



<b>Subject:</b>	Update on Green Flag and Green Flag Heritage Award
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To update Members of the recent success in achieving 20 Green Flags and a Green Flag Heritage Award.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Note the contents of the report.</li></ul>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<p data-bbox="316 237 459 259"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="204 331 1497 461">3.1 20 Belfast City Council parks, playing fields and Roselawn Cemetery were Green Flag judged over the summer of 2019. The judging criteria for the green flag award is based on 8 elements:</p> <ul data-bbox="363 533 962 931" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A welcoming place</li> <li>• Healthy, safe and secure</li> <li>• Well maintained and clean</li> <li>• Environmental management</li> <li>• Biodiversity, landscape and heritage</li> <li>• Community involvement</li> <li>• Marketing and Communication</li> <li>• Management, including 5-year action plan</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="204 1003 898 1037">3.2 The Heritage Award is based on 3 elements:</p> <ul data-bbox="363 1104 986 1245" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Condition of historic features</li> <li>• Use and enjoyment of historic features</li> <li>• Maintaining historic character &amp; appearance</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="204 1305 1497 1597">3.3 All 19 Parks and 1 cemetery were awarded Green Flag status with one site also being awarded the special accolade of Green Flag Heritage award status which incorporates the Green Flag Award. This year is the tenth anniversary of Belfast City Council achieving its first award in 2009 with the number of parks achieving the award, growing year on year since then. This is a tremendous achievement and staff were thanked for their hard work and efforts to achieve Green flag status in so many locations.</p> <p data-bbox="204 1653 1222 1697">3.4 The 20 Parks, Playing Fields and Cemetery awarded Green Flag are:</p> <ul data-bbox="411 1765 951 2007" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Barnett Demesne</b></li> <li>• <b>Belmont Park</b></li> <li>• <b>Botanic Gardens</b></li> <li>• <b>Cavehill Country Park</b></li> <li>• <b>Connswater Community Greenway</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Drumglass Park</b></li> <li>• <b>Dunmurry Park</b></li> <li>• <b>Dunville Park</b></li> <li>• <b>Falls Park</b></li> <li>• <b>Grove Playing Fields</b></li> <li>• <b>Half Moon Lake</b></li> <li>• <b>Knocknagoney Linear Park</b></li> <li>• <b>Lagan Meadows</b></li> <li>• <b>Musgrave Park</b></li> <li>• <b>Ormeau Park</b></li> <li>• <b>Roselawn Cemetery</b></li> <li>• <b>Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park</b></li> <li>• <b>Tullycarnet Park</b></li> <li>• <b>Waterworks</b></li> <li>• <b>Woodvale Park</b></li> </ul>
3.5	<p>Members are asked to note that the Connswater Community Greenway includes the full extent of the 15 kilometres and Victoria and Orangefield Parks, and that Botanic Gardens has received recognition for the opening of the Tropical Ravine with a prestigious Heritage Award.</p>
	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p>
3.6	<p>The cost of managing, maintaining and improving the parks to maintain Green Flag status are included within current revenue estimates. There is a charge of approximately £500 to have each park judged. This is also included within current revenue estimates.</p>
	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.7	<p>There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications associated with this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None