



BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Report to:	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
Subject:	North Foreshore - Proposed licence to Seating and Access Contractors Ltd
Date:	20 January 2012
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1.	Relevant Background Information
1.1	In recent years, the Belfast City Marathon route ran along Dargan Crescent, across Dargan Road and onto the cycle track on the northern shore of Belfast Lough. Runners were required to cross a busy dual carriageway linking the Port to the M2 Motorway. Due to increased port traffic this has presented an obstacle and a safety hazard for the runners.
2.	Key Issues
2.1	The solution is a temporary foot bridge over Dargan Road to be erected by a contractor appointed by Belfast City Marathon Ltd, the event management company. To facilitate material storage and bridge construction, Belfast City Marathon Ltd has requested the temporary use of a stoned site fronting Dargan Road in the North Foreshore Giants Park – see map Appendix 1.
2.2	Belfast City Marathon Ltd has appointed Seating and Access Contractors Ltd of Unit 2, Block 4B, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Dublin 15 to erect the temporary foot bridge. Belfast City Council has been requested to grant a licence to Seating and Access Contractors Ltd on a c25metre x 25metre site from 3 rd May to 8 th May 2012 inclusive. This will be used for plant and material storage purposes only. The licensee will erect temporary fencing and site access will be via the existing internal road network. Security will be provided by the licensee.
3.	Resource Implications
3.1	Financial The licence will be for a period of 6 days and usage restricted to works related to the erection of the temporary foot bridge. Belfast City Council is a sponsor of the Belfast Marathon Event. This is considered a good use of a council asset for the benefit of the city. A nominal £1.00 licence fee is proposed.
3.2	Other Implications None
4.	Equality and Good Relations Implications
4.1	None

5.	Recommendations
5.1	<p>The grant of a licence to Seating and Access Contractors Ltd on a site at the North Foreshore for use in connection with the construction of a temporary foot bridge over Dargan Road.</p> <p>This site is as shown on the attached drawing. The licence term is from 3rd to 8th May 2012 and the licence fee shall be £1.00 nominal. The licensee will provide all necessary insurance cover and indemnify the council against any claim arising out of its use and occupation of the site.</p>

6.	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – location map