



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	“Just Jesus” Christian Outreach Mission
Date:	11 April 2013
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Paula Irvine, Community Parks Outreach Manager

1.	Relevant Background Information
1.2	The Council has received a request from congregations of Ballygomartin, Clifton Park Avenue, Antrim Road and Shankill Baptist churches to host a Christian Outreach Mission in Woodvale Park.
1.3	The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday 8 June 2013 concluding on Saturday 15 June 2013.
1.4	The week long programme of activity will include outreach work, a number of religious services and coffee mornings.
1.5	All activity will be finished by 9.30pm each evening and all guests will have vacated the park by 10pm.

2.	Key Issues
2.2	A large section of Woodvale Park is currently closed and under construction as part of the regeneration project. The works will not be completed before this event is due to take place however all activity is planned for the section of the park that has remained opened to the public.
2.3	The event will include the erection of a marquee where all activity and services will be held. A number of volunteers from each congregation have agreed to act as security and remain in the park after closing to ensure the safety of the marquee and any other event equipment.
2.4	The event organisers have requested the use of the bowling pavilion for the duration of the event so that their guests have access to toilet

	facilities. The event organisers have also requested that the security volunteers have use of the pavilion as a base from 10pm in the evening through to 10am each day. This request will result in the event organisers taking responsibility for keys to the park and the bowling pavilion.
2.5	An appropriate legal agreement will be prepared by the Assistant Chief Executive and Director of Legal Services. This legal document will outline the terms and conditions of the key handling arrangements and will protect the Council in relation to all operational and health and safety implications.
2.6	Training will be required in relation to all health and safety issues as regards to safe use of the building.
2.7	As with all such events, health and safety issues with regard to holding the event will be addressed through the preparation of an event management plan by the organisers to the satisfaction of Council officers. The event organisers will be required to undertake all necessary risk assessments and to ensure that all health and safety requirements are met.

3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>There may be a small additional cost to the Council for the use of additional electricity within the service yard and bowling pavilion.</p> <p><u>Human</u></p> <p>No additional human resource known at this time</p> <p><u>Asset and other implications</u></p> <p>The use of Woodvale Park and Woodvale bowling pavilion.</p>

4.	Equality Implications
	There are no equality or good relations implications anticipated.

5.	Recommendations
	<p>It is recommended that the committee grant approval for the Christian Outreach Mission in Woodvale Park on the condition that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The event organiser ensures that all health and safety requirements are met to the Council's satisfaction. 2. An appropriate key handling agreement prepared by the Assistant

	Chief Executive and Director of Legal Services, is completed.
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6.	Decision Tracking
	All actions will be completed by Michael Largey, Community Parks Manager and Paula Irvine, Community Parks Outreach Manager.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8.	Documents Attached
	None