



<b>Subject:</b>	Request for use of City Hall grounds for Orange Fest 2025
<b>Date:</b>	21 February 2025
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, City Solicitor and Director of Legal and Civic Services
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.</b>	
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Information relating to any individual</li><li>2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual</li><li>3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information)</li><li>4. Information in connection with any labour relations matter</li><li>5. Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained</li><li>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</li><li>7. Information on any action in relation to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime</li></ol>	
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider request from Orange Fest for the use of City Hall grounds on 12th July 2025.

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is requested to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Authorise the use of City Hall grounds on 12 July 2025 for Orange Fest (<i>subject to securing funding</i>).</li> <li>2. Authorise the event to take place on the basis of submission of an event management plan and risk assessment and appointment of an event controller to ensure delivery of a safe public event.</li> </ol>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><b><u>Background Information</u></b></p> <p>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.</p>
3.2	<p><b><u>The Proposed event – Orange Fest</u></b></p> <p>The proposed event ‘Orange Fest’ would take place on the front west lawn only and areas such as the East Lawn, the Titanic Garden and Cenotaph will remain open to the public. Access to the City Hall building will not be affected. It would involve a number of stalls in City Hall grounds. The organisers’ estimate of attendance is 3,000 to 5,000 people.</p>
3.3	<p>The event would be free to enter. The organiser would provide stewarding/marshalling staff &amp; first aiders and would comply with the Council’s standard conditions for hire etc.</p>
3.4	<p>Members will also be aware that for many years the Orange Order have used the Cenotaph for a short commemorative ceremony on the morning of the main parade, following which participants re-join the main parade, and this would be the case again on 12th July 2025.</p>
3.5	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None. Costs will be met within existing budgets.</p>
3.6	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>There are no direct good relations, equality or rural needs implications arising from this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents</b>
	None