



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Appropriation of Land at Shore Road Playing Fields
Date:	23 May 2008
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Relevant Background Information

At its meeting on 13 March 2008 the Parks and Leisure Committee agreed to the Appropriation of approximately 0.84 acres of land (shown hatched on Appendix 1) at Shore Road Playing Fields to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to be managed as part of the Corporate Land Bank. The land is currently let on Licence to the Whitewell Metropolitan Tabernacle and is used as an overflow car parking area. The current financial receipt from the Licence is £10,000 per annum.

Site to be managed by Estates Management Unit, Core Improvement Team, with an appropriate budgetary allocation to facilitate among other things, any physical works to secure the site, and site marketing, as required.

Estates Management Unit are to consider the longer term utilisation of the site and will provide Committee with further reports in due course.

Key Issues

- Appropriation of approximately 0.84 acres from Parks and Leisure Committee to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to form part of the Corporate Land Bank managed by Estates Management Unit, Core Improvement Team.
- Further reports to be provided to Committee in due course on future utilisation of the site.

Resource Implications

Financial

It may well be appropriate to physically separate the site from adjoining lands which will continue to form part of Shore Road Playing Fields and it may be appropriate to market the property at some stage. The need for these actions (and any expenditure associated with them) will be considered by Estates Management Unit as part of their review of the site. In the interim it is envisaged the current financial receipt of £10,000 per annum is likely to continue and there remains the prospect of a capital receipt if members ultimately approve disposal of the land.

Human Resources

No additional human resources required at this time.

Asset and Other Implications

The declaration of this land as surplus to Parks & Leisure operational requirements and its appropriation to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee as part of the Corporate Land Bank will allow the Council to consider the most appropriate future use of the land and its potential disposal.

Recommendations

Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report and note that further reports will be brought to Committee in due course.

Key to Abbreviations

None

Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – Map showing (hatched) the area of land to be appropriated from Parks and Leisure Committee to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.