



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Acquisition of Land at Carrick Hill Playground
Date:	23 October 2009
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Relevant Background Information

Carrick Hill Playground was acquired by the Council from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive on a 10,000 year lease dated 31 October 1994, for a nominal sum, subject to restrictions as to the use etc. of the property.

The mapping associated with the 1994 lease shows a street layout and arrangement of buildings which have now altered and it has only recently come to light that a small portion of the playground site falls outside the area defined in the 1994 lease.

In discussions with the Housing Executive they have confirmed a willingness to correct the anomaly and arrange for transfer of the land (portion shown hatched on Appendix 1 attached) to the Council on terms similar to those contained in the 1994 lease.

Key Issues

Proposed acquisition of approximately 33 square metres of land from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive by way of a long lease for a nominal sum, subject to restrictions on use similar to those on adjoining land held in similar fashion by the Council from NIHE.

Resource Implications

Financial

Nominal acquisition costs. Acquisition rectifies an anomaly in title and has nominal or

no financial impact on future maintenance costs.

Human Resources

No additional human resources required. Legal Services and Estates Management resources required during land acquisition process.

Asset and Other Implications

Regularises integrity of current land asset.

Recommendations

Committee is recommended to approve the acquisition of approximately 33 square metres of land (shown hatched black on Appendix 1) from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive on a long lease (10,000 years or similar) for a nominal sum, subject to the future use of the land being restricted to playground purposes and appropriate terms to be included in a suitable legal agreement.

Decision Tracking

The land will be purchased following the completion of the agreements.

Officer responsible – Ken Anderson

Key to Abbreviations

NIHE – Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – Map showing (hatched black) an area of approximately 33 square metres to be acquired from NIHE. Area shaded grey is land currently held by the Council on lease from NIHE.