



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Hospitality for events in 2013
Date:	6 December 2012
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1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Members for hospitality to be provided at some of the annual events and award ceremonies taking place in 2013.</p> <p>In the past the Council has provided hospitality at the following events in the form of light refreshments or lunch. The annual events at which hospitality was provided in 2012 were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Spring Fair;• Belfast Parks' Primary Schools' Athletics event;• Belfast Parks Photographic Competition;• Rose Week; and• The City of Belfast Autumn Flower Show. <p>Specifically, the type of hospitality provided this year was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refreshments for the members of the spring flower show and autumn flower show committees; these committees each met with Officers on three occasions to discuss and assist with the planning for these events;• Morning coffee and lunch for members of flower show committees, judges and invited guests during the Spring Fair, Rose Week and the Autumn Fair. Many judges were local but several travelled from the Republic of Ireland, England and Scotland. During Rose Week

	<p>an international panel of judges was invited to judge the International Rose Trials;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reception in Belfast Castle for international judges visiting Northern Ireland for the international rose trials at Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park, local judges, sponsors of the international awards and invited guests. • Refreshments for the pupils and teachers of the winning primary schools who took part in the Belfast Park's Primary Schools' Athletics event; • Refreshments for the winners of the Belfast Parks photographic competition, the judges and the sponsor of the competition; <p>Similar hospitality will be required for events held 2013.</p>
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2.	Key Issues
	<p>The Council seeks to reinforce its partnership with the various horticultural societies and organisations involved in the annual programme of events in parks. Some of these partnerships have been forged over many years. Throughout the year there is a significant amount of voluntary involvement with these events and without that support and goodwill the continued success of such events could be undermined.</p>

3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> The estimated value of providing the hospitality is £7,300. In compiling the estimates for 2013/14 Officers have provided for this amount in the Open Spaces and Active Living Unit's budget.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> There will be no additional human resource implications at this stage.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> The partnerships formed with various groups and organisations and the provision of events and activities in parks helps to promote appreciation of the social value of parks, both locally and internationally.</p>

4.	Equality Implications
	There are no known equality implications.

5.	Recommendations
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	The Committee is asked to approve the provision of the hospitality for events in 2013 as outlined in the report.
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6.	Decision Tracking
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7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8.	Documents Attached
	None