



Subject:	Request for the use of Parks
Date:	Tuesday 23rd June 2026
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services.
Contact Officer:	Barry Flynn, Committee Services Officer.

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes ☐ No ☒

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes ☒ No ☐

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	Four late requests have been received to host events in parks and open spaces in the east of the city over the holiday period in July.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to grant authority for the hosting of the events, subject to the applicants adhering to all of the stipulations and requirements as determined by the Council. The events will take place at Pitt Park, King George V Playing Fields, Sydenham (Inverary PF) and Orangefield Park.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> The four requests received are part of the wider East Belfast Cultural Festival coinciding with the Twelfth period. They seek to provide diversionary activity for young people and families.
3.2	The organisers aim to provide a safe, welcoming and positive environment, while celebrating heritage, cultural identity and community cohesion. The events will include music, Highland dancers, inflatables and food, creating a family-friendly atmosphere that will encourage local participation and positive community engagement.

3.3	The dates and times are as follows: • King George V PF – 10th July, 1 to 5 pm • Orangefield Playing Fields – 11th July, 1 to 5 pm • Sydenham (Inverary PF) – 11th July, 12 noon to 8 pm • Pitt Park – 12th July, 2 to 7 pm
3.4	The applicant and lead organisation is Charter NI, an organisation which has delivered multiple events in partnership with the Council, including street parties and cultural festivals. Event Management Plans and Risk Assessments have been received and reviewed by Council staff. <u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> There are no known financial or resource implications. <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no known implications.
4.0	Appendices
	None