



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Parks Events Small Grants Scheme
Date:	13 June 2013
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
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1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>Members are reminded that at its meeting on 15 November 2012, the Director of Parks & Leisure was authorised under the scheme of delegation to approve funding applications to the Parks Events Small Grants Scheme in 2013/14 if required.</p> <p>The purpose of the report is to inform Members of the decision taken by the Director of Parks & Leisure under delegated authority regarding subsequent applications received to the Scheme.</p>

2.	Key Issues
	<p>The applications were assessed according to the criteria and full details of the applications received and the recommendations for grant awards are presented in Appendix 1. It is recommended that out of the 14 applications received, 12 met the criteria for an award to be made. The two unsuccessful applications were received from Belfast Orangefest Ltd and Paperclip Architects.</p> <p>Both groups' applications did not demonstrate how their event met the criteria. A Community Parks Outreach Manager will contact both groups to help them identify other options for their proposed events.</p> <p>The grant applications (delegated authority May) are presented in Appendix 1.</p>

<p>Successful groups will receive 50% of the grant funding before the event takes place subject to the return of a signed 'letter of offer' and the remaining balance will be paid on the successful completion of the event and submission of the correct supporting documentation.</p> <p>Detailed applications are retained in the Parks & Leisure Department and can be viewed by Members on request.</p> <p>Due to the lower number of applications received, further applications will be invited and a report will be brought back as required to inform Members of the decisions taken.</p>

3.	Resource Implications										
	<p><u>Financial</u> The table below indicates the amounts allocated from the 2013/2014 budget.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Area</th> <th>Total available</th> <th>Allocated to date</th> <th>Proposed allocation for June 2013</th> <th>Remaining after allocation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Parks Events Small Grants Scheme</td> <td>£100,000</td> <td>£53,034</td> <td>£32,495</td> <td>£14,471</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Human Resources</u> The management of the scheme mainly involves staff from the Open Spaces & Active Living Unit and Business Support. The Community Park Managers and Outreach Officers are responsible for liaising with groups.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> The running of community events increases use of the parks and creates a sense of ownership.</p>	Area	Total available	Allocated to date	Proposed allocation for June 2013	Remaining after allocation	Parks Events Small Grants Scheme	£100,000	£53,034	£32,495	£14,471
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4.	Equality Implications
	There are no known equality and good relation implications.

5.	Recommendations
	Members are asked to note the content of the report with regard to the allocation of Parks Events Small Grants.

6.	Decision Tracking
	All actions will be completed by the Events Officer by October 2013

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	N/A

8.	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: List of applications and proposed grants.