



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee.
Subject:	Centenary Events
Date:	10 November 2011
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1.	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The purpose of this report is to clarify for the Committee the number of different requests which have been received from different organisations for a range of dates and venues for centenary and anniversary events over the next year.
1.2	To date, the department has received three different requests: (i) a floral display in Ormeau Park from Ballynafeigh Orange Lodge for Spring/Summer 2012 to mark their 125 th anniversary; (ii) an event on Saturday 19 May 2012 in Ormeau Park from the Unionist Centenaries Committee (UCC); and (iii) an event at either Strangford Avenue playing fields, Barnetts Demesne or Ormeau Park on 29 September 2012 from the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland (attached at Appendix 1).

2.	Key Issues
2.1	The first two requests on the above list were referred to and considered by the Council's Historic Centenaries Working Group – and reports are presented to this meeting of the Committee on these matters.
2.2	The third request is scheduled for discussion at the next meeting of the Historic Centenaries Working Group on 14 November when representatives from the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland will be in attendance.
2.3	After the Historic Centenaries Working Group meeting on 14 November a further report will be brought back to the December Parks and Leisure Committee with the Group's recommendation.
2.4	Officers in the department are working closely with the Good Relations Manager to progress the management of these requests.

3.	Resource Implications
3.1	<u>Financial</u> There are no additional financial implications to outline in relation to this update report.
3.2	<u>Human Resources</u> There are no human resource implications at this time.
3.3	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None.

4.	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	The Council is committed to the promotion of good relations in the city, including the celebration of cultural diversity. All of these requests will be considered by the Council's Historic Centenaries Working Group in line with the agreed principles which the council has signed-up to, through the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee.

5.	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is asked to note this update.

6.	Decision Tracking
	None.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None.

8.	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 : 1 st request from Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland Appendix 2 : revised request from Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland