes that, with the Belfast Agenda and the Local Development Plan coming into reality, there will be a need for 66,000 new housing units by 2035. This will need an imaginative response by all, including the Council.

The Council calls upon all statutory bodies to review their land ownership and to determine if any such land is surplus and suitable for housing. Subject to legal requirements, the Council asks that consideration be given to making that land available to meet any identified housing needs and projected needs in terms of growth.

The Council is committed to a shared future and, therefore, is committed to shared housing. This shared housing should consist of community background, private and social housing.”

In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion will be referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.

3.2

Financial and Resource Implications

None.

3.3

Equality or Good Relations Implications

None.

4.0

Documents Attached

None



Subject:	Motion - Sustainable Food Policy for Belfast
Date:	9th January, 2018
Reporting Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer, ext. 6301
Contact Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer, ext. 6301

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee's attention a Motion on Sustainable Food Policy for Belfast which is due to be presented to the Council at its meeting on 3rd January.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to consider the Motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The following motion on a Sustainable Food Policy for Belfast, which will be proposed by Councillor Mullan and seconded by Alderman Spence, is due to be presented to the Council at its meeting on 3rd January:

3.2	<p><i>“Given the number of cities which have developed a sustainable food policy, this Council agrees to develop such a policy for Belfast, looking in particular at the opportunities which such an initiative could offer, including the employability potential.”</i></p> <p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion will be referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Anti-Social Behaviour in Parks/Open Spaces
Date:	9 January 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City and Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director City and Neighbourhood Services

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	<p>Further to discussion at People and Communities Committee on 17 November 2017, Members requested that a report be submitted to a future meeting that would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Detail proposals as to how the City’s parks and open spaces could be better animated which might help act as a deterrent to vandalism; and ▪ Look at the best practice of other local authorities and include potential budget options.
1.2	<p>Members will recall that Council provides ongoing operational preventative measures, the purpose of which is to address anti-social behaviour, namely mobile CCTV and front line staff resource (Safer Neighbourhood Officers, Park Wardens and Alcohol Enforcement Officers). These measures continue to be provided with a focus on weekend evenings and school holidays when anti-social behaviour can be most challenging.</p>

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the contents of the report and consider the recommendations.
3.0	Background
3.1	<p>Members will recall that Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership commissioned a number of pieces of work in early 2017 with the aim of better understanding the emerging culture of large groups of young people gathering in parks/open spaces and moving around those spaces (transient young people).</p>
3.2	<p>The following work was undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consultation with 11 organisations across the city working with young people and those who have a knowledge or understanding of the issues surrounding ‘transient youth’ ▪ Consultation with 450 young people over 4 weekends across two locations known for having issues with anti-social behaviour i.e. Lagan Walkway and Falls Park ▪ Best practice review (local, national and international) on working with young people deemed at risk of getting involved in crime and anti-social behaviour and/or deemed ‘transient’.
3.3	<p>The following learning has been gathered from this work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Many of the young people want to gather in this way with their friends and socialise without the parameters of structured youth provision ▪ Young people say they feel safe socialising in this way ▪ Only a small number of the young people in any group are causing issues, however, the wider community are often intimidated by the size of the gatherings ▪ Whilst young people say they feel safe in these gatherings, there is evidence of their vulnerability to more serious offences e.g. drug dealers and sexual assault ▪ Drug and alcohol abuse is leading to the worst of the anti-social behaviour with contributory factors such as boredom or little for young people to do at the weekend ▪ Social media and the positive changes in the city in terms of ease of movement, make it easier for large gatherings of young people ▪ Diversionary activities are extremely limited in their long term impact and can actually geographically displace the issues. The focus needs to be on engaging young people in longer term developmental activities ▪ No youth work organisation can engage effectively with a young person who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The only focus at that point is harm reduction and keeping the young person safe ▪ The resource pressures on youth organisations trying to address these issues is having a

detrimental impact on their ability to assist

- Parents need to be made aware of the impact of this behaviour on communities. This includes where young people are travelling from outside Belfast to participate in these gatherings
- Improvements need to be made in the partnership working required to address this issue to include; information sharing, operational co-ordination, communications and roles/responsibilities
- Raising awareness of the impact of these behaviours on communities should be done in as positive a way as possible so as not to demonise young people which would only serve to worsen the issues
- Youth ownership and empowerment in parks/open spaces is more likely to facilitate their positive engagement in the space
- The commissioning of youth based services should be outcome rather than output focussed.

Future context

3.4 Members will recall that whilst anti-social behaviour can be a concern at a range of parks/open spaces across the city, it is most persistent and prevalent in a smaller number.

3.5 Members will also be aware that Council's convening role in community planning, the learning from the locality planning pilots, other localised interventions and the emerging work being developed around 'area working' can provide a platform for a more integrated, holistic and sustainable approach to addressing concerns around the most challenging parks/open spaces.

3.6 It is important to consider that, whilst the park/open space may be the core area of concern, there are wider areas of influence around that core area that need to be considered. This is particularly important in ensuring wider community assets (physical and people) are given their place in the partnership response. It is important that any work we take forward in our parks and open spaces allow us to integrate those services that can demonstrate the potential to operate more effectively at a local level in the context of our change programme being undertaken through the City and Neighbourhood Services Department.

3.7 Members should also note that Council is not the only stakeholder in this discussion and whilst it is important that in the short term Council demonstrates leadership in integrating its services and investment around this issue and that the significant opportunities available through other partners and programmes of work are capitalised on. For example:

- **PEACE IV** is planning for significant capital and revenue investment in some key public spaces across the city with key objectives being children and young people and shared space.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urban Villages has already committed and is planning for more capital and revenue investment designed to mobilise communities for positive civic stewardship, with some of the investment focussed on young people. - The Fresh Start Executive Action Plan and associated budgets provides an opportunity to commission services designed to prevent vulnerable young people becoming involved in paramilitary activity and examining the systemic issues contributing to this.
3.8	<p>As part of any work that is being taken forward, we should also be mindful of wider programmes that are being delivered in the immediate vicinity of our parks and open spaces. Where there are current opportunities within current resources, the Council can play a lead role in working with partners, including community and voluntary sector and residents, to align what is already on offer in local areas.</p>
3.9	<p>As well as developing this approach in our parks, to further help achieve our goals identified in the Belfast Agenda, we are also availing of the opportunities that currently exist through current and planned capital and revenue investment in specific areas. Members have approved that we develop this approach initially in the Springfield area, to lead on developing an emerging area planning model for delivering against the priorities identified in the Belfast Agenda by integrating a range of programmes and services and associated staff resources.</p>
3.10	<p>Officers are currently working up more details around this work and will come back to Members to further consider how this work can be developed in other areas across the city by aligning Council revenue and capital programmes and, where possible, partners' programmes to maximise opportunities and inform how we develop a coordinated area planning approach.</p>
3.11	<p>It is important to note that this will be resource intensive for the Council in terms of co-ordination and alignment of resources, therefore we must ensure that both this area planning work and the offer to address issues in parks and open spaces through integration and animation is resourced in a meaningful way and we do not dilute what is on offer because we try to cover all areas.</p>
3.12	<p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>Taking all of the above in to account as well as developing the Council and wider response to these issues in a sustainable way but delivering meaningful outcomes for communities the following actions are recommended between January 2018 and December 2018.</p> <p>Members are asked to consider prioritising a park in the East and West of the city to build this way of working as it will require both internal and external change. Additionally, this way of working will help inform structure and governance as the wider community planning and area working</p>

3.13	<p>conversation develops with Elected Members and longer term approaches can be considered in this context.</p>
3.14	<p><u>Animation/Programming</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A year-long schedule of animation and programming to be developed to encourage positive use of the selected parks/open spaces. ▪ This would primarily but not exclusively focus on weekend evenings and school holidays in the first instance and would prioritise use of existing council assets in the parks/open spaces e.g. bowling pavilions or as close to the parks/open spaces as possible ▪ Council services to align in populating this schedule in the first instance (Community Services, Good Relations, Community Safety, Sports Development, Parks Outreach etc) ▪ Local community and youth providers to be encouraged to populate the schedule with their existing programming ▪ Education Authority to be encouraged to populate the schedule with their existing programming ▪ Gaps in the schedule to be filled by further commissioning of services. That commissioning should focus on services that can demonstrate the ability to engage the young people in longer term developmental work
3.15	<p><u>Operational Co-ordination</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consultation with stakeholders to clarify roles/responsibilities and final clarification issued to wider group of stakeholders ▪ Commitment to effective inter-agency tasking and co-ordination needs to be secured at both a citywide/local level as well as reactionary/future proofing ▪ The existing East Belfast Youth Providers Forum to test how local and community youth organisations can support more effective tasking and co-ordination and how resources can be maximised ▪ Further development in the emerging Youth Providers Forum around Lenadoon to include the Falls Park and wider West Belfast area. ▪ Initiation of Youth Providers Forums in North Belfast and South Belfast
3.16	<p><u>Awareness Raising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Further development of partnerships with post primary schools across Belfast seeking co-operation with communication with parents and pupils regarding wider community impacts and risks of anti-social behaviour ▪ Inter-Agency correspondence on this issue to be issued through schools/youth groups to parents and pupils ▪ Engagement with organisations who advocate and lobby for young people in the development of messaging to maximise impact e.g. Children’s Commissioner

<p>3.17</p> <p>3.18</p> <p>3.19</p> <p>3.20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Further development of the emerging integrated community safety schools programme for consistent and clear messaging to young people. This programme is already in development through Belfast PCSP and is intended to be ready for roll out in 2018. <p><u>Strategic Horizon Scanning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mapping exercise of all strategic capital and revenue opportunities around the selected parks/open spaces to facilitate better alignment and maximise investment, using opportunities where there is similar work being undertaken as part of the development of our area planning model. <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p><u>Staff Resources</u></p> <p>Whilst the benefits of partnership working are acknowledged and evident, the above approach will still require significant changes in ways of working both internally and externally. It is therefore suggested that Members consider this approach in a small number of parks/open spaces initially (potentially East and West) to allow for a focussed and meaningful approach in the first instance, with the intention of widening the approach at a future date.</p> <p><u>Financial Resources</u></p> <p>All of the above recommendations can be accommodated within existing Council and (D)PCSP revenue budgets. The recommendations are intended to maximise existing resources, reduce duplication and facilitate joined up decision making and resource allocation in the selected parks/open spaces.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no equality or Good Relations implication at present, however, this will monitored on an ongoing basis.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>



Subject:	Partner Agreements and Facilities Management Agreements Update and Review
Date:	9 January 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City and Neighbourhood Services Department
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director City and Neighbourhood Services Department

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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 on implementation of Partner Agreements for July – September 2017 and recent audit review.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note quarterly progress to date at Partner Agreement sites; and Approve a review of management and reporting arrangements for Partner Agreements and Facilities Management Agreements. 																
3.0	Main report																
3.1	<p>Audit Review</p> <p>Audit Governance and Risk Services undertook an Assurance Review of Facilities Management Agreements and Partner Agreements in July 2017. The 2015 move from Facilities Management Agreements to Partner Agreements at seven of the sites was to improve outcomes at these locations. The audit exercise sought to identify, evaluate and test key controls in place with each type of Agreement with a focus on Safeguarding, Fire Risk Assessments, Information Reporting from Partners and unauthorised/unlicensed use. Based on the audit opinion, officers seek permission to review management and reporting arrangements for both types of Agreements to regularise standards and ensure the appropriate levels of control are implemented in a timely fashion.</p> <p>Legal Agreements</p> <p>Council agreed to enter into Partner Agreements at the following sites with the clubs identified below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Location</th> <th>Partner</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Dixon Playing Fields</td> <td>Sirocco Works FC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alderman Tommy Patton Memorial Park</td> <td>East Belfast FC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Woodlands Playing Fields</td> <td>Co. Antrim Board GAA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loughside Playing Fields</td> <td>Loughside FC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shore Road Playing Fields</td> <td>Grove United FC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Orangefield Playing Fields</td> <td>Bloomfield FC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ulidia Playing Fields</td> <td>Rosario FC</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Location	Partner	Dixon Playing Fields	Sirocco Works FC	Alderman Tommy Patton Memorial Park	East Belfast FC	Woodlands Playing Fields	Co. Antrim Board GAA	Loughside Playing Fields	Loughside FC	Shore Road Playing Fields	Grove United FC	Orangefield Playing Fields	Bloomfield FC	Ulidia Playing Fields	Rosario FC
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3.3	<p>Regular checks on the necessary Insurance, Child Protection and Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Governance are being completed monthly at all of the 7 sites. All of the 7 partners have been confirmed as compliant on these matters. Council has the right to terminate the Partner Agreement if the Partner fails to observe or perform any of the obligations, conditions or agreements on its part agreed in the Partner Agreement.</p>																

Financial Support to deliver Sports Development Plans

3.4 Successful applicants submitted plans to improve sports development outcomes at each site. Funding of up to £20,000 per annum is available for each partner for delivery of a programme supporting their Sports Development Plan. Letters of offer have been sent to all partners based on approved sports development plans.

3.5 Full payments have been made to all the seven partners.

Monitoring

3.6 End of quarter monitoring meetings have been held with six partners. These meetings are attended by partner representatives, parks management and sports development, with updates on site management and bookings, health and safety, finance and sports development plan. Action plans are reviewed and agreed with the partners at these meetings to ensure that planned outcomes are achieved and improvements identified where required. A meeting was held on 15th November with Rosario which covered a range of issues normally discussed at quarterly meetings, this meeting was held without parks operational management present or discussion of finance or performance reports.

Sports Development Impact

3.7 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.

3.8 The table below indicates outputs at the sites as reported by five of the seven partners for Quarter 2 (July – September 2017). Detailed information from Sirocco RC and Rosario FC has yet to be returned.

A. Participation type	
1. Members of different codes	1230 people
2. People with a Disability	231 people
3. People from a minority ethnic background	536 people
4. Females	1601 people
5. Older people	1752 people
6. Schools / youth organisations	30 groups

	<p>B. Participation usage</p> <p>1. Matches held and numbers 165 matches and 8688 users</p> <p>2. Training sessions and numbers 93 training sessions and 3480 users</p> <p>3. Other bookings / activity details 2858 participants</p>
	<p>C. Partnership working</p> <p>1. Working with Belfast City Council All reported partnership working</p> <p>2. Sports Governing Bodies IFA, GAA, Cycling Ulster, Ulster Rugby</p> <p>3. Other teams / groups in your sport 104 teams / groups</p> <p>4. Other teams / groups in different sports 7 teams / groups</p> <p>5. Community / voluntary groups 11 community groups</p>
	<p>D. Social value</p> <p>1. Young people at risk 2450 people</p> <p>2. Encourage participation of under-represented groups 3358 people</p> <p>3. Promote positive cross community relations 3296 people</p> <p>4. Promote health and wellbeing in socially deprived communities 4226 people</p> <p>5. Promote Volunteering skills 376 volunteers supported</p> <p>6. Develop skills that will improve employability 128 volunteers trained</p>
3.9	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>A total of £140,000 per annum is available within revenue estimates to support annual Sports Development Plans at the Partner Agreement sites.</p>
3.10	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>



Subject:	Everybody Active 2020
Date:	9 th January 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To advise committee on delivery of Sport NI’s investment programme called Everybody Active 2020 Strand 4. Sport NI approved an amount of £183,018 for delivery of the programme in Belfast to the end of March 2018. This allowed Council to offer small grants in Belfast to support the existing Everybody Active participation programme currently being delivered by our range of preferred partners.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the significant level of uptake of this scheme which enhances participation opportunities in Belfast with specific focus on females, people with disabilities and people living in areas of high social need.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve continued delivery of the Everybody Active Strand 4 programme by the Leisure Development Unit to 31 March 2020, subject to funding being approved for release from Sport NI. 												
3.0	Main report												
	Sport NI programme												
3.1	Sport NI has commissioned Belfast City Council, along with the other Council areas, to deliver the participation strand of Every Body Active 2020. The aim of the programme is to increase quality opportunities for targeted groups to develop and sustain participation in sport across key life-course transitions. Specific targets for each of the Strands of the Programme will be confirmed by Sport NI.												
3.2	Through Strand 4 of the Every Body Active Programme, Sport NI has offered Belfast City Council £183,018 with approximately £15,000 of this supporting a part time temporary grants assistant post. This programme allows Council to enhance the sustainability of participation alongside the existing Everybody Active Opportunities Programme which has been developed to support the objectives of the Belfast Agenda. Our existing Everybody Active Programme has specific targets which identify women and girls, people with a disability and people living in areas of high social need as priority. Participation evidence highlights disparities and inequalities within those sectors. We have commissioned a blend of providers through a public process who are successfully developing and delivering programmes which prioritise participation for our target groups.												
3.3	Design of Belfast's Strand 4 programme has ensured complementary benefits linked to other investments including Belfast City Council's existing Support for Sport small grants. An anticipated programme titled EBA 2020 Strand 2 Workforce Development will further improve the outcomes within the Belfast Agenda. The small grants scheme has prioritised support to groups which can deliver programmes in support of our prioritised Everybody Active 2020 Strand 1 programmes as listed below.												
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Ulster Squash	Women and Girls
Athletics Northern Ireland	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need - Disability Inclusion
Disability Sport Northern Ireland (North and West)	Disability - Areas of High Social Need
Disability Sport Northern Ireland (South and East)	Disability - Areas of High Social Need
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
Netball Northern Ireland	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
Basketball Northern Ireland	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
Irish Bowls Federation	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
Ulster Badminton	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
Disability Sport NI- Girdwood Sports Hub	Disability - Areas of High Social Need

Programme Delivery against Targets

3.5 As a result of an open call for applications which closed on Friday 17th November. A total of 67 applications were received and 65 of these were successful. These applications leave an under allocation of £32,982.

3.6 The table below indicates the performance of the grant scheme against the Programme's Key Performance Indicator targets as set by Sport NI.

Key Performance Indicators	Target	Output (variance from target)
KPI 1 - Participants	6,269	8,145 (+1,876)
KPI 2 - Women and Girls	3,135	5,233 (+2,098)
KPI 3 - Participants from areas of High Social Need	1,881	4,715 (+4,527)
KPI 4 – People with a disability/long term illness	1,432	586 (-846)

3.7 Whilst application for the programme have significantly exceeded the target in the first three KPIs, applications have not achieved the target for participation by people with a disability/long term illness. The scheme will reopen with immediate effect with applications being sought specifically from groups demonstrating an ability to work with people with a disability/long term illness.

3.8	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>In the 2017 – 2018 financial year Sport NI has offered £183,018 for this scheme. Approved awards indicate an under allocation of £32,982. By reopening applications for groups which will increase participation for people with disabilities/lifelong illnesses, it is envisaged that this finance will be fully allocated by year end.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>The programme is an opportunity for the Council to deliver against its equality and good relations objectives. These would be integrated into the performance frameworks for provider.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None



Subject:	ESRC Open Call project proposal: 'Beyond the (Peace) line: Re-defining the value of urban parks as socially inclusive spaces in Belfast'
Date:	9 January 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director of City and Neighbourhood Services Department
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of City and Neighbourhood Services Department

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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 seek Committee support to become a project partner and provide full support in an <i>Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Open Call project proposal: 'Beyond the (Peace) line: Re-defining the value of urban parks as socially inclusive spaces in Belfast'</i> , which has been developed by the project lead Dr. Ian Mell from the University of Manchester in conjunction with a consortia of research partners including University of Ulster. As a project partner, the Council's contribution would consist of indirect/in-kind support to the

1.2	project over three years, with submission of the proposal to the ESRC early this year and, if successful, the project would commence towards the end of the year. A summary of the project proposal is attached in Appendix 1.
1.3	The project aims to investigate how different people in Belfast use and value the cities formal parks (as opposed to informal green and open spaces), what they like and don't like about the parks and what can be done in the future to improve these spaces.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Note the contents of the report, approve the in-kind officer support commitment and agree to the Council developing a letter of support to accompany the research proposal, subject to Council ratification.
3.0	Main report
3.1	In June 2017, officers from the City and Neighbourhood Services (C&NS) Department informally met with Dr. Ian Mell, signalling our interest in being involved in the ESRC research project, pending review of the detailed project proposal, which has now been sent to BCC for consideration. Other project partners involved in the proposal and offering in-kind support include: Connswater Community Greenway representatives, Belfast Partnership Boards (just South and East), PLACE and Community Places.
3.2	The estimated project commitment expected from BCC is outlined on page 3 of Appendix 1. In summary the expectation would be that BCC would contribute 30 - 40 hours of officer time over the 36 months of the project, by facilitating connections with the community and city stakeholders in Belfast, attending consultation events and public meetings to enable the project team engagement. In return for BCCs commitment, the lead partner is willing to make some reciprocal contribution to BCC i.e. 1-hour project/ strategy support for every hour provided by BCC. In the interim, the project will require support from the C&NS, including senior management direction and the involvement of a lead park officer/ manager to co-ordinate the work internally and externally with communities, with local knowledge and experience.
3.3	The project proposal has been reviewed with the benefits, implications and risks being considered - see pages 3 - 4 in Appendix 1. Some stated benefits of the project include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the provision of rich community baseline data to feed into city and local area planning;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ spatial analysis that could be used to identify areas of division as well as good practices in terms of engagement; ▪ inclusive social behaviour to direct future development and management of planning/ green space policy and practice; and ▪ linkages to the Peace IV programme and the work carried out by the Smart Cities team.
3.4	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The indirect ‘in-kind’ contribution for this research project requires a total of 30 – 40 hours of senior management direction and officer time from within the C&NS Department.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: Summary of the ESRC Research Proposal for BCC.

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ESRC – Open Call project proposal

(Dec 2017)

Project details: Beyond the (Peace) Lines: Re-define the value of urban parks as socially inclusive spaces in Belfast

Investigation Objectives

The project aims to *assess the role of publically accessible parks in Belfast as "places" of social inclusivity in a city where "space", proposed as the physical architecture and form of a location, has been aligned with a history of sectarian violence and ethno-cultural, i.e. those relating to specific ethnic groups, segregation. It will explore how parks are viewed within changing historical narratives of division within Belfast; looking both at the "official (e.g. city council) and "unofficial" (e.g. community) perceptions and the changing spatial and ethno-cultural interpretations of parks.*

Focusing on the intricacies of communal interpretations of parks in Belfast as sites of inclusive social interaction has the potential to offer insights for Belfast City Council, the environment agencies and the third sector including community-based agencies such as the city's Partnership Boards. *This timely investigation evaluates the duality of how formal approaches to parks management developed by Belfast City Council (through the Belfast Agenda programme) compare to the ways in which the non-governmental and community based organisations engage with parks, and how informal understandings of parks by local communities of different faiths lead to varied types of interaction and inclusivity. The project would run during the build-up to the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Good Friday Agreement (1998) and as economic and demographic changes in the city force its government and communities to rethink their attachment to place, and reassess whether a process of 'cultural mediation' of place can both support new and maintain existing cultural links to the city's parks.*

The project will *place community understanding* at the centre of these debates. Physical and ethno-cultural segregation in Belfast has a well-known history (Shirlow & Murtagh, 2006). This project will focus on the dialogue between "official" and "unofficial" narratives of parks and their planning/management, which is often overlooked (Abdelmonem & McWhinney, 2015; Nagle, 2009). Our reflective approach to perceptions of parks will draw directly from community representations to create a living archive of localised knowledge within a contextual mapping resource and a *multi-stakeholder platform to explore the evolving values of parks within the city's diverse communities. The evidence generated will examine the complexities inherent in attempting to develop a universal understanding of "place" in Belfast, where investment proposals are often unaligned with local understandings and can be viewed as being exclusionary and/or segregationist* (Byrne & Gormley-Heenan, 2014).

The project aims to:

- a) Bring together a grounded co-produced narrative of the value of public parks in Belfast, utilising a mixed-method approach with spatial and participatory mapping that assesses how these sites are or have the potential to be, conciliatory spaces in a divided city.
- b) Establish how the formal planning approaches of Belfast City Council align with community interpretations of parks, and how this this relates to City Council attempts to promote parks as inclusive community spaces

Its research objectives are to:

1. Draw on existing literature to identify the current role of parks as conciliatory and socially inclusive locations and evaluate the potential of such places in Belfast to contrast with the historically exclusionary nature of “interface” spaces (such as Peace Lines) in Belfast;
2. Examine how temporal changes in communal interactions with parks have developed both organically and through government-led initiatives such as the Good Friday Agreement;
3. Mapping the spatial understanding of local communities of the interactivity between parks in Belfast using ethnographic and participatory mapping approaches;
4. Mapping how ethno-cultural change in the city is affecting access to, and physical and psychologically perceived barriers to the use of parks in Belfast;
5. Examine local development/policy objectives for parks to assess official/unofficial approaches to development in Belfast using evidence gained through ethnography and interviews with people on the city’s strategic Partnership Board, community group and environmental agency, focussing on knowledge to engage with the Belfast City Council’s *Belfast Agenda* in particular.

Overall Project Impact

The project will have impacts on both public policy and community arenas, focussing on the following:

- community interaction and understanding of the inclusive nature of parks in Belfast;
- potential influence of this on planning policy following the generation of grounded and co-produced evidence;
- facilitation of reflection by city agencies/stakeholders on how the city’s parks can be used to promote ethno-cultural integration. The innovation and timeliness of the project, together with co-production through focus groups and other means, will ensure that stakeholders within the city engage with its findings, especially as communal dynamics and the policy needed to manage growth in Belfast continues to evolve.

Funding Amount: Direct costs (non-staff costs) **approx. £80k**, including indirect/in-kind support contributions from project partners.

Project Duration: The project would run for a period of **3 years**, starting at the end of next year, working on six work packages (WPs).

Bid Partners: The project will be led by **Dr Ian Mell** (University of Manchester, School of Environment, Education & Development) who will co-ordinate the WPs. Other investigators include:

- **Dr John Sturzaker** (University of Liverpool, Department of Geography & Planning,)
- **Dr Alice Correia** (University of Salford, Faculty of Arts & Media)
- **Dr Mary Gearey** (University of Brighton, School of Environment & Technology)
- **Dr Neale Blair** (Ulster University, Built Environment Research Institute)
- **Research Fellow/PDRA** (Grade 6) working with the PI, CIs and project partners in Belfast the RF will coordinate (with the PI) the development and delivery of each WP.
- **PDRA** (Grade 5) will work with the PI/CIs to deliver the projects primary research activities.

Project Partners:

Other support financial/indirect

In-kind (non-direct financial) support for the project will hopefully be generated from the following public and NGO/community/third sector in Belfast:

- Connswater Greenway,
- South Belfast / East Belfast Partnership Boards,
- Belfast City Council,
- PLACE
- Community Places

These organisations will commit to support the project through the provision of officer time in terms of engagement with the project, facilitation and participation in community meetings, and the development of community advertising materials.

In the interim period, the City and Neighbourhood Services Department will co-ordinate the work associated with the research proposal. This may also require involvement from other Departments across the Council, including:

- Member services – elected member commitment
- Planning department
- C&NS Department – Parks department and Good Relations

Estimated BCC Commitment

As a project partner the expectation would be that BCC would be able to facilitate connections with community and city stakeholders in Belfast to enable the project team engagement. This would be in the form of contact information, introductions where appropriate and attendance at a number of consultation events over the 36 months of the project. The project lead anticipates this activity to be less than 10 public meetings, as not all will need or require a formal city presence. The meetings would be approximately 2 hours each.

The project lead would also hope that BCC would be willing to attend twice yearly catch up meetings with the project lead and/or other members of the project team in Belfast to discuss progress and any issues that arise. The expectations are that these meetings will last approximately 2 hours.

The lead partner is willing to make some kind of contribution to BCC through the project or offering a commitment of time to help BCC green infrastructure or green space/parks work as a quid pro quo (for every hour I provide a reciprocal service for BCC).

Therefore the lead partner would expect approximately 30-40 hours of BCC contact over the project lifespan. This is flexible though depending on commitments and aspirations to be more involved. The commitment would also be very much one of facilitation and introductions not one of leading the process or managing the project, which will be done by the project team.

Partners have asked the same of other partners in the city seeing their roles, as helping to facilitate the research (and potentially shaping the outcomes in the early stages) so that any outcomes are of value to BCC and other partners.

BCC Project benefits

The benefits identified for BCC, include the provision of baseline community-led evidence that could be integrated into city and local planning ensuring that perspectives on the value of parks, are engaged with. Spatial analysis will also be

generated that could be used to identify key areas of division, as well as good practice in terms of engagement and inclusive social behaviour, to direct future development and management of planning/ green space policy/ practice. The work could also complement and inform current programmes of work i.e. Peace IV programme and Smart Cities Framework. The outcomes and recommendations generated from the research could assist in identifying where interventions could be made to positively impact good relations.

BCC Project Implications

Some of the possible ramifications of the research include the resource commitments required and the ability of BCC to support this project, particularly in light of other funding commitments and ongoing work in local communities i.e. Peace IV and area planning. This work may also jeopardise current relationships the Council has established within local communities and their perceptions of BCC's involvement, but if managed properly by appropriate staff members, this can be substantially minimised.

BCC Project risks

- Out of all project partners – BCC probably carries the highest degree of risk in relation to the outworking's of the research.
- That the output and outcomes from the research could be of a sensitive and contentious nature.
- The output of the research would be available in the public domain via publications.
- That the findings could negatively impact on good relations at a City and local level.
- The biggest risk could be the lack of BCC involvement – it would be better for BCC to be in an influential position as opposed to not being involved at all.

Next Steps

BCC will need to make a final decision with regards to which scenario we commit to and who within the Council would be responsible for taking this research work forward. The four possible scenarios for consideration in relation to the extent of BCC's involvement in the research project include:

Scenario 1: Full support as a Project Partner – with full commitment and a letter of support from BCC. This would involve approx. 30-40 hours over the three years of the project and constitute time to discuss the project in the early stages, interaction with the project team to make introductions with members of interest groups in local communities focussing on parks, and the occasional attendance at events to discuss the value of parks in the city. In return the project lead will offer pro bono/reciprocal work for BCC based on time committed to the project.

Scenario 2: Partial support as a Project Advisor - with partial support in an advisory capacity. The project will aim to establish an advisory group for the project made up of local advocates, including staff from Queen's University Belfast and a representative from BCC. This group would provide guidance on a quarterly or bi-annual basis, with limited time commitment required and responsibility for reporting to partners and the project team.

Scenario 3. No formal support - BCC would not be in the position to provide formal support for the project in terms of a Letter of Support, officer time or introductions. BCC would be invited to work in an adhoc capacity with the project at specific events/activities but the project leads would not approach BCC for information in

the same way. Any engagement would be at the discretion of BCC officers and management.

Scenario 4: No support or involvement – BCC would not be in the position to support or be involved in any capacity in the research and withdraws based on the inherent implications and risks outlined above.

Obviously each of the scenarios has a different level of time and commitment from BCC. At this stage BCC recommend providing full commitment and support via opting for Scenario 1, with the ability to influence the project in its early stages and throughout development.

Summary Document

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Subject:	World Health Organisation Healthy Cities Invitation to attend Event
Date:	9 January 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director of City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Siobhan Toland, Assistant Director, City & Neighbourhood Services

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Belfast City Council has been a stakeholder in Belfast Healthy Cities for some years, also having officer representation on its Board. The Healthy Cities Network offers members the opportunity to be part of a network of cities and towns committed to embedding health and health equity in all local policies, to work towards improving the health of their populations and to develop a strong collective voice for public health and sustainable development.
1.2	The influence of the Healthy Cities Network lies in the collaborative capacity of its political leaders and it is within this context, that a World Health Organisation (WHO) European

1.3	<p>Healthy Cities Political Vision Group has been established to consider the vision and strategy for the next phase of Healthy Cities within Europe, 2019-2023. The role of the Political Vision Group which took place in Cork on 21 and 22 September 2017 was to ensure that politicians define the key themes for inclusion in the 2019-2023 phase.</p> <p>Belfast Healthy Cities was successful in its recent expression of interest, to host the 2018 WHO International Healthy Cities Conference. As hosts of the 2018 International Conference, WHO Europe has invited a politician from Belfast to join the WHO European Healthy Cities Political Vision Group in the lead up to the International Conference next year.</p>
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Members are requested to consider a further request nominating a member of Committee to attend the WHO European Healthy Cities Mayors' Summit, in the absence of the Lord Mayor, which will take place in Copenhagen on 12th and 13th February 2018.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The WHO European Healthy Cities Network was launched in 1988 as a political, cross-cutting and inter sectoral initiative, to be implemented through direct collaboration with cities. It is now a principal political and strategic vehicle for promoting whole of government and society approaches within the WHO European Region.</p>
3.2	<p>The WHO European Healthy Cities Network consists of almost 100 cities. In addition, 20 accredited National Healthy Cities Networks in Europe have more than 1,400 cities and municipalities as members.</p>
3.3	<p>The WHO European Healthy Cities Political Group Vision Group meeting was held in Cork in September 2017 and this provided an opportunity for an Elected Member to engage with other political representatives from across Europe, to discuss the key themes for inclusion in the 2019-2023 phase of Healthy Cities within Europe. These themes will be consulted on, updated and adopted at the Mayors' Summit in Copenhagen in February 2018.</p>
3.4	<p>The Committee is asked to note that The Lord Mayor of Belfast had been invited to attend the event in Copenhagen, however is not available for the event. The Committee are therefore asked to consider a nominee to attend the event on behalf of Council.</p>

3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>It is estimated that the cost per person to attend the WHO European Healthy Cities Mayors' Summit in Copenhagen will be accommodated within existing budgets.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Letter of invitation from Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab, Regional Director WHO Healthy Cities.

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Ms Nuala McAllister
Lord Mayor of Belfast
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Dear Madam,

**WHO European Healthy Cities Network Summit of Mayors
12–13 February 2018, Copenhagen, Denmark**

It is my pleasure to invite you to contribute to the World Health Organization (WHO) European Healthy Cities Network Summit of Mayors, which will be held at UN City in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 12–13 February 2018. I have convened this Summit in order to bring together selected mayors and political leaders from across the European Region to discuss and shape the future political direction of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network and how to achieve equitable and sustainable development for all.

I would like to invite you in the capacity of keynote speaker to make a presentation of WHO Healthy Cities Network International Conference, Belfast, United Kingdom, 1-4 October 2018 during a special session organised over lunch 13:30–14:30 Tuesday 13 February 2018. The scope and purpose and provisional programme of the Summit are also enclosed for your further information.

The global policy context – the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda – has placed cities at the forefront of sustainable development. For 30 years, the WHO European Healthy Cities Network has been a key political and strategic vehicle for promoting whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches for health, well-being, equity, and sustainable development at the city and municipal levels across the European Region.

City leadership is determinant on strong political leadership, and it is this inspired political leadership that is a driver for both the success and sustainability of the Network. By working together, politicians can ensure that the Network reaches its potential as a key partner for WHO in implementing the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals and other global policy frameworks.

The Summit of Mayors will culminate in the adoption of the Copenhagen Consensus on Healthier and Happier Cities for All, a political vision for the future of the health and well-being of all people living

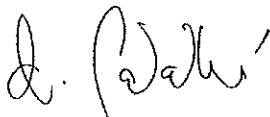
in cities and urban places across the European Region. The Consensus will provide the framework for the future work of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network, placing it at the centre of the current global drive for sustainable development. It will affirm the political commitment of cities to embrace their leadership role in creating a healthier and happier future and will act as a political mandate for the Network in the coming years.

Over the last year, I convened the Political Vision Group to provide input on and guide the future strategic direction of the Healthy Cities movement. This process has culminated in an innovative Consensus and political vision centred on the six key themes of people, place, participation, prosperity, peace and planet. The Summit of Mayors presents an opportunity for Mayors to discuss and reflect on the vision, and how it can be taken forward by cities and municipalities alongside local, national, and international partners. I am delighted to be able to share with you the draft *Copenhagen Consensus on Healthier and Happier Cities for All* here for your information.

We would appreciate it if you were able to kindly communicate your response to these email addresses at your earliest convenience, but no later than Friday, 29th of December 2017. The responsible officer for the Summit is Monika Kosinska, Regional Focal Point for Healthy Cities kosinskam@who.int. Maria Rundstroem (rundstroemm@who.int; eurohealthycities@who.int), administrative focal point, will be responsible for the arrangement of your travel and accommodation.

I very much hope to see you in Copenhagen, and that you and your expertise are able to help contribute to our common goal of improving the health and well-being for all.

Yours very truly,



Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab
Regional Director

Enclosures:

Scope and Purpose
Draft Programme
Copenhagen Consensus on Healthier and Happier Cities for All

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Subject:	Appointment of Public Analyst
Date:	9 th January 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department
Contact Officer:	Siobhan Toland, Assistant Director City and Neighbourhood Services Damian Connolly, Environmental Health Manager (Food Safety and Port Health)

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Article 27 (1) of the Food Safety (NI) Order 1991 requires the Council to appoint suitably qualified persons as Public Analysts within the district of the Council, for the purpose of examining and analysing food samples to determine compliance with food safety, compositional and labelling requirements.
1.2	Such individuals must meet the qualifications prescribed within the Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications) Regulations (NI) 2013.

1.3	The purpose of this report is to request Members to approve the appointment of Lilian Emma Jane Downie MChem, MChemA, CChem, MRSC as a Public Analyst within the District.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to approve the appointment of the following suitably qualified person as Public Analyst to the Council under Article 27(1) of the Food Safety Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1991:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lilian Emma Jane Downie MChem, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Council has a duty to monitor and ensure compliance with Food Law within its jurisdiction. Sampling and analysis is an essential element of food law regulation. Council Food Safety Officers regularly sample foods and send them for laboratory analysis to verify if they are safe and meet all compositional and labelling requirements. The Council currently analyses approximately 400 samples each year. In the majority of cases officers use the results of this analysis to work with businesses to secure compliance. In a small number of more serious cases formal action may be taken based on the results in line with the Council's Enforcement and Regulation Policy.
3.2	Article 27 (1) of the Food Safety (NI) Order 1991 requires the Council to appoint suitably qualified persons as Public Analysts within the district to carry out this analytical work and such individuals must meet the qualifications prescribed within the Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications) Regulations (NI) 2013.
3.3	On 1 st June 2016 following a regional procurement exercise, Council awarded a contract to Public Analyst Scientific Services Limited to provide this service. This contract runs to the end of June 2018 with an option to extend up to two twelve month periods at the Council's discretion.
3.4	Subsequently on 7 th June 2016, the People and Communities Committee approved the appointment of a number of suitably qualified persons employed by the contractor as Public Analysts in line with the requirements of Article 27(1) of the Food Safety Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.)
3.5	Public Analyst Scientific Services Limited have now contacted the Council requesting that in addition, Lilian Emma Jane Downie, MChem, MChemA, CChem, MRSC, be appointed as a suitably qualified person.

3.6	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> No additional financial resources are envisaged as the cost of public analyst services is allowed for within existing budgets.
3.7	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Request for The Use of Cathedral Gardens for “Refugee Solidarity Sleep Out” Event by Christian Aid
Date:	9 January 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department
Contact Officer:	Brian McKinley, Events Officer

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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 Committee is asked to note that the Council has received a request from Christian Aid for the use of Cathedral Gardens. Christian Aid proposes to hold their annual “Refugee Solidarity Sleep Out” event at Cathedral Gardens from 12noon, Friday 11 May to 12noon, Saturday 12 May.
1.2	This event will require the closure of all or a substantial proportion of the site and will involve Christian Aid supporters erecting tents and sleeping out overnight on-site. As this has become an annual event, the Committee is asked to consider approving similar event requests from Christian Aid for a subsequent 3-years’ subject to the completion of the necessary documentation and the availability of the site.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approve the Christian Aid event at Cathedral Gardens from 12noon on Friday 11 May to 12noon on Saturday 12 May 2018, and for a subsequent three years, subject to the completion of the appropriate Event Management Plans, the availability of the site and satisfactory terms being agreed by the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services and on the condition that the Event Organiser: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ meets all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety and licensing responsibilities; and ▪ consults with adjoining public bodies, the local community and the PSNI as necessary.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The proposed event will require the closure of all or a substantial proportion of the site and will involve Christian Aid supporters erecting tents and sleeping out overnight on-site. It will aim to show solidarity with refugees across Europe and the Middle East who are forced to sleep out every night, as a result of conflict. ▪ The proposed event will coincide with the start of Christian Aid Week, which began in 1957. It is envisaged that 60 people, over 18 years of age, will pre-register to bring a tent and set up camp over the two days and these participants will be asked to raise sponsorship or pay a registration fee. ▪ In addition to the small camp, a larger tent will be erected and will contain an exhibition highlighting Christian Aid's work with refugees in Lebanon, Iraq, Greece and Serbia. This exhibition will be open to the public during the day on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. ▪ The Event Organiser will arrange for the provision of portable toilets on-site and is in contact with St. Anne's Cathedral regarding access to their catering facilities etc. ▪ The Event Organiser will arrange litter lifts during and after the event, so that the site is left litter free.
3.2	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>No implications have been identified.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no known implications.</p>

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Request for The Use of Ormeau Park – XMTB Spring Series 2018
Date:	9 January 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department
Contact Officer:	Brian McKinley, Events Officer

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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 Committee is asked to note that the Council has received a request from XMTB to hold a series of Cross Country Mountain Bike events at Ormeau Park on Sunday 25 February, Sunday 4 and Sunday 25 March 2018 from 7.30am to 3.30pm each day. There will be an on-line event registration fee or competitors will be required to register on the day of the event.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approve the XMTB Spring Series at Ormeau Park on Sunday 25 February, Sunday 4 and 25 March 2018 and all subsequent annual “XMTB” Cross Country Mountain Bike events at this location, subject to the completion of the appropriate Event Management

	<p>Plans and satisfactory terms being agreed by the Director of City & Neighbourhood Services and on the condition that the Event Organiser:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ resolves all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction; ▪ meets all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety, and licensing responsibilities; and ▪ shall consult with adjoining public bodies and local communities as necessary.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	XMTB is a Mountain Bike Racing Club who has been organising races for a number of years, for competitors with a broad range of abilities and interests covering all age groups and both genders. The Club is responsible for organising a Spring League at the beginning of the year and a number of other events throughout the year as well as a round of the Ulster Cyclocross Series. XMTB has produced some of the most successful riders in Ireland, with two professional riders, two British Championship runners-up and several Ulster and Irish Champions.
3.2	The event will take place in the wooded area in Ormeau Park. There will be an on-line event registration fee or competitors will be required to register on the day of the event. It is estimated that there will be 150 entrants.
3.3	The Event Organiser will ensure that the event does not impact on the weekly Junior Park Run that takes place at Ormeau Park.
3.4	The Event Organiser will be required to submit an Event Management Plan to the Council prior to their event, in a timely manner and undertake the appropriate notifications, as necessary.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.5	Any reinstatement work carried out as a result of the event will be paid for by the Event Organiser.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.6	There are no known implications.

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Request to include Cregagh Green in a Peace Fields Project
Date:	9 January 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department

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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	A request has been received from community representatives from Cregagh in East Belfast seeking approval to participate in the National Children’s Football Alliance (NCFA) Peace Fields Project and in doing so to designate the pitch at Cregagh Green, locally known as ‘the George Best pitch’, as a Peace Pitch which will be twinned with a pitch in Messines, Belgium.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the proposal in principle and agree that a sum of £1,500 is allocated from within existing budgets for the area to support costs in developing the initiative.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	National Children’s Football Alliance (NCFA) is a coalition of agencies and organisations that safeguard and advance the rights of children in football. As a humanistic voice and advocate for children, the NCFA also acts as a focal point and network for those individuals and organisations seeking sustainable partnerships, information, education and/or training on child-centred approaches and children's rights in football. The NCFA seeks to protect childhood through football.
3.2	The Peace Fields Project (PFP) is an extension to the Heritage Lottery Funded 2014 Football & Peace Project, inspired by the Christmas Truces of 1914, it considered how a symbolic moment of First World War history relates to the contemporary mission of the NCFA. A number of NCFA projects have engaged children and young people from vulnerable groups which are outside the radar of structured football. PFP linked the escapism of play with the historic and explored conflict resolution. It provided young people with the opportunity to research their heritage in the First World War through the medium of sport. The PFP provided teachers with the opportunity to engage pupils in subjects across their school’s curricular, using sport as a vehicle. It also engaged local primary schools, families and members of the community who participated in research and activities. All participants pledged to twin their designated areas of play with Flanders Peace Field, Messines, Belgium. This commitment has created a legacy for commemorating the First World War and celebrating peace through play on every anniversary.
3.3	The proposals to designate Cregagh Green as a Peace Field are at an early stage, however, it is anticipated that the project will involve significant numbers of local children and up to 20 local children travelling to Messines for the twinning ceremony.
3.4	Appendix 1 sets out the steps involved in creating a Peace Field.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.5	The NCFA will seek to cover presentation and workshop costs. A contribution of £1,500 is sought from Council from within existing budgets to support development of the initiative.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.6	There are no known equality or good relation implications.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Three steps to Peace

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Appendix 1 Three Steps to a Peace Field



Declaration of Peace
To register for the PFP email The National Children's Football Alliance;
info@thecfa.co.uk

Step 1

- Register with The NCFA for your PFP tool kit
- Facilitate football / games events in the community
- Invite local schools

Step 2

- Organise Peace Field twinning ceremony
- Present Peace Fields Plaque
- Sign PFP Declaration

Step 3

- Upload your school's logo and media of the event onto your PFP web page
- Download your PFP kite mark
- Promote sportsmanship through the spirit of the 1914 Christmas Truces.

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Subject:	Pride of Place Competition 2017
Date:	9 January 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department
Contact Officer:	Cate Taggart, Community Development 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 update Members on the results of the Pride of Place Competition 2017.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the contents of the report and the continuing success of the Council's nominated groups in the competition.
3.0	Main report
3.1	The Pride of Place competition has been supported by Belfast City Council for a number of years with Community Service Officers taking the organisational lead in the selection and preparation of entrant groups. It is run by Co-operation Ireland in partnership with the All

	Island Local Authority Steering forum, which encourages strategic and sustainable approaches to cross-border co-operation by Local Authorities.
3.2	The competition recognises and celebrates the vital contributions that community partnerships make to society. The focus is on people coming together to shape, change and enjoy all that is good about their local area.
3.3	Members will recall that 4 groups were nominated by Committee for the Pride of Place Awards in May 2017: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Hanwood Centre in the Urban Neighbourhood Over 2,000 Category 2. Lower Oldpark Community Association in the Urban Neighbourhood Under 1,000 Category 3. College Park Avenue Residents Association in the Community Environmental Initiative Category 4. Upper Springfield Youth Team in the Community Based Youth Initiative Category
3.4	The Gala Awards Ceremony was held in the Mount Errigal Hotel in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on the 2 December. Committee Chairperson Alderman Sandford, Brian Kelly (Community Services) and representatives from the nominated groups attended the event.
3.5	This year's competition had been the most competitive to date with 103 nominations across all the categories.
3.6	Two of our nominations, Lower Oldpark Community Association and Upper Springfield Youth Team were the Overall Winners in their categories. The judges were impressed with the level of work, commitment and standards of all our nominations.
3.7	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> N/A
3.8	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> N/A.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None



Subject:	Consultation response on the Forest Services' Proposal to manage Ash Dieback Disease
Date:	09 January 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department Orla Maguire, Biodiversity Officer

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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 the report is to present the draft response to the Forest Services' Proposal to manage Ash Dieback Disease for Members to consider and agree.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider and agree that Officers respond to the Consultation supporting the Department's approach and specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) agreeing to the discontinuation of issuing Statutory Plant Health Notices in favour of a voluntary approach and to (ii) seek further guidance from the Department on the best practice management of ash trees woodlands where Ash Dieback has been confirmed.

3.0	Main report
3.1	The Forest Service is seeking views on its proposals to manage Ash Dieback Disease. Elected Members of the former Parks and Leisure Committee received an update on 14 th March 2013.
3.2	Ash is a native species of major ecological importance, common in hedgerows and woodlands
3.3	Ash Dieback, a disease of ash trees was first detected in Northern Ireland in 2012 on imported ash trees. The Department has been monitoring the presence of the disease since then, and are now finding the disease at widely dispersed locations across Northern Ireland despite efforts to contain and eradicate the disease.
3.4	Since 2012 the Forest Service has spent over £0.5 million finding and destroying infected trees, but the disease is still spreading. The Department now considers that containment and eradication are no longer practicable.
3.5	Consequently, the Department is consulting on a change of approach to discontinue the issuing of Statutory Notices requiring the destruction of ash trees affected by Ash Dieback. In addition, the Department will not seek Protected Zone status against Ash Dieback disease.
3.6	<p>The Department proposes to implement the following measures to assist stakeholders manage Ash Dieback through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guidance on Ash Dieback which is available on www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/ash-dieback-disease 2. Funding support for the removal of infected plants and replanting through the Forest Protection Scheme. Forest Service intends to provide additional grant support to manage woodland affected by the disease. 3. The Tree Check app which is available to download at www.treecheck.net: this allows the reporting of suspect tree pests and diseases to the Forest Service. 4. The retention of legislative controls on ash plants for planting under the Plant Health Amendment Order (NI) 2012. 5. Scientific research, on Ash Dieback and its environmental impact in Northern Ireland including research to identify trees which are tolerant to Ash Dieback
3.7	In summary Forest Service intends to modify its approach to the management of Ash Dieback

	by discontinuing to issue Statutory Plant Health Notices in favour of a voluntary approach.
	<u>Key issues</u>
3.8	The Council agrees with the Department's approach and will incorporate training of Parks Staff and will support local environmental groups to report suspected instances of Ash Dieback across Belfast.
3.9	Members should note that we are seeking further clarification on any resource implications to the Council and therefore this response is subject to any further updates on this matter.
3.10	Officers will seek further guidance from the Department on the best practice management of ash trees and woodlands where Ash Dieback has been confirmed, specifically costs.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.11	There may be financial implications for Council where Ash Dieback is recorded on Council lands. Once the financial implications are understood we would intend covering within existing budgets. However, if cost implications are significant a further report will be brought to committee.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.12	None associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Jubilee Gardens Update
Date:	9 January 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City and Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director City and Neighbourhood Services

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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	Members will recall that benches in Jubilee Gardens were removed temporarily on 30 November 2017 in attempts to minimise the impact of high levels of anti-social behaviour in the area.
1.2	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the background to that decision and the subsequent reinstatement of the benches.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to consider the contents of the report.
3.0	Background

3.1	Members will be aware that a number of city centre locations have had long standing issues with crime and anti-social behaviour, in particular on street drinking and criminal damage.
3.2	Jubilee Gardens has been impacted significantly by these issues in the last 12-18 months in addition to evidence of drug consumption, associated drug litter and public urination/defecation in the area.
3.3	These issues have been identified by Council Officers in the normal course of their daily duties, but there has also been regular contact from organisations in the area about the detrimental effect these issues are having on their users/clients.
3.4	PSNI had also raised concerns with Council regarding these issues in Jubilee Gardens and after a site visit with Council Officers a number of design out crime measures were identified, one of which was the temporary removal of the benches.
3.5	It was then arranged to have the benches temporarily removed to see if it would minimise the impact of the crime and anti-social behaviour taking place in the area and this took place on 30 November 2017.
3.6	Following concerns raised by some Elected Members about the decision and its potential impact on vulnerable people, particularly rough sleepers; a subsequent decision was taken to reinstate the benches and this took place on 14 December 2017.
3.7	Members may wish to note that Officers are working daily in the city centre with organisations supporting vulnerable people and at no point was Jubilee Gardens identified as an area where individuals were sleeping rough in the city. Following the concerns raised on social media with the removal of the benches, council officers consulted further with partner agencies, Belfast Chamber and Belfast City Centre Management who indicated their preference that the benches should not be replaced.
3.8	Members may wish to note that Officers have received one complaint about the instatement of the benches from an individual significantly affected by the issues. The complainant disagreed with the decision to reinstate the benches.
	<p>Partnership Working to Support Vulnerable People</p>
3.9	Members may wish to note in recent years, highly effective partnership working has developed between a range of organisations operating in the city centre supporting vulnerable people including NIHE, Extern, Welcome Organisation, De Paul, Salvation Army etc. ‘Virtual Inter-Agency Teams’ are working together operationally on a daily basis sharing information on vulnerable individuals and attempting to encourage those people in to support services.
3.10	The inter-agency working has resulted in a reduction in the number of people sleeping rough in the city centre. The 2016 Street Needs Audit identified an average of 11 people sleeping rough compared to a recent update on that Audit in December 2017 which identified 5 people sleeping rough.
3.11	NIHE who have statutory responsibility for homelessness have stated publicly that there are services, accommodation and support for anyone who finds themselves homeless in Belfast. Support organisations continue on a daily basis in their attempts to encourage individuals to avail of the services available for them and to move to a place of safety. However, some individuals

<p>3.12</p> <p>3.13</p> <p>3.14</p> <p>3.15</p> <p>3.16</p> <p>3.17</p>	<p>chose not to avail of that support.</p> <p>Members will also be aware that Belfast City Council and Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership have participated proactively in recent years in efforts to support vulnerable people and reduce homelessness and this work continues. Some examples of this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the tragic deaths of rough sleepers in the city centre, a number of Lord Mayor’s convened regular meetings with our city partners to give a priority focus to issues around homelessness. • A number of Lord Mayors have hosted a Christmas Dinner in City Hall for vulnerable and homeless individuals in the city, supported by NIHE and Council for the Homeless NI • Belfast PCSP provided funding to allow the Welcome Centre to provide extra outreach hours • Belfast PCSP part funds in partnership with the Public Health Agency a dual diagnosis addiction and mental health worker (Extern/Welcome Organisation) to assist vulnerable individuals in the city centre who have more complex needs <p>Environmental Improvements</p> <p>Members may wish to note that the design out crime recommendations were being considered as part of wider options for environmental improvements to Jubilee Gardens. The purpose of considering these improvements is to encourage positive use and activity in this area as part of the Council’s wider approach to open spaces in the city centre.</p> <p>Options are currently being developed and will be brought to Members for future consideration along with financial implications.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Costs associated with the removal and reinstatement of the benches in Jubilee Gardens were minimal and were covered from within existing City and Neighbourhood Services revenue budgets.</p> <p>Any financial implications associated with options for environmental improvements at Jubilee Gardens will be presented to Members at a future meeting.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no equality or Good Relations implication at present, however, this will monitored on an ongoing basis as environmental improvement options are further developed.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
<p>4.1</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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