



Belfast District Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Family Friendly Car Parking
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Council and Shadow Council both supported a notice of motion in September to i.e. "This Council, mindful of the need to create a more family friendly City, will make provision within all car parks that it controls for family designated parking spaces."

2	Key Issues
2.1	In order to adopt this agreed position arrangements will be made to paint a parent/child logo in appropriate car parking spaces as has recently been the trend in some supermarket car parks.
2.2	The exercise will be undertaken in two parts, one on our existing car parks and later on any car parks transferring post 2015 after RPA.
2.3	Members should note there are no specific family friendly space standards for bay size or the number of such spaces required. Discussions will therefore be held with managers of Leisure Centres and so on to determine numbers and sizes as appropriate to clientele of various facilities.
2.4	As a guide the DOE guidance 'Access for All' requires a minimum normal bay size of 2.4 x 4.8m and 3.8 x 6.6m for disabled badge holders. Even then allowances are made for differing parking layouts, parallel, herring bone, in line etc and tend to be site specific on details of layouts.
2.5	The first step is then to obtain details of the car parks, agree on number and size of family friendly car parks per site, agree budgets and then undertake the work.
2.6	This issue will be added to our current asset and maintenance management plans which are ongoing as part of RPA and the most cost effective solution will be implemented.

3	Resource Implications

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations

5	Recommendations
	Members are asked to note and agree these suggested actions.