



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Request for use of Andersonstown Leisure Centre - by Gort Na Mona Historical and Cultural Society
Date:	10 March 2011
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Adrian Walker, Leisure Operations Manager

1.0	Relevant Background Information
1.1	A facility usage request has been made by the Gort Na Mona Historical and Cultural Society for Andersonstown Leisure Centre for Easter Sunday/Monday 2011.
1.2	Gort Na Mona has stated that they are a group based in the Upper Springfield area which research and tell of the history of the area and the people who reside there.
1.3	Prior to this application a successful event was facilitated at Andersonstown Leisure Centre in March 2009 and two events have been held at Whiterock Leisure Centre without incident and no complaints were received at the centres.

2.0	Key Issues
2.1	The application is for the use of the main hall (event time 7pm -12 midnight) and surrounding rooms at Andersonstown Leisure Centre on Easter Sunday 24 April 2011 inclusive of set up, site clearance and clean up on Monday 25 April 2011.
2.2	The facility request is for an Irish folk music evening and bar facilities would be required. Gort Na Mona also intend to make a substantial financial donation to support work undertaken by PIPS, a local community group in suicide awareness.

2.3	<p>The organiser has undertaken to provide the following information in support of the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a formal letter of application; • safety statement; • risk assessments; • public liability insurance; • occasional licence; and • list of security staff and registration numbers
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3.0 Resource Implications	
3.1	<p><u>Financial</u> The fee charged to Gort Na Mona Historical and Cultural Society would be in line with council charging policy and would include staff costs.</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>

4.0 Equality and Good Relations Implications	
4.1	<p>The booking for this event is in line with the department's draft event policy which is being equality screened at present. There are no equality and good relations implications relating to the event which will be open to the public.</p>

5.0 Recommendations	
	<p>Members are asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) consider the application and approve it subject to the provision of the requisite information listed above; and (ii) agree that the request to have bar facilities at the event.

6.0 Decision Tracking	
	<p>Leisure Operations Manager to inform event organisers of the committee's decision.</p>

7.0 Key to Abbreviations	
	<p>None.</p>

8.0 Documents Attached	
	<p>None.</p>