



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Support for Summer Madness Event 17/18 th March
Date:	13 th February 2015
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Members will be aware of some of the work of Summer Madness and initiatives they have organised such as the StreetReach programme that has helped foster good relations among young people from divided communities.
1.2	Summer Madness has now requested support, from the Council, for two good relations related events, scheduled for 17 th and 18 th March. The Lord Mayor and the Archbishop of Canterbury have been invited to attend these events.
2	Key Issues
2.1	The first initiative, organised by Summer Madness, will take place in the Waterfront Hall on the evening of 17 th March. This event will be attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Mayor and a Catholic Church leader. The event proposes to engage young people from interface areas in conversations around reconciliation. The proposal will build on previous engagement projects organised by Summer Madness around issues relating to the past, flags and parades. The event will culminate in a symbolic act of prayer outside the City Hall.
2.2	The second event, also attended by the Lord Mayor and Archbishop of Canterbury, will engage young leaders from the business, media, education, faith and political sector, in a breakfast meeting, to discuss matters relating to peace and reconciliation. The proposals aim to strengthen relationships across communities and to inspire young people to become advocates for change.
3	Resource Implications
3.1	Financial The proposed budget for both of these events is £9,270. Members will be aware that the good relations budget has been fully committed for the current financial year. However, Members may wish to divert an amount of up to £9,270 from the in current revenue resources from the Health and Environmental services budget, covering the costs of hire of the Waterfront Studio, Sound and Production, Catering, and Facilitation.

	<p>Human Resources NA</p> <p>Asset and Other Implications None</p>
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4	Recommendation and decision
4.1	The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee is requested to consider viring an amount of up to £9,270 from the Health and Environmental Services budget to the Good Relations Budget to support the events on 17 th and 18 th March 2015

5	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
5.1	This proposal has strong good relations outcomes and fits well with the overall objectives of the Good Relations Plan

6	Decision Tracking
6.1	Nicola Lane, Good Relations Manager will be responsible for taking forward any decisions in relation to the Action Plan.

7	Key to abbreviations
7.1	N/A

8	Documents attached
8.1	N/A