



Subject:	Request for use of Council facilities and additional funding to support events
Date:	12 th February 2019
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Restricted Reports	
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"/>

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	<p>The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Members to host events in our parks, namely:</p> <p> I. Request use of Alexander Park for a Spring Festival on 30th March 2019</p> <p>New Lodge Arts have requested the use of Alexandra Park on the 30th March 2019, for their annual Spring Festival event, which has been held successfully for the last five years. The event is a cross community event and activities are held throughout the whole park.</p>

	<p>New Lodge Arts have obtained funding for the event, but have requested support from Belfast City Council up to a total of £3000 towards the overall cost of the event.</p> <p>II. Request for Approval of World Celtic Spey Casting event at Waterworks Park</p> <p>To advise the committee of the fourth year of the Celtic Spey Casting event at Waterworks Park on 17th-19th May 2019, building on the success of the previous year's events and seek Committee approval for hosting of the event and for funding to facilitate the event.</p> <p>The group have requested a funding contribution of £12,500</p>
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>I. Request use of Alexander Park for a Spring Festival on 30th March 2019</p> <p>The Committee is asked to approve the use of Alexandra Park on 30th March 2019 for this annual event, subject to completion of the appropriate Event Management Plans and on the condition that the Event Organisers meet all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance and provide relevant Health and Safety documentation and Risk Assessments,</p> <p>II. Request for Approval of World Celtic Spey Casting event at Waterworks Park</p> <p>The Committee is recommended to approve the use of Waterworks Park on 17th-19th May 2019 for this event, subject to completion of the appropriate Event Management Plans and on the condition that the Event Organisers meet all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance and provide relevant Health and Safety documentation and Risk</p>
2.2	<p>The request for financial support for both events falls outside available funding within the existing revenue budgets and as per SP&R decision 23rd November 2018; due to the financial position there will be no further discretionary payments considered at this time or no further re-allocation of money until the year end position is considered by them in June.</p>
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	<p>I. Request use of Alexander Park for a Spring Festival on 30th March 2019</p>

This event has been successfully held for the last five years and is a cross community event. There is a 6-week Outreach programme, prior to the event, which involves local youth clubs, schools and community groups from both communities, developing arts and crafts that will be displayed at the event. The park will remain open at all times and there are no restrictions to the general park users.

3.2

II. Request for Approval of World Celtic Spey Casting event at Waterworks Park

The proposed Celtic World Spey Casting Invitational Challenge Event at Waterworks will be in its fourth year and has been planned by the Families at the Waterworks Fishing Club for the 17th-19th May 2019.

The event will help build experience and an evidence base for a potential World Championship bid in 2020.

The event is needed to promote the club and Waterworks Park, specifically the potential of the club to support local good relations through cross-community events whilst hosting events to develop the sport of fishing at Waterworks.

The Fishing Club have and are continually seeking to develop as a club providing positive, healthy recreation for local people from across the community spectrum. The club are particularly keen to attract and retain young people introducing them to the sport and the Waterworks as a shared space and not a divisive space. This event will help to underline this and if successful raise the profile of the Park and bring local communities together.

The Challenge event will bring World Class Fishermen from all over the globe for example America, Japan and Scandinavia together with Belfast and regional competitors with 50 competitors and 250 spectators estimated daily.

The Friday 17th May will be a Cross Community Day with 300 Young people of all ages and abilities from across North Belfast transported to Waterworks to undertake Fishing and Casting Try-It sessions with Good Relations as the focus. The competitors taking part in

the event from around the World will interact with the local youths and cross-community activities shall be provided to fully engage all in the event.

Saturday and Sunday 18th/19th May will be the main competition days and it is hoped to engage and attract large spectator numbers throughout the event which will be marketing as a showpiece for sport and good relations in the area

3.3

Financial & Resource Implications – for both events

The Families at the Waterworks Club have applied for £1000 funding from “Support for Sport”, however, the Club have asked that Council provide financial support for additional costs which are beyond the clubs means:

Medals, Welcome Gifts and Trophies - £2500

Hospitality (Awards reception Belfast Castle and daily lunches) -£2000

Hire of marquees - £1000

Promotional materials, signs and banners - £500

Hire of measuring equipment and ropes/markers and competition set up-£3000

Bus Transport for International Competitors - £500

Bouncy Castles for family engagement - £1000

Toilet Hire - £500

Compare for event and competition - £1000

First Aid Provision - £500

Total: £12500

The Committee are advised this level of funding falls outside the capacity of the budget.

3.4

New Lodge Arts have requested that Belfast City Council support the event at a cost of maximum £3000. This year the amount falls outside the capacity of the budget.

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The request for financial support for both events falls outside available funding within the existing revenue budgets and as per SP&R decision 23rd November 2018; due to the financial position there will be no further discretionary payments considered at this time or no further re-allocation of money until the year end position is considered by them in June.

3.6

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment – for both events

These events will help to greatly enhance cross community relations both Parks

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None