



Subject:	Request for the use of Ormeau Park Bowling Pavilion
Date:	Tuesday 3 December 2024
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services.
Contact Officer:	Stephen Leonard, Director of Resources, Fleet and OSS.

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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The Committee is asked to note that Council has received a request for the hire of Ormeau Park Bowling pavilion from organisers wishing to host a fundraising event in February 2025. The event will be a preloved sale in aid of Gaza and if approved will take place on Saturday 1st February 2025. The event is not being organised by a charity; rather the proceeds of the event will be donated to the charity.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to grant authority to the applicant for the proposed event on the date noted; subject to the completion of the appropriate event management paperwork and satisfactory terms being agreed by the Director of City & Neighbourhood Services and on the condition that the Event Organisers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. resolves all operational issues to the Council’s satisfaction; II. meets all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety, and licensing responsibilities; and III. shall consult with adjoining public bodies and local communities as necessary. <p>Please note that the above recommendations are taken as a pre-policy position in advance of the Council agreeing a more structured framework and policy for ‘Events’, which is currently being taken forward in conjunction with the Councils Commercial team.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>If agreed, the organisers will be required in advance of the event to submit an event management plan for approval by the Council and all relevant statutory bodies. This will also include appropriate risk assessments for the event.</p> <p><u>Pre-Love sale in aid of Gaza – Ormeau Bowling Pavilion – 2 February 2025</u></p> <p>3.2 Council has received a request from Sophie Lusby requesting permission to use Ormeau Bowling Pavilion to raise money in support of humanitarian charities in aid of Gaza.</p> <p>3.3 The event will include an entrance fee of £5 per person which will include a tea & coffee alongside a home-made scone or cake. They also wish to raise money by having a collection of second-hand clothes and accessories on sale. With all proceeds being donated to the charity supporting Gaza.</p> <p>3.4 This is the first that these organisers have requested the use of Council facilities so the events admin team have tried to source as much information as possible.</p> <p>3.5 The charity that will benefit from the moneys raised is “All Our Relations – Giving hope to Families in Gaza.” Upon researching the charity, they do not seem to be a UK registered charity. The only information the Events team found is through a website which states the charity is set up to raise money for families in Gaza who have been displaced due to the ongoing conflict. They aim to work with 15 families and assist them on fleeing the current crisis in Gaza.</p>

3.6	All money raised is done via the GoFundMe website which the organisation has set a target of raising £300,000.
3.7	<p>Key Dates</p> <p>Set-Up – 9.30am on Saturday 1 February 2025 Event – 11am to 4pm on Saturday 1 February 2025 De-Rig – 5.30pm on Saturday 1 February 2025</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.8	<p>If approved the organisers will pay a fee of £25 per hour to hire the bowling pavilion.</p> <p>Outside of the hire fee for the use of the pavilion there are no known other financial or resource implications.</p>
3.9	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no known implications.</p>
4.0	Appendices
	None