



<b>Subject:</b>	Request to include Cregagh Green in a Peace Fields Project
<b>Date:</b>	9 January 2018
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Some time in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	A request has been received from community representatives from Cregagh in East Belfast seeking approval to participate in the National Children's Football Alliance (NCFA) Peace Fields Project and in doing so to designate the pitch at Cregagh Green, locally known as 'the George Best pitch', as a Peace Pitch which will be twinned with a pitch in Messines, Belgium.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support the proposal in principle and agree that a sum of £1,500 is allocated from within existing budgets for the area to support costs in developing the initiative.</li></ul>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	National Children’s Football Alliance (NCFA) is a coalition of agencies and organisations that safeguard and advance the rights of children in football. As a humanistic voice and advocate for children, the NCFA also acts as a focal point and network for those individuals and organisations seeking sustainable partnerships, information, education and/or training on child-centred approaches and children's rights in football. The NCFA seeks to protect childhood through football.
3.2	The Peace Fields Project (PFP) is an extension to the Heritage Lottery Funded 2014 Football & Peace Project, inspired by the Christmas Truces of 1914, it considered how a symbolic moment of First World War history relates to the contemporary mission of the NCFA. A number of NCFA projects have engaged children and young people from vulnerable groups which are outside the radar of structured football. PFP linked the escapism of play with the historic and explored conflict resolution. It provided young people with the opportunity to research their heritage in the First World War through the medium of sport. The PFP provided teachers with the opportunity to engage pupils in subjects across their school’s curricular, using sport as a vehicle. It also engaged local primary schools, families and members of the community who participated in research and activities. All participants pledged to twin their designated areas of play with Flanders Peace Field, Messines, Belgium. This commitment has created a legacy for commemorating the First World War and celebrating peace through play on every anniversary.
3.3	The proposals to designate Cregagh Green as a Peace Field are at an early stage, however, it is anticipated that the project will involve significant numbers of local children and up to 20 local children travelling to Messines for the twinning ceremony.
3.4	Appendix 1 sets out the steps involved in creating a Peace Field.
	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>
3.5	The NCFA will seek to cover presentation and workshop costs. A contribution of £1,500 is sought from Council from within existing budgets to support development of the initiative.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.6	There are no known equality or good relation implications.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 - Three steps to Peace

