



Subject:	Request for use of City Hall grounds for sleepout to raise awareness of homelessness.
Date:	23 August 2024
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, City Solicitor and Director of Legal and Civic Services
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.</p> <p>Insert number <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information relating to any individual 2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information) 4. Information in connection with any labour relations matter 5. Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained 6. Information showing that the council proposes to (a) to give a notice imposing restrictions on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction 7. Information on any action in relation to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime 	
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<p>After Committee Decision</p> <p>After Council Decision</p> <p>Sometime in the future</p> <p>Never</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider request from Price Waterhouse Coopers for the use of City Hall grounds

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consider the request to use City Hall grounds on 27th September 2024 by PWC for a staff sleep out to raise awareness of homelessness.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Background Information</u>
3.1	Members will be aware that requests for the use of City Hall are normally dealt with under the authority delegated by the Committee to the Director of Legal and Civic Services using criteria agreed for this purpose. Occasionally however, it is necessary to place such requests directly before the Committee, and the request set out below falls into this category.
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.2	Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) have approached the Council to seek permission for a second PWC staff sleep out in the grounds of City Hall on Friday 27 th September 2024 to raise awareness of homelessness.
	<u>The Proposed event</u>
3.3	PWC held a similar event on 20 th October 2023 and the event was successful with no incidents, hence PWC requesting a second event.
3.4	This proposed sleep would take place along the West façade of City Hall, with participants sleeping overnight on the pathways, ensuring a safe distance from the intruder alarms situated along façade. Their preference is concrete rather than the grass lawns. City Hall building and grounds will be closed to the public as normal at this time.
3.5	The only Infrastructure onsite is portaloos, no catering provision is planned, and participants will bring their own sleeping materials. A wet weather alternative is not available inside City Hall.
3.6	PWC staff will fundraise in advance of this event and monies raised will be donated to charities helping with homelessness. PWC will provide all stewarding/marshalling staff & have first aiders present. PWC will risk assess the event and participants should complete medical checks in advance. PWC would have to comply with the usual conditions including indemnities for damage and submission of a formal event-management plan and insurance.

3.7	<p><u>Point for consideration:</u></p> <p>Committee are asked to note the city centre is very busy on Friday evenings and therefore there may be a requirement for the organiser to pay for additional security depending upon the event management plan and risk assessment.</p>
3.8	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There would be no costs for the council as the various organisers would bear any/all stewarding and equipment costs etc themselves. The normal event support in the form of electrical and water provision in the grounds is not required for this event.</p> <p>There are no concerns from an asset management point of view, although the organisers would be required to provide the usual insurances, indemnities, and obligations.</p>
3.9	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no direct good relations or rural needs implications arising from this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None