



Subject:	Requests for The use of Alderman Tommy Patton Playing Fields, CS Lewis Square & Botanic Gardens.
Date:	4 th December 2018
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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 Committee is asked to note that the Council has received requests from: Apprentice Boys of Derry to host their “Annual Easter Monday Demonstration” at Alderman Tommy Patton Playing Fields on Monday 22 April 2019, from 9am to 2pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The event will result in the closure of Alderman Tommy Patton Playing Fields.• Organisers wish to undertake charity collections during the event.
1.2	Belfast Junior Orange County (Orange Order of Belfast) to host their “Annual Easter Tuesday Parade” at CS Lewis Square on Tuesday 23 April 2019, from 10am to 4pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The event will result in the closure of CS Lewis Square.

1.3	<p>The Grand Opera House to hold a Family Festival at Botanic Gardens on Friday 23 July – Sunday 26 July 2020 and the use of a Big Top Circus Tent for a series of family circus shows and their hugely popular summer Youth production of the musical Barnum. The grand opera house have requested dates from Friday 31 July – Sunday 16 August 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event will result in the closure of an area of the Great Lawn of Botanic Gardens • The organisers will charge an admission fee
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to approve ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Apprentice Boys of Derry’s “Annual Easter Monday Demonstration” at Alderman Tommy Patton Playing Fields on Monday 22 April 2019 ; (ii) the Belfast Junior Orange County’s “Annual Easter Tuesday Parade” at CS Lewis Square on Tuesday 23 April 2019 ; and (iii) the Grand Opera House events on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 July 2020 and a new proposed plan for use of a big top family circus show restricted to a maximum of 7- 8 days between Friday 31 July - 16 August 2020. <p>subject to the completion of the appropriate Event Management Plans and satisfactory terms being agreed by the Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services and on the condition that the Event Organisers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ resolves all operational issues to the Council’s satisfaction; ▪ meets all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety, and licensing responsibilities; and ▪ shall consult with adjoining public bodies and local communities as necessary. <p>In relation to the Grand Opera House Event. The organisers of this will also be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Obtain the necessary permission for pyrotechnics ▪ Obtain a sale of alcohol license ▪ Enter into an appropriate legal agreement ▪ Process the timely payment of the agreed charges and bonds as required in the legal agreement ▪ Grant authority to the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - negotiate an appropriate fee for use of Botanic Gardens taking into account costs to the Council, minimising negative impact on the immediate area but also the potential wider benefit to the city economy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to write to the promoters and advise that Council reserves the right to introduce a 'social clause' into any future legal agreements at any time (subject to Council approval of such a policy).
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	<p>Apprentice Boys of Derry</p> <p>The organisers intend to bring food vendors to the event. Organisers estimate that 2,500 people will attend the event. Organisers wish to undertake charity collections during the event. Organisers will provide toilets, first aid cover and stewards for the event. Set up and assembly of bands will commence at 9am, with the main parade leaving at 12.30pm. The event will be dismantled and the site will be clear by 2pm.</p> <p>The event will result in the closure of Alderman Tommy Patton Playing Fields.</p>
3.2	<p>Belfast Junior Orange County</p> <p>The organisers intend to bring food vendors, market stalls and street entertainers to the event. Organisers estimate that 500 people will attend the event. Organisers will provide toilets, first aid cover and stewards for the event. Set up will commence at 10am, with the main event taking place between 1pm and 3.30pm. The event will be dismantled and the site will be clear by 4pm.</p> <p>The event will result in the closure of CS Lewis Square.</p>
3.3	<p>The Grand Opera House</p> <p>In January 2020 the Grand Opera House will close for a major restoration and development project. Therefore, the organisers have planned a series of outreach and community engagement events in Belfast and beyond.</p> <p>The organisers wish to hold both a Family Festival and a Big Top Circus event at Botanic Gardens. The organisers intend to charge for admission to their event both online and on site. The events will include food vendors, general children's entertainment, pyrotechnics, and the erection of a stage and marquees.</p> <p>Set-up for the Family Festival will be on Thursday 23 July and the event will be dismantled on Monday 27 July. Set-up for the Big Top Circus is proposed to be Friday 31 July and the event will be dismantled on Sunday 16 August. Officers have been in contact with the Grand</p>

3.4	<p>Opera House and have outlined concerns regarding the amount of time that the Great Lawn would be under cover with the subsequent damage to the lawn and have therefore restricted the amount of days the Big Top Tent can be erected to 7-8 days, dependent on weather conditions. The Grand Opera House accept this condition and are reprogramming their timings and use of the Big top tent in line with this stipulation.</p> <p>Organisers envisage 500 visitors to attend the Family Festival and 4,000 to attend the Big Top Circus.</p> <p>The event will result in the closure of part of the Great Lawn of Botanic Gardens, will have alcohol on sale and will be charging the public for admission.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no financial implications from the Apprentice Boys of Derry event and the Belfast Junior Orange County event.</p> <p>For the Grand Opera House the promoter will be required to provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A fee (to be agreed between the Strategic Director and City and Neighbourhood Services and the promoter) 2. A bond of intent to be paid to the council which would be retained in the event of a concert being cancelled; and 3. Full ground reinstatement cost to be met by the promoter, subject to a bond being paid. <p>It is also envisaged that the fee charged will meet any additional staff costs.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no known implications.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>