



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Connswater Community Greenway land assembly
Date:	22 August 2014
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Belfast City Council, as part of the City Investment Strategy, has agreed to co-ordinate the acquisition of lands to enable the Connswater Community Greenway Programme to proceed. The Council will secure rights over the land needed for the Greenway and shall be responsible for the management and maintenance of this land and any assets on the land. The Greenway must be accessible for 40 years to comply with the Big Lottery Fund letter of offer, although the intention is to secure rights for longer if possible.
1.2	Phase one of the Greenway project is almost complete and the Council hope to appoint a contractor for phase two later this year.

2	Key Issues
2.1	As part of the Connswater Community Greenway project the Council want to landscape the area of land shown outlined red on the plan attached at Appendix'1'. The Northern Ireland Library Authority has agreed to grant the Council a licence to enter on to the land to landscape the land in line with the landscape plan for adjoining Council owned land.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	<u>Finance</u> The proposal to acquire the land from the Northern Ireland Library Authority requires no expenditure by the Council.
3.2	<u>Assets</u> The land acquired from the NILA will be managed and maintained by the Council as part of the Connswater Community Greenway.

3.3	<u>Human Resources</u> Officers from Estates and Legal Services will, subject to Members approval, complete the licence from the Northern Ireland Library Authority.
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4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	The CCG will have a positive impact in terms of equality of opportunity and good relations.

5	Recommendations
5.1	It is recommended that the Committee grant approval for the Council to acquire a licence from NILA for the land shown outlined red on the plan attached at Appendix'1' on terms to be agreed between NILA, Estates and Legal Services.

6	Decision Tracking
Director of Property and Projects to ensure completion of the licence, if approved by Members.	

7	Key to Abbreviations
CCG - Connswater Community Greenway NILA - Northern Ireland Library Authority	

8	Documents Attached
Plan at Appendix'1'	