



<b>Subject:</b>	<i>Request to hold a BBC youth debate programme from the Girdwood site.</i>
<b>Date:</b>	<i>7 March 2014</i>
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<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
	To seek approval from members to hold a TV youth debate programme at the Girdwood site.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	It is recommended that council approve this event providing all the relevant paperwork and statutory approvals are in place prior to the broadcast.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<p>The City and Neighbourhood Services Department have been approached by Stephen Nolan to seek permission to broadcast a youth debate programme from the Girdwood site in North Belfast. The objective of the programme is to engage more young people in politics, debate and current affairs and it is proposed that a panel of politicians will take part in the debate to discuss issues raised by the young people that affect the community they live in.</p> <p>The date of the show is yet to be confirmed but it is anticipated that it will be held at 8pm</p>

on an evening in the second week of May. At the core of the show will be a 20 metre dome in which the show will be held. The message being that the BBC is travelling into the heart of communities so that they are on the ground listening to the next generation.

The event presents a promotional opportunity for the Girdwood site which will be showcased as a facility which helps young people to constructively improve their lives.

There are a number of areas within the site that can accommodate the dome and due to the fact that it will be lit up for visual effect we will work with the BBC production team, and officers from BCC Property and Projects, to establish which of these is best suited if committee approval is granted.

The dome will accommodate 150 - 200 young people aged between 16 and 21 years. The audience will be sourced from youth groups and it is proposed that a cross section of the demographic in this age group will be involved. Officers will utilise their current engagement channels, including the BCC Youth Forum and neighbourhood Youth Forums and networks, to ensure we facilitate a representative group for the debate.

Set up and take down of the set will take place over two days. A professional BBC production team will be hired to provide all logistical support required to hold such a production.

This is a trial show, produced through Stephen Nolan's independent production company and if successful the concept could be used to hold future events in other parks throughout the city.

#### Financial & Resource Implications.

A bond may be required to carry out any potential re-instatement works to the "set" location. City & Neighbourhood officers will support event organisation and engagement including the use of Park Wardens to patrol the site as part of their normal duties and to assist in issues such as traffic management etc.

#### Equality or Good Relations Implications

This event will provide an opportunity for young people across the city to voice their views on a range of issues and will have a potential positive impact on good relations and equality.

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1: 'A new age in politics' Proposal from Stephen Nolan.