



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Parks Events Small Grants Scheme
<b>Date:</b>	9 August 2012
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Agnes McNulty, Open Spaces and Active Living Manager

<b>1.</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	<p>Members are reminded that at its meeting on 10 May 2012, the Director of Parks &amp; Leisure was authorised under the scheme of delegation to approve funding applications to the Parks Events Small Grants Scheme.</p> <p>The purpose of the report is to inform Members of the decision taken by the Director of Parks &amp; Leisure under delegated authority regarding subsequent applications received to the Parks Events Small Grants Scheme.</p>

<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	<p>The Director and the Open Spaces &amp; Active Living Manager met on the 26 June and 4 July 2012 to review the applications.</p> <p>The applications were assessed according to the current criteria and 14 out of the 16 applications met the criteria for an award to be made. The two unsuccessful applications were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Zystic Arts</li><li>▪ Clarawood Action Group</li></ul> <p>Zystic Arts' application was incomplete with no supporting documentation and the application from Clarawood Action Group was received one week after the closing date of 15 June 2012. Officers were unable to contact</p>

	<p>Clarawood Action Group to discuss their application but the Group proceeded with their event with the approval of the Community Park Manager.</p> <p>These grant applications (delegated authority July) are presented in Appendix 1.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Detailed applications are retained in the Parks &amp; Leisure Department and can be viewed by Members on request.</p>
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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>
	There are no known equality and good relation implications.

<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of the report with regard to the funding applications to the Parks Events Small Grants Scheme.

<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: List of applications to the Parks Events Small Grants Scheme