



Subject:	To seek approval for the planting of a living Christmas tree at Belvoir Drive.
Date:	8 May 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To request permission for the planting of a living Christmas Tree at Belvoir Drive, Belvoir Estate.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to recommend that; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permission is granted for the planting of a living Christmas Tree at Belvoir Drive, subject to agreed terms with the local community group.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Belvoir Residents Group have requested use of green space at Belvoir Drive to plant a living Christmas Tree. Council Officers met Belvoir Residents Group on site and have agreed a location.

3.2	<p>Council does not traditionally support the erection of standalone Christmas trees due to health and safety risks. In a number of development schemes, living Christmas trees have been designed in eg CS Lewis Square and Skegoneill. In this case, the group will purchase the tree and have requested approval for planting of a 10-12 foot Norway Spruce subject to satisfactory terms in line with the Arboriculture Officer, City and Neighbourhood Services and agreed with the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services and on condition that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The group agrees to all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction 2. Belfast City Council will provide the routine maintenance of the tree.
3.3	<p>The living Christmas tree will provide community benefit through organised community events at Christmas time which will promote good relations.</p>
	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p>
3.4	<p>There will be no financial implications to Council.</p>
	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.5	<p>No Implications</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None