



Subject:	Parks Events Small Grants Scheme – Recommendations for Funding
Date:	5th June 2018
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Restricted Reports	
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
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 the report is to inform Members of the decision taken by the Director of City & Neighbourhood Services Department, under delegated authority regarding the applications received in Tranche 1 for events taking place in parks between 1 April 2018 and 30 September 2018.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	It is recommended that the Committee; <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note the contents of the report.

3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	A total of 42 applications were received for the Grant which were assessed by the Open Spaces & Active Living (OS&AL) Unit and 34 applications met the criteria for an award to be made, as shown in Appendix 1. The 8 unsuccessful applications are included in Appendix 2.
3.2	An Independent Assessment Panel reviewed a sample (20%) of the applications, was satisfied with the scoring and application of the criteria for the grants and approved the recommendations for awards. The CGU will continue the administration of the grant through notification to unsuccessful applicants, draft and distribution of Letters of Offer, holding workshops for grant awarded applicants, facilitation of payments and monitoring of all awards, including financial verification visits.
3.3	In line with the strategic review of grant-aid ongoing in the Council, it is proposed that officers review the essential criteria for these grants, to ensure that they are fit for purpose. The overarching aim is to enable applicant groups to contribute to the achievement of the Council's objective to provide attractive, animated, shared and safe parks and open spaces in the city as well as align with the wider objectives of the Belfast Agenda. If any further amendments are required, these will be brought to a future Committee for consideration.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.4	Tranche 1 - £91,115.50. The total budget for 2018/19 is £115,000. The scheme is managed by staff from the OS&AL Unit and the Community Park Managers/Outreach Officers are responsible for liaising with groups.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.5	There are no known equality and good relation implications.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: Parks Events Small Grants Successful Applications, 2018/19, T1 Appendix 2: Parks Events Small Grants Unsuccessful Applications, 2018/19, T1