STRATEGIC POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE



		Assets Management
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Subjec	:t:	with The Ulster Wildlife Trust
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		Shankill Group Welfare Committee
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		iv) Whiterock Close- Temporary Licence of Land to Glór na Móna
Date:		18th February, 2022
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Restricted Reports		
Is this report restricted? Yes $\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$		
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?		
After Committee Decision		
After Council Decision		Decision
Sometime in the future		e future
Never		
Call-in		
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?		Call-in? Yes X No
1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues	
1.1	The purpose of this	s report is to seek the Committee's approval on asset related disposal,
	acquisition and esta	ates matters.
2.0	Recommendation	
2.1	The Committee is asked to:	

Forth Meadow Community Greenway – Service Level Agreement

- approve the entering into a Service Level Agreement with the Ulster Wildlife Trust in relation to Section 4 of the Forth Meadow Community Greenway project.

ii. Percy Street Community Centre – Surrender of Lease, Lower Shankill Group Welfare Committee

 note the surrender of the Lease between the Council and Lower Shankill Group Welfare Committee which has been responsible for the management of the community centre.

iii. Cherryvale Playing Fields - Relocation of BT Pole

 approve the relocation of a BT pole onto Council lands at Cherryvale Playing Fields to facilitate a new pedestrian crossing across the Ravenhill Road

iv. Whiterock Close- Temporary Licence of land to Glór na Móna

 approve the granting of a temporary licence to Glór na Móna for a site adjoining its existing premises on Whiterock Close for the erection of a portacabin.

3.0 Main Report

3.1 i) Forth Meadow Community Greenway – Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Ulster Wildlife Trust

Key Issues

The Committee, at its meeting on 21st May 2021, approved the Council entering into Licence Agreements on third party lands, as required, to facilitate completion of the Forth Meadow Community Greenway project. There are five distinct sections to the capital works including:

- Section 1 Glencairn to Ballygomartin
- Section 2 –Shared space between Forth River and Springfield Road
- Section 3 Springfield Road and Falls Park
- Section 4 Bog Meadows
- Section 5 Westlink to City Centre

The Ulster Wildlife Trust owns the land at Bog Meadows. It is proposed that the Council enters into a SLA with The Ulster Wildlife Trust for this section. Under the terms of the SLA the Council will be responsible for:

- maintenance/any repairs of the new upgraded pathways and associated infrastructure (lighting, seating, signage, gates, bins etc).
- grass cutting, leaf blowing, emptying bins etc.
- liability for any incidents in relation to the infrastructure installed
- opening/closing of the gates at Bog Meadows.

Works on Section 4 are programmed to start in March 2022.

Financial and Resources Implications

The City and Neighbourhood Services Department will cover the annual budget required for the SLA which will be subject to review on an annual basis.

Staff resources from the Estates Management Unit and Legal Services will be involved in the completion of the SLA agreement.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.2 ii) Percy Street Community Centre – Surrender of Lease, Lower Shankill Group Welfare Committee

Key Issues

The Lower Shankill Group Welfare Committee is the group which has responsibility for the independently managed community centre at Percy Street. The Group has been overholding under their existing 5-year Lease dated 1st April 2016. Following discussions with City and Neighbourhood Services, it has given notice that it will be surrendering its lease and will be vacating the premises on 25th February, 2022. This is allowed for under the terms of the lease. The group is in the process of being wound up as the original Members no longer have the capacity manage the centre. Members are asked to note the surrender of the Lease and that the City and Neighbourhood Services is considering options for the future operation and management.

Financial and Resources Implications

Lower Shankill Group Welfare Committee is in receipt of annual grant of £8,830 net of rent in relation to the management of the centre.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.3 iii) Cherryvale Playing Field – Relocation of BT pole

Key Issues

The Council has been approached by the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) requesting the relocation of an existing BT pole located within DfI lands on the Ravenhill Road to a location within Cherryvale Playing Fields bordering DfI land. The request is to facilitate the proposed pedestrian crossing adjacent to entrance of Cherryvale Playing Fields. The proposed new crossing is dependent on the relocation of the existing pole to be positioned within Council lands at Cherryvale Playing Fields, as the current location affects the sightlines to the signal heads. The new pedestrian crossing will provide safe crossing of the road for local residents and users of the park. BT has requested to relocate the pole to the rear of the sight splay at the park entrance. Due to the number of services that span the footway the pole is unable to be relocated within DfI lands. The exact location of the replacement pole is being finalised

but there is no impact on the Park. Members are asked to agree the relocation of the BT pole to facilitate the pedestrian crossing.

Financial and Resources Implications

Subject to approval an Agreement will be put in place with BT.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.4 iv) Whiterock Close-Temporary Licence of land to Glór na Móna

Key Issues

A 0.252-acre site fronting Whiterock Close, coloured yellow in the attached appendix, is held by Glór na Móna on a lease dated 1st June 2016, for a term of 7 years with an option for a further 7 years. The site has been fully developed as a community facility specifically to promote the Irish language. Due to increasing demand, Glór na Móna is seeking capital funding for the construction of a purpose-built extension, as their programmes can no longer all be delivered within the existing building. In the meantime, it has requested the use and occupation of an adjoining 0.09-acre site (as shown edged red within the appendix) for a two-year period to erect a c 20 x 40 ft portacabin as temporary accommodation for which it has secured funding (including all necessary site works to make the portacabin operational). A planning application for the temporary portacabin was made to the Council in November 2021. The proposed licence will be subject to the grant of satisfactory planning consent and shall commence on the date of receipt. Committee approval is sought for the granting of the temporary licence and approval for the detailed terms to be agreed by the Estates Manager and Legal Services.

Financial and Resources Implications

Licence fee to be agreed for the site. Glór na Móna covering all other costs.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report

4.0 Document Attached

Glór na Móna temporary licence - Site location plan