



Subject:	Falls Parks Cyclocross Event
Date:	10 th September 2024
Reporting Officer:	Jim Girvan, Director of 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	To bring to Members' attention a request for funding support for an event in Falls Park, subsequent to the People and Communities Committee permission to organise the event at its meeting on 6 th August 2024.
1.2	The event organisers requested funding support from City and Neighbourhood Services and there is no funding process available to consider this request.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	That committee consider the request for a maximum of £8,795 funding support for the Falls Park cyclocross event.
3.0	Main report

	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	<u>VC Glendale Falling Leaves Cyclocross - Falls Park</u> VC Glendale are a well-known local voluntary cycling club with a long history of producing some of the country's finest cyclists. Their Falling Leaves Cyclocross event has taken place at Falls Park for the last 9 years and permission to promote this year's event was agreed by committee at its 6 th August 2024 meeting.
3.2	This year's event is the first in the Cyclocross National League and attracts riders and spectators from across Ireland as riders race for the points that ultimately influence their grid positions at National Championships. The event has become a well-established fixture on the cyclocross calendar, and it is hoped that another successful event at the venue could result in Falls Park being successful in bidding as the venue for the Irish National Championships in the future.
3.3	This year the organisers have requested financial support from Council to assist with the delivery of the event and have submitted an expenditure budget to the department totalling £8,795. No income projection is provided although participants are levied an entry fee.
3.4	City and Neighbourhood Services Department does not have growth funding in its budgets. Parks Events and Outreach team are reporting an overspend on programming budgets due to the increase in activity and delivery costs. The event would have been eligible for the Departmental Parks Small Events grant of up to £3,000 but the organisers did not submit an application. The event would have been eligible for grant funding of up to £1,000 from the Departmental Support for Sport grant but the organisers did not submit an application.
3.5	A similar request for support was received for the club's 2023 event. The request was considered at the 8 th August 2023 People and Communities committee which agreed to refer the matter to the 18 th August 2023 Strategic Policy and Resources committee. Strategic Policy and Resources committee agreed to support the ad hoc request to a maximum amount of £8,207.
3.6	The key dates for the event are as follows, with full detail to be finalised; Saturday 5 th October – 10am, set up Saturday 5 th September – 12pm to 3pm, Race Day Sunday 6 th September – 8am to 4.30pm, Race Day Sunday 6 th September – 8pm – Off Site
3.7	<u>Financial & Human Resource Implications</u> The request for funding of up to £8,795 for the Falls Park event is not included in any revenue budgets and there is no allocation to support ad hoc requests.
3.8	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u> In line with routine event management, Council officers will liaise with event organisers and promoters in relation to any potential environmental impact from the event.
3.9	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no known implications.
4.0	Appendices
4.1	None