



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Hire of Strangford Avenue Playing Fields on 20th July for temporary car parking
Date:	13 June 2013
Reporting Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Ricky Rice, City Parks Manager, South West Belfast

1.	Relevant Background Information
	Parks Officers have been contacted by Aiken Promotions seeking permission to hire Strangford Avenue Playing Fields on 20 July 2013 for use as a temporary car park in order to reduce on street parking during the Bruce Springsteen concert on the 20 July 2013. The concert will be in the Kings Hall Arena, Balmoral. A similar request was agreed by Committee concerning a concert organised by the same company in 2010.

2.	Key Issues
	Strangford Avenue Playing Fields has been used on many occasions as a temporary car park when large scale events are staged in the Kings Hall and this has generated income for Belfast City council. An event plan will be required prior to the event and this plan will include an agreed layout of where cars are allowed to park.

3.	Resource Implications
	Human Resources There are no resource implications other than officer time. Financial Resources The request offers an opportunity for BCC to generate income of £1,400 from Aiken Promotions for the hire of Strangford Avenue Playing Fields as a temporary car park.

4.	Equality Implications
	None

5.	Recommendations
	Committee is requested to give permission for Aiken Promotions to hire Strangford Avenue Playing Fields on 20 July for the purposes of parking cars relating to a concert being held in the Kings Hall arena, Balmoral, on the 20 July 2013. This arrangement will be subject to a financial charge as per previous bookings and a suitable legally binding agreement. A bond of £3,000 will be required from Aiken promotions in the event of any reinstatement being required to the playing fields.

6.	Decision Tracking
	Ricky Rice, City Parks Manager, South and West Belfast.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8.	Documents Attached
	None