



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Filipino event – Inverary Playing Fields
Date:	15 April 2010
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Alex McNeill, Park Manager

Relevant Background Information

The Committee is asked to note that a request has been received from the Filipino Communities in Northern Ireland seeking permission to hold a one day cultural event in Inverary Playing Fields. A copy of the request is attached as Appendix 1.

It is proposed to hold an open air cultural event at the Inverary Playing Fields on 3 July 2010. The organisers are expecting the event to attract in the region of 3,000 people. It will be alcohol free with only soft drinks and food concessions being available for purchase. Entertainment representing the Filipino culture will be a major component of the event. There will be no admission charge.

Key Issues

The key issues for the Committee to note are;

- This is an important cultural event for the Filipino community in the city;
- It is the first such event in the city;
- The Filipino community wish to promote and share their culture with the city;
- The organisers aim to attract a range of people from diverse backgrounds to the event and help promote parks as an important public outdoor facility;

As with all such events, an event management plan will be required to be prepared by the organisers to the satisfaction of Council Officers, this plan will incorporate health and safety and public liability matters.

Resource Implications

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications. The organiser will be required to provide ground reinstatement if required and this will be subject to a bond.

Human Resources Implications

There are no additional human resource implications

Assets and other implications

This is an important cultural event and will add to the profile of the parks and the City.

The event organisers will be required as part of the agreement to repair any damages and reinstate the ground.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee grant authority to the Filipino Communities in Northern Ireland, to hold a one day event on 3 July 2010; subject to satisfactory terms in line with the above being agreed with the Director of Parks and Leisure and on the condition that :

- (i) the event organisers resolve all operational issue to the Council's satisfaction;
- (ii) an appropriate legal agreement, to be prepared by the Director of Legal Services, is completed; and
- (iii) the event organisers meet all statutory requirements including entertainment licensing.
- (iv) The Director has delegated authority to approve the event

Decision Tracking

All actions to be completed by the Park Manager by July 2010.

Key to Abbreviations

None.

Documents Attached

Appendix 1: Letter of request from Jereon Tupas, representative of the Filipino Communities in Northern Ireland.