



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Request for support from Boston Marathon Challenge Team
Date:	14 November 2013
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director Parks and Leisure

1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The department has been approached seeking support for a fundraising campaign by the Boston Marathon Challenge Team to support the rebuild of the NI Hospice buildings at Somerton House on the Antrim Road.</p> <p>Somerton House has been in operation for over 25 years and is now in urgent need of redevelopment.</p> <p>Plans for the new hospice include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved patient rooms• Better facilities for families• New research and education wing• Upgraded facilities. <p>To support these proposals a series of events is planned over the coming months ending in participation in the Boston Marathon in 2014.</p> <p>The group involved in this campaign are all active members of Falls Park Run.</p>

2.	Key Issues
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members of the group have asked for free use of the park and bowling pavilion during their fundraising campaign to hold events both to raise funds and awareness• Permission is sought to advertise the fundraising campaign in and around Falls Park• Planned events would be agreed in advance with the Park Manager and would comply with Council protocols for event management.

3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> Other usage of the park and facilities will not be displaced therefore there should be no impact on income.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> Staff may be required to provide support for events.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None</p>
4.	Equality and good relations implications
	No equality implications.
5.	Recommendations
	Committee is asked to agree that the Boston Marathon Challenge Team is supported as requested subject to all Council operational requirements, legal and statutory requirements being met.
6.	Decision Tracking
	Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure
7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None
8.	Documents Attached
	None