



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Charity live musical event in Drumglass Park</b>
<b>Date:</b>	14 August 2014
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Ricky Rice, City Parks Manager, South and West

<b>1.</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	Belfast City Council Officers have been approached by the licensee of The Albany, a bar and restaurant located on the Lisburn Road. Members may be aware that The Albany is one of a number of premises being managed by Bachus Inns Limited in Belfast.
1.2	The organisers have requested permission to hold three open air events in Drumglass Park in association with the Down's Syndrome Association.
1.3	The events will consist of live music from world class acts, family entertainment and various ranges of local quality cuisine.
1.4	The Down's Syndrome Association are the only organisation in the UK who focuses solely on all aspects of living successfully with Down's syndrome. Since 1970, they have grown from being a local parent support group into a national charity with over 20,000 members, having offices in Teddington, Middlesex, Wales and various offices in Northern Ireland. Their Belfast Office is located on the Lisburn Road.
1.5	The organisation is run by a total of 36 staff, with many of them being part time. The group also work closely with over 130 local support groups throughout the UK.

<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	The organisers propose to hold the event over three days from Friday the 12 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday the 14 <sup>th</sup> September. The overall aim is to provide an extraordinary experience in the heart of South Belfast and to raise awareness for the Down's Syndrome Association NI and the Albany.
2.2	The first two days will consist of live entertainment. The acts are still to be confirmed but we have been informed by the organiser that they will be world class acts.
2.3	Members should also note that each event will cease by 11.00pm.
2.4	A summary for each day of the event is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Live Act.</li> <li>• Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Live Act.</li> <li>• Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – Barbeque with children's activities (bouncy castles, etc)</li> </ul>
2.5	The organisers will also be operating bar facilities and high quality cuisine. This will also be provided by the organisers from their Albany premises, located on the Lisburn Road.
2.6	The anticipated numbers will be 1,000 on Friday, 1,500 on Saturday and 500 on Sunday. The event will be ticketed with tickets sold through Ticketmaster.
2.7	The organisers have already held several meetings with the Building Control Service about the event, who have also organised a multi-agency meeting to ensure the event is appropriately dealt with.
2.8	The organiser will also be operating the bar and will be applying for an occasional Liquor Licence in due course. Member should also note that this has also been discussed with the PSNI.
2.9	As part of the statutory licensing requirements the organisers will also notify both the commercial and residential premises in the area.
3.0	The organisers plan to combine their company experience to provide an event for the target demographic within South Belfast with the intention that it will become an annual event on the South Belfast social calendar.

<b>3.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	<u>Financial</u> There are no financial implications. The area proposed is an area of open park land and a reinstatement bond will be required to cover any damage

	caused to the grass or hard surface areas of the park.
3.2	<u>Human Resources</u> There are no implications other than officer time
3.3	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None.

<b>4.</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
4.1	There are no equality or good relations issues.

<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	It is recommended that Committee grant authority for this event including the provision of bar facilities in Drumglass Park between 12-14 September 2014, subject to satisfactory terms being agreed with the Director of Parks and Leisure and on condition that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The event organiser ensures that all Health and Safety requirements are met to the Councils' satisfaction, including the production of an event management plan, risk assessment and public liability insurance.</li> <li>2. The event organisers meet all statutory requirements including entertainments licensing.</li> </ol>

<b>6.</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
6.1	Ricky Rice, City Parks Manger

<b>7.</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
1	Location Map
2	Proposed Event Proposal