



## Belfast City Council

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| <b>Report to:</b>         | Parks and Leisure Committee                            |
| <b>Subject:</b>           | Whiterock Leisure Centre: Special Event Application    |
| <b>Date:</b>              | 14 August 2008   |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b> | Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure          |
| <b>Contact Officer:</b>   | Katrina Morgan-Talbot, Acting Leisure Services Manager |

### Relevant Background Information

Gort Na Mona Historical and Cultural Society have applied to Whiterock Leisure Centre to hold a special event in the premises. Gort Na Mona has stated they are a group based in the Upper Springfield area that researches and tells of the history of the area and the people who reside there.

Approval was granted by Members at the Parks and Leisure Committee on 8 May 2008 for this group to hold an event in June 2008 in Whiterock Leisure Centre.

### Key Issues

The group has submitted a second application to hold a similar event on Saturday 20 September. Like the first event it will require bar facilities and in addition they will have a traditional band playing.

The event organisers have undertaken to provide the Occasional Licence that will be required for the event and have given assurance of full compliance with Council and statutory guidance.

### Resource Implications

It is anticipated that the fee charged to Gort Na Mona Historical and Cultural Society would be approximately £720.00 plus associated staff overtime costs, in line with Council charging policy.

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| <b>Recommendations</b> |
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| It is recommended that Members approve, subject to all statutory requirements being met: |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) the Gort Na Mona Historical and Cultural Society application to hire facilities at Whiterock Leisure Centre on Saturday 20 September 2008;</li><li>2) the request to have bar facilities at the event; and</li><li>3) the request to have a traditional band at the event.</li></ol> |
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| <b>Key to abbreviations</b> |
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| <b>Documents attached</b> |
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