



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Request from Connswater Community & Leisure Ltd
Date:	20 April 2009
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Relevant Background Information

Ballymacarrett Leisure Centre is independently managed by Connswater Community and Leisure Ltd They have been approached by Cullen's Funfair who want to site a funfair on the open ground next to the centre. This land is owned by BCC but is managed by Connswater Community and Leisure Ltd.

Cullen's Funfair have for a number of years used the all weather pitch at Andersonstown Leisure Centre. Management there indicated that there were limited initial difficulties around the behaviour of a small number of attendees, however these were addressed and in recent years no further difficulties have arisen.

Key Issues

The proposed funfair would be for the period Thursday 28 to Sunday 31 May 2009. The music would be turned off at 9.30pm and the site closed by 10.00pm. It is proposed that, if agreed, the funfair would be managed under the same arrangements as previously successfully utilised by Leisure Services e.g. a process of neighbour consultation will be entered into and the hirer will provide an undertaking that the site will be left "as was" following the booking.

All residents neighbouring the site were sent a letter informing them of the proposal and inviting them to attend a public meeting on the matter, which was held in Ballymacarrett Leisure Centre on Wednesday 25 March. Only a small number of people attended and all their questions were fully answered. The views of the PSNI will also be sought on this potential booking prior to the Committee meeting.

Resource Implications

There are no resource implications for BCC.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Members consider granting permission to Connswater Community and Leisure Ltd to allow Cullen's to site a funfair on the grounds adjacent to Ballymacarrett Leisure Centre .
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Abbreviations

BCC - Belfast City Council PSNI – Police Service of Northern Ireland CC&Ltd – Connswater Community and Leisure Limited
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