



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Parks Events Small Grants Scheme</b>
<b>Date:</b>	10 May 2012
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Agnes McNulty, Open Spaces & Active Living Manager

<b>1.</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	<p>Members are reminded that at its meeting on 10 May 2012, approval was given to change the Parks Events Small Grants Scheme to a monthly assessment running from February to September with a monthly report to Committee outlining the applications and awards. The Committee also agreed the criteria which were modified to put more emphasis on community involvement in our parks and open spaces and to recognise alignment to other Council schemes.</p> <p>Information on the grant scheme was advertised accordingly and the closing date for entries set at 13 April 2012. The criteria used for assessing applications to the parks event grant scheme is attached at Appendix 1.</p>

<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The applications were assessed according to the criteria and full details of the applications received and the recommendations for grant awards are presented in Appendix 2.</li><li>▪ Successful groups will receive 50% of the grant funding before the event takes place subject to the return of a signed 'letter of offer' and the remaining balance will be paid on the successful completion of the event and submission of the correct supporting documentation.</li><li>▪ It is proposed that the Director of Parks &amp; Leisure under the scheme of</li></ul>

	<p>delegation is authorised to approve further funding applications and reports will be brought back as required to inform Members of the decisions taken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In each area, the Parks Outreach Managers will continue to work with communities across the city to ensure they are aware of this funding opportunity and are encouraged to avail of the remaining funds.</li> </ul>
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<b>3.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><u>Financial</u> £100,000 was allocated in the revenue estimates to cover this scheme.</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 creating a sense of ownership and contributing to health and well being.</p>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
	None

<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	<p>It is recommended that the Committee agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ that the groups listed in Appendix 2 are awarded grants accordingly to organise events in parks during 2012</li> <li>▪ that the Director of Parks &amp; Leisure under the scheme of delegation is authorised to approve further funding applications and reports will be brought back to inform Members of the decisions taken.</li> </ul>

<b>6.</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	All actions will be completed by the Open Spaces & Active Living Manager by October 2012

<b>7.</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
	N/A

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