



**Belfast City Council**

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Review of Rents on Parks Houses
<b>Date:</b>	25 April 2012
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Gerry Millar, Director of Property and Projects, ext 6217
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<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	At its meeting on the 15 March 2012 the Parks and Leisure Committee received a report on proposed reviewed rents for houses located on land for which Parks and Leisure Department have operational responsibility.
1.2	The rents remain subject to approval by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in accordance with Standing Order 46.

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>																																				
2.1	The proposed rents contained in the report are set out in the following table.																																				
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<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>The proposed rents update the level of rents in accordance with Housing Executive rents and apply relevant adjustments to these. The proposed rents would increase the total annual rental income from the dwellings referred to in this report, from the current £17,160 to £17,784 per annum.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Human Resources</u></p> <p>No additional human resources required.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>Ensures appropriate rental levels for dwellings.</p>

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
4.1	No known equality or good relations issues associated with this report.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	Committee is recommended to endorse the decision of the Parks and Leisure Committee in relation to the levels of rent as set out in this report.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
Director of Property and Projects to liaise with Director of Parks and Leisure to ensure implementation of approved rents at the earliest opportunity.	

<b>7</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
No documents attached.	