Appendix one St. Patrick's Weekend Operations Brief March 2014 (abridged)

## Parks and Leisure Department March 2014

The following briefing order describes the operational and communication arrangements for the City Parks Managers, Park Managers, Park Wardens and Park Attendants when they liaise with the deployed Council and PSNI resources through the Emergency Coordinating Centre (ECC) in City Hall on St. Patrick's Weekend 2014. Mobile CCTV will be deployed throughout Parks on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 12 noon and 7pm.

## **Operations in 2014**

St. Patrick's Day will fall on a Monday (Bank Holiday). There are concerns that the celebrations will start on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> night and continue over the weekend. In addition there are concerns about the potential for ASB spilling into parks from the Féile Spring Festival located in Beechmount during the weekend. The Parks and Leisure Department will deploy additional staff during the following days:, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and the Bank Holiday Monday (17<sup>th</sup> March). The standard operational staff compliment will be deployed on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March as the perceived risks are lower.

The Parks and Leisure Department have identified a number of parks where antisocial behaviour is a concern during St. Patrick's weekend March 2014. In order to highlight these concerns about hot spot locations, staff have received a comprehensive brief, detailing a number of parks which have been graded in relation to perceived risk. We use a Red/Amber system to show where incidents could happen and to ensure the Emergency Co-ordination Centre, the PSNI, and the CCTV van are aware of higher risk locations. The risks were identified using incident reports from St. Patrick's Day 2011, 2012, 2013.

Ricky Rice will be present at Silver Command in the ECC from 9:00am until 1900hrs on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014. His role will be to collect updates from Stephen Stockman and present hourly reports to the ECC Tactical Manager. Donal Grant Stephenson will accompany the mobile CCTV van and provide hourly updates to Stephen Stockman. The Park Wardens will be mobile throughout the city during the dates 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March. They will be deployed in response to reports collected by the ECC and/or Stephen Stockman. Should the ECC close then Stephen Stockman will liaise directly with Michael Burns BCC/PSNI Liaison Officer in Musgrave Street.

## **Parks Contacts**

Name	Role	Telephone	Times	14 <sup>th</sup> Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
					Sat	Sun	Mon
Ricky Rice	City Parks Manager Silver		9:00am – 7.00pm	Operationally available	-	✓	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>
S.Stockman	City Parks Manager Bronze		8:00am-7.00 pm	Operationally available	~	~	~
D. G. Stephenson	CCTV		9:00 am 7.00pm	No	~	~	~

Stephen Stockman will collect updates from the mobile CCTV van, Park Wardens and Park Attendants even if the report is "all clear". Their reports will describe any problems with anti-social behaviour or public drinking in Parks across the city. Any staff member of the Parks and Leisure Department staff can update Stephen Stockman at any time if the need arises. Radios have been issued in case of dire emergency. Direct contact with park staff is available through Stephen Stockman who has details of personal mobiles.

## **Re-deployment of Park Wardens**

The Park Wardens can be redeployed to other parts of Belfast if there are no pressing issues or need for their presence in their designated operational areas. Redeployment of Park Wardens must be agreed by Ricky Rice or Stephen Stockman. They will make the final decision whether it is appropriate to redeploy.