



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Feile an Phobail – request for use of Council facilities
Date:	9 June 2011
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Adrian Walker, Leisure Operations Manager Ricky Rice, City Park Manager

1	Background Information
	<p>Since August 2006 Feile an Phobail has organised a number of West Belfast Festival events at Belfast City Council venues.</p> <p>Feile an Phobail has requested the use of a number of facilities during the West Belfast Festival which is due to take place in July and August 2011.</p>

2	Key Issues
	<p>The West Belfast Festival has requested permission to organise a number of events in Andersonstown Leisure Centre, Dunville Park, Falls Park and City Cemetery.</p> <p>The event in Andersonstown Leisure Centre will require use of the main hall and various rooms from 2 – 8 August 2011 including set up and clearance days.</p> <p>The events in Dunville Park and Falls Parks would be similar to last year and would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dunville park , 31 July carnival parade through the park• Falls Park 4 August Teddy Bears picnic• Falls Park 6 August Filipino culture festival – a celebration of Filipino culture• Falls Park 7 August, Feile family entertainment day in the park, music and family entertainment including a display from the Wild Geese parachutists. <p>Events in the City Cemetery would involve guided historical tours which would be charged for appropriately by the tour provider.</p> <p>This application will be supported by event plans and will be subject to the organisers liaising with council officers and meeting all statutory and legal requirements.</p>

	Organisers will also be required to reinstate all council property to its original state after use.
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3	Resource Implications
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	<p><u>Financial</u> Charges for use of facilities will be applied in line with the council's pricing policy and will include any additional staffing costs incurred.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> Staff will be required to work additional hours to cover the events outside normal hours and this will be charged to the hirer, in line with the process adopted in previous years.</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>
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4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
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5	Recommendations
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	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the Feile an Phobail application to hire facilities at Andersonstown Leisure Centre for the period 2– 8 August 2011, including set up and site clearance days as required. • Approve the request for the use of Falls Park and Dunville Park for the festival activities outlined in the report • Approve the use of the City Cemetery for guided tours.
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6	Decision Tracking
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	Officers Responsible: Leisure Operations Manager, City Park Manager (South/West). Project to be completed by the end of August 2011.
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7	Key to abbreviations
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8	Documents Attached
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