



Subject:	Connswater Community Greenway Animation Plan
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update members on the plans to ensure the sustainability of the Connswater Community Greenway (CCG) as a living landmark for many years to come, through the delivery of an annual animation programme. On an annual basis Connswater Community Greenway Trust (CCGT) will seek approval from BCC for use of the space and highlight any potential licensing requests.
1.2	It will be an opportunity to support and establish the positive use of the CCG, delivering a range of different activities and interventions that will support the strategic aims and objectives of both the CCGT and Belfast City Council (BCC).
1.3	The CCG is being developed and managed through an innovative partnership between CCGT and BCC, which has a vision for the city that is a great place to live and one that is well connected and culturally vibrant, energising and driving a successful economy.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grant authority for the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services under the scheme of delegation to approve event and activity requests for the use of the parks and open spaces along the CCG in 2018/19, delivered by the CCGT in partnership with BCC. ▪ Grant authority for the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services under the scheme of delegation to approve event and activity requests which may include licensing arrangements such as trading or the selling of alcohol at the main event spaces along the CCG including the C.S. Lewis Square, Orangefield Park and Victoria Park. Please note an entertainment license is already in place for the CCG.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>BCC and CCGT have developed an animation programme for 2018/19 based on previous years' experience in events and activities, to improve the urban environment, create healthier and more active communities and build a stronger, safer community in east Belfast.</p>
3.2	<p>The programme will have important regeneration outcomes in relation to health, volunteering and reducing anti – social behaviour. The plan has been developed to support the strategic direction of the EastSide Partnership 'to make east Belfast a Better Place', the Belfast Agenda and the Programme for Government.</p>
3.3	<p>In anticipation of increased requests from external event and activity providers, Council officer's request that the director of City and Neighbourhood services under the scheme of delegation can approve such requests. Council are already aware of a number of event requests which can be found at (Appendix 1).</p>
3.4	<p>Council officers will continue to ensure that all event management processes and protocols are followed to ensure that all health and safety requirements are met to Councils satisfaction including event management plans, risk assessments and appropriate licenses.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The 2018/19 animation programme costs will be met through CCGT secured revenue funding as well as existing revenue budgets within Belfast City Council. Further programme costs will be applied for from BCC small grants programmes and other funding sources or secured from other partner organisations.</p>

3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> There are no implications at this stage, however, equality and good relations factors are taken into account in any activities delivered along the CCG.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Connswater Community Greenway Trust Animation Plan 2018/19