



<b>Subject:</b>	Request for The Use of Cathedral Gardens for "Refugee Solidarity Sleep Out" Event
<b>Date:</b>	April 4 2017
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nigel Grimshaw, Director of City & Neighbourhood Services Department
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The Committee is asked to note that the Council has received a request from Christian Aid for the use of Cathedral Gardens.
1.2	Christian Aid proposes to hold a "Refugee Solidarity Sleep Out" event at Cathedral Gardens from 9am, Friday 12 May to 2pm, Saturday 13 May. This event will require the closure of all or a substantial proportion of the site and will involve Christian Aid supporters erecting tents and sleeping out overnight on-site.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The Christian Aid event at Cathedral Gardens from 9am on Friday 12 May to 2pm on</li></ul>

	<p>Saturday 13 May 2017 subject to the completion of the appropriate Event Management Plans and satisfactory terms being agreed by the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services and on the condition that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the Event Organiser meets all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety and licensing responsibilities.</li> <li>▪ the Event Organiser shall consult with adjoining public bodies, the local community and the PSNI as necessary.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Christian Aid proposes to hold a “Refugee Solidarity Sleep Out” event at Cathedral Gardens from 9am on Friday 12 May to 2pm on Saturday 13 May 2017. The proposed event will require the closure of all or a substantial proportion of the site and will involve Christian Aid supporters erecting tents and sleeping out overnight on-site.</li> <li>▪ The proposed event will aim to show solidarity with refugees across Europe and the Middle East who are forced to sleep out every night, as a result of conflict.</li> <li>▪ The proposed event will coincide with the start of Christian Aid Week, which began in 1957 and this year marks its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.</li> <li>▪ It is envisaged that 20 people, over 18 years of age, will pre-register to bring a tent and set up camp over the two days and these participants will be asked to raise sponsorship or pay a registration fee.</li> <li>▪ In addition to the small camp, a larger tent will be erected and will contain an exhibition highlighting Christian Aid’s work with refugees in Lebanon, Iraq, Greece and Serbia. This exhibition will be open to the public during the day on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.</li> <li>▪ The event organiser will arrange for the provision of portable toilets on-site and is in contact with St. Anne’s Cathedral regarding access to their catering facilities etc.</li> </ul>
3.2	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>No implications have been identified.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no known implications.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None