



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Belfast BMX Trails Jam Event at Mary Peters Jumps Park
Date:	9th May, 2013
Reporting Officer:	Stephen Walker, ext 3510
Contact Officer:	Anne Reid, ext 6653

1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The Committee is reminded that the Barnett Demesne Mountain Bike Trail and Jumps Park was officially opened on Friday 26 April 2013, following approximately £475,000.00 investment as part of the Council's Investment Programme.</p> <p>Members are asked to note that Officers have received a request from a group of jump bikers who have been involved in the sport for several years and who have been involved in the development of the jumps park. The group, whilst not formally constituted would like to hold an event at the jumps area on 28th and 29th June 2013.</p> <p>The proposal is for a sponsored pro-am event which will attract approximately 50 professional riders to the Jumps Park plus a number of other amateur participants, this could potentially attract up to 300 people.</p> <p>There will be no entry fee for this event.</p>

2.	Key Issues
	<p>The Committee is asked to note the following key points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This event will help to further promote this new facility in the city;2. The event demonstrates that the users of the facility are anxious to work with the council;3. As with all such events, the organisers will work with Council Officers to complete the 24 point event management plan to ensure that all elements regarding the event have been adequately considered to the satisfaction of the Council;

	<p>4. Any ruts or damage caused to the flow of the trails as a result of the event will be reinstated by the organisers.</p> <p>5. The jumps parks will not be available for casual use during the event however the use of the remainder of the trail will not be affected.</p>
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3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>There are no financial costs to Belfast City Council.</p> <p><u>Human Resource</u></p> <p>There are no additional human resources implications other than Officer time.</p> <p><u>Asset and other implications</u></p> <p>This will promote the jumps park and the wider trail.</p>

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

5.	Recommendation
	<p>It is recommended that the committee grant approval for the BMX Jam event to take place at Mary Peters Jumps Park on the condition that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event organiser ensures that all health & safety requirements are met to the council's satisfaction, including event management plan and risk assessment.

6.	Decision Tracking
	All actions will be completed by Stephen Quinn, Community Parks Manager and Anne Reid, Countryside Officer.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8.	Documents Attached
	None