



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Christopher Shaw Cup at Blanchflower Playing Fields
Date:	14 June 2012
Reporting Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Stephen Stockman, City Parks Manager, East Belfast

1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>Committee is asked to note that Parks Officers have received a request to hold a charity football tournament on 25 – 27 August 2012 from the organisers of the Christopher Shaw Cup.</p> <p>The tournament is dedicated to the memory of Christopher Shaw. This will be the ninth year of the tournament. It has developed each year and since starting in 2003 with four teams it has now 34 teams competing last year for the Christopher Shaw cup. The charity event brings together teams from all over Northern Ireland for a weekend of football events and family fun.</p>

2	Key Issues
	<p>Committee is requested to note the event organisers have requested free use of the pitches and ancillary facilities at Blanchflower Playing fields.</p> <p>The tournament will take place on Saturday 25, Sunday 26 and Monday 27 August 2012. There are no bookings for the site as the football season will not have officially started and therefore there is little chance of any potential loss of revenue.</p> <p>As with all such events, health and safety issues will be addressed through the preparation of an event management plan by the organisers to the satisfaction of Council officers.</p>

3	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> Loss of potential revenue will be minimal as there are no bookings over this period.</p> <p>The committee are asked to note the organisers have requested BCC waive the normal charge of booking for the use of the pitches and ancillary facilities over the three days. However staff will be required to manage and clean the facility over this period of Saturday 25, Sunday 26, Monday 27 August 2012 and staff costs over this period will be charged to the organiser. It is estimated a charge of £667.76 will be charged to the organisers to pay for staff that will be required outside of core hours.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> It is estimated the event will require two members of staff to manage and clean the facilities over the three days at a cost of £667.76</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None</p>

4	Equality Implications
	There are no equality implications.

5	Recommendations
	It is recommended Committee give consent for the organisers to hold a football charity event at Blanchflower Playing Fields on 25 – 27 August 2012 subject to the preparation of an event management plan being agreed between the organisers and Belfast City Council Parks and Leisure Department Officers to meet all legal and statutory requirements.

5	Decision Tracking
	All actions will be completed by City Parks Manager, East Belfast.

6	Key to Abbreviations
	None

7	Documents Attached
	None