



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Parks Events Small Grants Scheme
<b>Date:</b>	10 February 2011
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Agnes McNulty, Open Spaces and Active Living Manager

<b>1.</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	<p>Members are reminded that at its meeting on 14 October 2010, approval was given to support the grant scheme for groups wishing to stage events in parks during the summer of 2011. It was agreed by committee to allocate £60,000 in the 2010/11 revenue budget and that the maximum grant per group would be £2,250. Information was advertised accordingly and the closing date for entries set at 26 January 2011. The criteria used for assessing applications to the parks events grants scheme is attached at Appendix 1.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	<p>The applications were assessed according to the criteria agreed by the Committee. It is recommended that of the 33 applications, 31 met the criteria for an award to be made. Full details of the applications received and the recommendations for grant awards are presented in Appendix 2.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><u>Financial</u> £60,000 was allocated in the revenue estimates to cover this scheme. Total amount awarded £59,965.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> There are no additional human resource implications.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> The running of community events increases use of the parks and creates a sense of ownership.</p>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Equality Implications</b>
	None.

<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	It is recommended that the committee agree that the groups listed in Appendix 2 be awarded grants accordingly to organise events in parks during 2011.

<b>6.</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	All actions will be completed by the Open Spaces and Active Living Manager by September 2011.

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

<b>8.</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1: Criteria for parks events grant scheme Appendix 2: List of applications and proposed grants.