

Belfast City Council

Report to: Parks and Leisure Committee

Subject Proposed Use of Inverary Playing Fields

Date: 16 January 2014

Reporting Officer: Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure

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1. Relevant Background Information

The Director of Parks and Leisure has received a written request from the Apprentice Boys of Derry Belfast and District Amalgamated Committee for the use of Council facilities at Inverary Playing Fields.

The Amalgamated Committee are hosting the annual Easter Monday 2014 parade in East Belfast.

2. Key Issues

The Amalgamated Committee has requested:

- Use of the car park at Inverary Playing Fields (also known as Tommy Patton Playing Fields) as an assembly point
- Access to the pavilion at the playing fields for use of toilets. The pavilion operates under a Facility Management Agreement (FMA) therefore the request will also have to be agreed by the FMA holders.

Other facilities requested such as the provision of portable toilets will form part of the event management plan and do not fall within the remit of Parks and Leisure Committee.

3. Resource Implications

Finance

The pavilion at Inverary Playing Fields is operated under a Facility Management agreement therefore staff costs for attendance at the pavilion will not be incurred.

Human Resources

No Human Resource implications.

Assets
No impact on assets

4. Equality and good relations implications

There are no equality and good relations implications at this stage.

5. Recommendations

Committee is requested to grant permission for use of the facilities as set out subject to satisfactory terms being agreed by the Director of Parks and Leisure and on condition that:

- i) the event organisers resolve all operational issues to the council's satisfaction;
- ii) an appropriate legal agreement, to be prepared by the Town Solicitor is completed; and
- iii) the event organisers meet all statutory requirements including health and safety.

6. Decision Tracking

Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure

7. Key to Abbreviations

None

8. Documents Attached

None