



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Use of Barnett Demesne for Orienteering Race by the World Police and Fire Games
Date:	14 March 2013
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure department
Contact Officer:	Ricky Rice, City Parks Manager

1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>Belfast will be hosting the World Police and Fire Games from 1 – 10 August 2013. It is anticipated this event will attract 25,000 visitors, including 10,000 competitors from around 70 countries.</p> <p>The games will include approximately 57 sports at 40 different venues across Northern Ireland. The event represents an opportunity to raise the profile of Belfast and boost the economy.</p>

2.	Key Issues
	<p>Belfast City Council and the World Police and Fire Games have already agreed a number of venues within Belfast City Council venues, including, amongst other, Mary Peters Track for Athletics, Boucher Road Playing Fields for Archery and Musgrave Park for Lawn Bowls.</p> <p>The World Police and Fire Games have contacted Parks Officers to seek permission for the use of Barnett's Demesne for their Orienteering middle distance race on 8 August 2013. Queens University Playing fields will be used by the organisers for registration and changing facilities and WPFPG will require an area of Barnett Demesne woodland and pathways for the orienteering race.</p>

3.	Resource Implications
	<p>Human Resources</p> <p>There are no Human Resource issues other than Officer time.</p>

	<p>Financial Resources</p> <p>The charges for the use of the site will be in line with existing policy in relation to Parks events. The appropriate legal agreements will be entered into in respect of issues such as damage to property, Health and Safety and a 24 point event plan will be required.</p>
4.	<p>Equality Implications</p> <p>There are no equality issues.</p>
5.	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>It is recommended that the Committee accede to the request from the World Police and Fire Games for the use of Barnett's Demesne on the 8 August 2013, subject to an appropriate legal agreement being prepared by the Director of Legal Services.</p>
6.	<p>Decision Tracking</p> <p>Ricky Rice will inform the World police and Fire Games of the decision of the Committee by 9 April 2013.</p>
7.	<p>Key to Abbreviations</p> <p>WPFG – World Police and Fire Games.</p>
8.	<p>Documents Attached</p> <p>None</p>