



<b>Subject:</b>	Request for the use of Barnetts Demesne and the Cenotaph at the City Hall
<b>Date:</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services; Nora Largey, City Solicitor and Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Stephen Leonard, Director of Resources, Fleet and OSS.

<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
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<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 County Grand Orange Lodge for the use of Barnetts Demesne and City Hall Garden of Remembrance and Cenotaph on 12th July 2025.
1.2	County Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast seek to host their annual Twelfth of July celebrations at Barnett Demesne and a service of remembrance at the Cenotaph in the grounds of the City Hall.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• grant authority to the applicant for the proposed events on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025.</li> <li>• authorise the event to take place on the basis of submission of appropriate event management plans and satisfactory terms being agreed by the Directors of the relevant departments and on the condition that the Event Organisers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• resolves all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction.</li> <li>• meets all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety, and licensing responsibilities; and</li> <li>• shall consult with adjoining public bodies and local communities as necessary.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.2	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.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b>
3.1	If agreed, the event organiser or promoters 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 include an assessment of how the event will impact upon the surrounding area and measures to mitigate these impacts.
	<b><u>County Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast Annual 12<sup>th</sup> July Demonstration – Barnetts Park</u></b>
3.2	Belfast City Council has received a request from Country Grand Orange Lodge to host their annual 12 <sup>th</sup> of July demonstration at Barnetts Park. This event aims to create a greater understanding of Orange Cultural traditions. The 12th festivities are a major cultural tourism event that promotes Belfast in a positive light and encourages visitors to experience Orange culture throughout the year. They aim to promote Orangefest events as inclusive, and family

	<p>friendly, improving on community relations and maximising the economic benefits of the 12<sup>th</sup> of July public holiday both in the City Centre and its arterial routes.</p> <p>3.3 The event is anticipated to attract up to 500 people with amusements, food vendors, a stage, parade, BBQ, arts and crafts. Stewards will supervise the car parking. The event has been hosted in Barnett Demesne since 2005 and requires the closure of a substantial proportion of the facility.</p> <p>3.4 <b>Key dates for the request are:</b> Set-up Friday 11<sup>TH</sup> July night – 6pm - 10pm <b>Main Event -Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of July all day 2025</b> De-Rig Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July – 8am - midday</p> <p><b><u>The County Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast Service of Remembrance – Cenotaph at City Hall: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025.</u></b></p> <p>3.5 The parade will assemble at the Cenotaph from 10.15am leaving the City Hall at 10.50am on conclusion of the wreath laying ceremony. This service has been held in garden of Remembrance for many years and planned will take place between the organisers and the City Hall Function Management Team.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>3.6 The County Grand Orange Lodge book Malone House and the Cenotaph directly with the relevant departments and the appropriate fee for hire of the rooms is charged to the County Grand Lodge.</p> <p><b><u>Equality of Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>3.7 None.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None.