



Subject:	Hannahstown Village Playground & Public Square
Date:	11 th May 2021
Reporting Officer:	Ryan Black, Director of City & Neighbourhood Services
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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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	The purpose of this report is to seek approval to recommend to Strategic Policy & Resources Committee to extend the Council's current Licence Agreement with Hannahstown Community Association and amend the mapping to include the playground and adjacent public square lands only.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to recommend that, in accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercise her delegated authority to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to extend the Council's current Licence Agreement with Hannahstown Community Association and amend the mapping to include the playground and adjacent public square lands only.

3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The subject lands at Hannahstown are owned by Lamh Dhearg GLC and Leased to Hannahstown Community Association (HCA) for 10 years until 1 st February 2024. HCA have Licenced the subject lands to Lisburn City Council for 10 years until 31 st January 2024. The Licence transferred to Belfast City Council on 1 st April 2015 under LGR. The Licence cannot be extended beyond 31 st January 2024 without the Lease to HCA from the GAA club being extended or indeed a new Lease being put in place. Please refer to Appendix 1 which shows the subject lands outlined in red.
3.2	The Council received Rural Development Programme (RDP) funds on behalf of HCA to improve the quality of the general environment and services available in Hannahstown which included upgrades to the playground and to create a new public square. The Letter of offer from RDP requires the Council to enter into a development agreement with either the land owner (Lamh Dhearg GLC) or the Lessor (HCA) for 7 years from 29 th January 2019.
3.3	The grant aid terms and conditions states that the applicant i.e. Belfast City Council, must maintain in good condition all property, equipment, machinery, furniture, fixtures, fittings and assets owned or used by the applicant in connection with the property. The Council are therefore obliged to maintain the playground and new public square. At handover of the asset it was not known at the time of budget setting and there was no budget growth for this asset therefore, it will have to be absorbed from within existing budgets in area West.
3.4	It is recommended that Members recommend to Strategic Policy & Resources Committee to extend the Council's current Licence Agreement with HCA and amend the mapping to include the playground and adjacent public square lands only. This would ensure compliance with all the relevant terms and conditions of the grant aid.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.5	The City & Neighbourhood Services Department will maintain the playground and public square. Legal Services and Estates will complete the Licence extension with HCA. Detailed terms to be agreed and approved by Strategic Policy & Resource Committee.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.6	No specific equality or good relations implications. No specific rural needs impact.

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Map of Hannahstown Village Playground & Public Square