



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks & Leisure Services Sub Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Request to use Andersonstown Leisure Centre by HCD Promotions LLP
<b>Date:</b>	13 January 2011
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks & Leisure
<b>Contact Officers:</b>	Adrian Walker, Leisure Operations Manager

<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	<p>Andersonstown Leisure Centre have received a request for use of facilities from HCD Promotions LLP. HCD promotions have outlined that they are to run a Celtic Festival event with the intention to hold 2 of the 5 day events in Andersonstown Leisure Centre. This would involve a number of Celtic players and celebrities such as John Higgins (world snooker champion), Kevin Bridges (comedian) and George Galloway MP attending the events.</p> <p>A financial donation from HCD promotions LLP will also be made to the West Belfast Suicide Awareness Support Group. This is a ticket only event and tickets will be sold through 'Ticket master'.</p>

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	<p>An application for the use of the Main Hall (event time 7pm -1am) and surrounding rooms at Andersonstown Leisure Centre on Friday 4 March and Saturday 5 March 2011 inclusive of set up, site clearance and clean up on Sunday 6 March 2011 has been received from the HCD Promotions LLP.</p> <p>The facility request is for a traditional music evening with Charlie &amp; the Bhoys group playing music on Friday 4 March 2011 and singer Patricia Ferns on Saturday 5 March 2011.</p> <p>Bar facilities would be required on both nights.</p>

	<p>The organiser has undertaken to provide the following information in support of the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A formal letter of application (attached at Appendix I)</li> <li>• Safety statement (draft submitted)</li> <li>• Risk Assessments</li> <li>• Public Liability Insurance (being handled by Hutchinson, White &amp; Co).</li> <li>• Occasional licence (applied for)</li> <li>• List of security staff and registration numbers</li> </ul>
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<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><u>Financial</u> The fee charged to HCD Promotions LLP will be in line with Council charging policy and will include staff costs for out of opening hours use.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other implications</u> Council officers will liaise with organisers in relation to the potential environmental impact of this event.</p>

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
	<p>There are no implications at this stage. Should Committee agree the request, Council officers will ensure the organiser is aware of our duties with regard to Equality and Good Relations in terms of the development of the event.</p>

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	<p>It is recommended that Members approve the HCD Promotions LLP application to hire facilities at Andersonstown Leisure Centre on Friday 4 March 2011 and Saturday 5 March 2011 subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The complete provision of the supporting documentation;</li> <li>• All legislative and operational requirements being met to the satisfaction of the Council;</li> <li>• The decision of the Licensing Committee regarding the entertainment licence for the event;</li> <li>• Bar facilities being operated within the terms of the occasional licence once received.</li> </ul>

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	<p>The Leisure Operations Manager will ensure that all actions are completed by the end of March 2011.</p>

<b>7</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
	<p>None</p>

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**Documents Attached**

Appendix I – Letter of application from Sean Duffy, HCD Promotions