



	Request for the use of Lower Botanic Gardens by the City of Belfast
Subject:	Grand Black Chapter
Date:	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
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Is this report restricted?	Yes No X
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	
After Council Decision	
Some time in the future	
Never	
Call-in	

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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes X No

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	City Council Officers have received a request for the City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter to
	have a family fun day event and a short religious service in lower Botanic Gardens,
	adjacent to Stranmillis embankment on 28 August 2021 between 12 noon - 6.00pm,
	following a parade from City Hall to Botanic Gardens.
	Members are reminded that on 4 June 2019, a Committee report was provided, outlining a
1.2	request from City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter to facilitate the passing through Botanic

	Gardens of this parade on 28 August 2021 from City Hall. This parade is to mark the centenary of the formation of Northern Ireland.
1.3	The parade will pass a number of buildings with a significant relevance to the Centenary, including City Hall, Ulster Hall and Union Theological College, Botanic Avenue, which was the building used for the newly formed Northern Ireland Parliament between 1921 -1932 while Stormont was being built.
1.4	This Committee, on 4 June 2019, provided approval for this parade to pass through Botanic Gardens on 28 August 2021 and the decision was ratified by Council at its meeting on 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2019.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<ul> <li>Committee is requested to;</li> <li>provide approval for the City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter to hold an event in Lower Botanic Gardens on 28 August 2021, subject to and on condition that the requestor;</li> <li>resolves all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction and ;</li> <li>An appropriate legal agreement is completed, to be prepared by the City Solicitor</li> <li>The promoter meets all the statutory requirements of the Planning and Building Control Service including the terms and conditions of the Park's Entertainment Licence</li> </ul>
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> Since the 4 June 2019, Officers have received a request for the City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter to include a family fun day event in Lower Botanic Gardens, adjacent to Stranmillis Embankment on 28 August 2021 between 12 noon - 7.00pm, following a parade from City Hall to Botanic Gardens. The parade has already received Committee and Council approval. See appendix A (People and Communities Committee 4 June 2019, agenda 7i)
3.2	The event will include the following: <ul> <li>Markets stalls</li> <li>Food vendors</li> <li>Inflatables</li> <li>Religious service</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Stewarding</li> <li>Fun rides</li> </ul>

	Live music.
3.3	There will be no sale of alcohol at this event.
3.4	The organisers are anticipating a figure of 5000 participants during the event. It will be a requirement of the License agreement that the organisers liaise with Queens University PE centre and local communities to minimise any impact the event may incur in the surrounding area.
3.5	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u> There may be a requirement to have additional staff on site to facilitate this event and if so then costs will be charged to the event organiser. The requester will also be required to provide a £15,000.00 reinstatement bond.
3.6	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessments No equality or Good Relations implications have been identified, however, this is being monitored on an ongoing basis
4.0	Documents Attached
	None.