



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Andersonstown Leisure Centre: Facilitation of Feile an Phobail
Date:	16 June 2008
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
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Relevant Background Information

In previous years, Feile an Phobail have organised a number of West Belfast Festival events at Beechmount Leisure Centre, and more recently at Andersonstown Leisure Centre during August 2006 and 2007.

Key Issues

To advise Members of a booking application received from Feile an Phobail requesting availability of Andersonstown Leisure Centre as a venue for the West Belfast Festival.

The application requests the use of Andersonstown Leisure Centre from 3 – 10 August 2008, not including set up and site clearance days.

This application is supported by the following documents, which are currently being updated to include this years events and will be available for Members perusal if required.

- Safety Statement (2002)
- Risk Assessments
- Security plans
- Event management plans
- Residents Complaint Log
- Event Manager's Safety Checklist
- Event Manager's Guidelines (including emergency evacuation plan)
- Health & Safety Briefing Notes for Event Staff
- Fire Prevention Guidelines
- Public Liability Insurance
- Occasional Licence

All residents neighbouring Andersonstown Leisure Centre will be notified of the events. Although there were some noise control issues in previous years in the Beechmount area, no significant difficulties were reported following the events held during the summer of 2006 and 2007 at Andersonstown.

Resource Implications

Financial

Charges for use of the facility will be applied in line with the pricing policy, Appendix 2

Human Resources

Staff will be required to work additional hours to cover the events after centre opening times

Asset and Other Implications

Council Officers will liaise with organisers in relation to the potential environmental impact of this event.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Members approve the Feile an Phobail application to hire facilities at Andersonstown Leisure Centre for the period 3 - 10 August 2008, plus set up and site clearance days as required, subject to the organisers complying with all statutory requirements. It will be a requirement of any permission that the organisers liaise with the Councils Health Department and comply with all statutory requirements

Documents Attached

None.