



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Use of Car Park at City of Belfast Playing Fields for Queens Jubilee event at Sentry Hill
Date:	10 May 2012
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Fintan Grant, City Parks Manager, North Belfast.

1. Relevant Background Information
<p>The committee is asked to note that the Council has received a request from Newtownabbey Borough Council for free use of the front car park at City of Belfast Playing Fields. The request is to operate a “Park & Ride Facility” for guests attending a Queens Jubilee Garden Party at Sentry Hill in Newtownabbey Borough Council. The proposed date for the event is Friday 1st June 2012. Use of the facility is required due to the lack of parking on-site at Sentry Hill.</p>

2. Key Issues
<p>Use of the car park will be required between 3.30pm and 8pm on June 1st 2012.</p> <p>Guests attending the event will be asked to park at Mallusk Playing Fields. They will then be transported to Sentry Hill by bus.</p> <p>Around 120 cars are anticipated to use the car park. This will have minimal impact on other users at the playing fields as there is adequate car parking facilities within the site to cope with the reduced bookings at this time of the year.</p> <p>A similar request was granted in 2008 as part of celebrations for the 50th anniversary of Newtownabbey Borough Council which passed off without any problems.</p> <p>Newtownabbey Borough Council will provide stewarding during the use of the car park.</p>

	Given that the event is to happen before Council could ratify any decision of the Committee and the controversial nature of the request, the Director has used the authority granted to him under the Council's Scheme of Delegation to accede to the request from Newtownabbey Borough Council.
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3.	Resource Implications
	<u>Financial</u> None <u>Human Resources</u> There are no additional human resource implications. <u>Asset and other implications</u> Good opportunity to build cross Council relationships.

4.	Equality and Good Relations Implications
	None.

5.	Recommendations
	The Committee are asked to note the contents of this report.

6.	Decision Tracking
	N/A

7	Key to Abbreviations
	None.

8	Documents Attached
	None.