



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Andersonstown Leisure Centre: Gort Na Mona Historical &amp; Cultural Society</b>
<b>Date:</b>	14 February 2013
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks & Leisure
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Adrian Walker, Leisure Operations Manager

### 1. Relevant Background Information

Gort Na Mona Historical and Cultural Society have requested use of the facility at Andersonstown Leisure Centre. Gort Na Mona has stated that they are a group based in the Upper Springfield area which research and tell of the history of the area and the people who reside there. Prior to this application three events have been held at Whiterock Leisure Centre and Andersonstown Leisure Centre without incident and no complaints were received at the centre.

### 2. Key Issues

An application for the use of the Main Hall (event time 7pm -1.30am) and surrounding rooms at Andersonstown Leisure Centre on Easter Saturday 30 March 2013 inclusive of set up, site clearance and clean up on Sunday 31 March 2013 has been received from Gort Na Mona Historical and Cultural Society.

The facility request is for an Irish folk music evening and bar facilities would be required.

The organiser has undertaken to provide the following information in support of the application:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A formal letter of application</li> <li>• Safety statement</li> <li>• Risk Assessments</li> <li>• Public Liability Insurance</li> <li>• Occasional licence</li> <li>• List of security staff and registration numbers</li> </ul>
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<b>3.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><u>Financial</u> The fee charged to Gort Na Mona Historical and Cultural Society is in line with Council charging policy and will include staff costs for out of opening hours use.</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>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Equality Implications</b>
	<p>The organiser will also leaflet the surrounding area to make residents aware the event is taking place and provide a contact number should any event queries arise.</p> <p>The booking of this event is in line with the department's event policy. There is no equality or good relations implications relating to this event which will be open to the public.</p>

<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	<p>Members are asked to consider Gort Na Mona Historical and Cultural Society application to hire facilities at Andersonstown Leisure Centre on Saturday 30 March 2013 and approve it subject to the provision of the appropriate event management plan.</p>

<b>6.</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	<p>Leisure Operations Manager</p>