



<b>Subject:</b>	Approval requested for Church service in Lower Crescent Park
<b>Date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
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>	
<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>
1.1	To request permission to enable a Church Service to proceed on Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 in Lower Crescent Park.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Approve that Crescent Church based at Lower Crescent, Belfast, can proceed with a Church Service in the park to start "Grow week" proceedings.</li></ul>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Grow week is an annual community week organised by Crescent Church to encourage communities and individuals in South Belfast to come together and avail of a range of positive activities which are free of charge. As part of Grow week the Church uses Lower Crescent Park to provide a family fun day and music in the park. The South Belfast Parks Outreach Team work in Partnership with the Church to provide lawn games, a growing workshop and organising the park decor.
3.2	The date for the music in the park is Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 and the family fun day 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2017. In addition there is a Lighthouse café and full programme for children. Events in the park help to reduce anti-social behaviour and enhance the programme of activity for the park.
3.3	Grow week is a positive week of events which help to improve good relations within communities and encourage involvement from isolated individuals and groups. This year the Church have requested to begin Grow week with a Church Service in the Park on Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7pm.
	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>
3.4	No financial implication to Council.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.5	No Implications
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None