



Subject:	Falls Parks Event – Request for Support
Date:	18th August, 2023
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sometime 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/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee’s attention a request from VC Glendale for financial support for its planned event in Falls Park. The People and Communities Committee, at its meeting on 8th August, approved a request to host the event in Falls Park.
1.2	The event organisers also requested funding from the City and Neighbourhood Services Department, however, there is no process available to consider this request.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the request for a maximum of £8,207 funding support for the Falls Park event.

3.0	Main Report
	<p data-bbox="272 192 421 226"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 293 826 327"><u>VC Glendale Falling Leaves - Falls Park</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 342 1469 524">3.1 VC Glendale is a well-known local voluntary cycling club with a long history of producing some of the country's finest cyclists. Its Falling Leaves event has taken place in Falls Park for the last eight years and its permission to promote the event has been given by the Council during its time at the park.</p> <p data-bbox="165 595 1469 826">3.2 This event attracts riders and spectators far and wide from across Ireland as riders race for the points that ultimately influence their grid positions at National Championships. The event has become a well-established fixture on the cyclocross calendar and it is hoped that another successful event at the venue could result in Falls Park being nominated as the venue for the Irish National championships in 2025.</p> <p data-bbox="165 898 1469 1178">3.3 This year, the organisers have requested financial support from the Council to assist with the delivery of the event and have submitted an expenditure budget to the department totalling £8,207.00. No income projection is provided. City and Neighbourhood Services Department does not have growth funding in its budgets and Parks Events and Outreach team are reporting an overspend on programming budgets due to the increase in activity and delivery costs.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1249 1469 1431">3.4 The event would have been eligible for grant funding including the Support for Sport grant but the organisers did not submit an application. It is also important to note that an allocation of funds to this event outside a grant application process could set a precedent for requests from other event organisers.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1503 831 1536">3.5 The key dates for the event are as follows:</p> <p data-bbox="272 1603 815 1637">Saturday 16th September – 10 am Set Up</p> <p data-bbox="272 1653 986 1686">Saturday 16th September – 12 pm to 3 pm – Race Day</p> <p data-bbox="272 1702 986 1736">Sunday 17th September – 8 am to 4.30pm – Race Day</p> <p data-bbox="272 1751 799 1785">Sunday 17th September- 8 pm – Off Site</p> <p data-bbox="165 1856 1469 1991">3.6 The People and Communities Committee is asking the SP and R Committee to consider providing financial support for the event up to a maximum of £8.207 pending officer confirmation of related income projections.</p>

3.7	<p><u>Financial and Human Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The request for funding of up to £8,207.00 for the Falls Park event is not included in any revenue budgets for the City and Neighbourhood Services Department and there is no allocation to support ad hoc requests of this nature.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>Council officers will liaise with event organisers and promoters in relation to any potential environmental impact from events.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no known implications.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	None