



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Feile an Phobail – request for use of Council facilities
Date:	10 May 2012
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	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 the facilities in Falls Park during the West Belfast Festival which is due to take place 6th August -13th August 2012, including set up and clearance days.</p>

2	Key Issues
	<p>The West Belfast Festival has requested permission to organise a number of events in Falls Park. They may require the use of other Council facilities as the final list of events have not yet been finalised. In previous years this has included Andersonstown Leisure Centre.</p> <p>The events in Falls Parks would be similar to last year and will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carnival parade through the park• Teddy Bears picnic• Feile family entertainment day in the park, music events and family entertainment.• Ulster Wildlife demonstrations.• An occasional license will be applied for by the organisers for the sale of alcohol and an entertainment license period for the event. <p>This application will be supported by an event plan and will be subject to the organisers liaising with Council officers and meeting all statutory and legal requirements. Organisers will also be required to reinstate all Council property to its original condition after use.</p>

3	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> Charges for use of any Council 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>

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
	None.

5	Recommendations
	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the Feile an Phobail application for the use and hire of the facilities at Falls Park and other possible Council facilities in the vicinity for the period 6th August – 13th August 2012, including set up and site clearance days as required.

6	Decision Tracking
	Officers Responsible: Ricky Rice, City Park Manager (South/West). Project to be completed by the end of August 2012.

7	Key to abbreviations
	None.

8	Documents Attached
	None.