



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Request for use of the Cenotaph for City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter Service</b>
<b>Date:</b>	23rd October, 2020
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor & Director of Legal and Civic Services
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sometime in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To consider a request for the use of the cenotaph by the City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter on 28th August 2021 to mark the centenary of the formation of NI in 2021.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is recommended to approve the application for the use of the Cenotaph for the City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter service on 28th August 2021.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	A request has been received from the City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter to host a service and wreath laying at the Cenotaph to mark the centenary of the formation of NI in 2021.
3.2	A parade will pass through the city centre arriving at City Hall and continue to other locations after the proposed cenotaph service.

3.3	The People and Communities Committee on 4th June 2019 approved the parade from City Hall to Botanic Gardens organised by City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter. The organisers will seek Parade Commission approval for this parade and liaise with the PSNI.
3.4	The People and Communities Committee on 8th October 2019 also approved the use of Lower Botanic Gardens for a family fun event on 28 August 2021 from 12 noon to 7 pm, organised by the City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter.
3.5	The proposed cenotaph event will include a drum lead service and wreath laying. It would involve approximately 1,000 participants including members of 30 bands. The service would take place from 10 am to 11 am.
3.6	Organisers would manage the service in consultation with the City Hall Function Management Unit and would adhere to specific social distancing guidance relevant in August 2021.
3.7	The request required use of the cenotaph for service and grounds for access. No access into City Hall or use of council rooms is required.
	<u>COVID implications</u>
3.8	In managing and delivering future functions, liaison with and guidance for organisers will be provided by officers to ensure compliance with any relevant social distancing guidelines at the time of their function. Committee approval for their function to take place in City Hall is recommended on the basis of their compliance to this caveat and what is permissible and feasible.
	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.9	There is no cost to the Council in approving the use of the cenotaph. All costs associated with the cenotaph service such as PA sound system, security, barriers will be covered by City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.10	Access to the Cenotaph been granted on the basis of the policy of use of the cenotaph which has been previously screened for equality and good Relations implications. At present no direct good relations or equality implications have been identified, however, this is being monitored on an ongoing basis.

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None