

### **Belfast City Council**

**Report to:** Parks and Leisure Committee

Subject: Cancer Research UK Race For Life "Pretty Muddy"

**Ormeau Park** 

Date: 15 January 2015

Reporting Officer: Rose Crozier, Director of Parks and Leisure

Contact Officer: Anthony Conway, Community Park Manager

# 1. Relevant Background Information

Cancer Research UK approached the Parks Department in December 2014 to request the use of Ormeau Park for a Race For Life event on the 30/05/15.

The event is entitled "Pretty Muddy" and is a new style of event for cancer research. It is a 5k non-competitive women only race involving mud pits and obstacles.

Race for Life events are Cancer Research's flagship events and have held 230 events nationally raising over £362 million in the past 19 years for Cancer Research's life saving work.

The proposed event at Ormeau Park will be twinned with a Stormont "Race for Life" event the following day which has run successfully for the past 6 years.

Race for Life events are the biggest women only fundraising events in the UK.

## 2. Key Issues

- The event is proposed to take place on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> in Ormeau Park between 10am – 5pm.
- A participation fee of £14.99 will be charged only to cover event organisation. The event will not be profit making.
- Event holders have asked to set-up some of the infrastructure for the event the day before and will provide overnight security.
- The event is aiming to attract 3000 participants setting off at waves of 250 people every 15-30 minutes.
- The event will use a large geographical area within Ormeau Park and will use most of the large open grass areas with the potential for damage.
- A section of the park will be used to house a small stage and marquee/start area.
- The Event Organiser will provide a full Event Management Plan and Risk assessments etc.
- Possible issue around car-parking in Ozone car-park and potential for overflow due to expected attendance.

### 3. Resource Implications

#### **Financial**

The event will not impact on any bookable facilities so no loss of revenue is expected.

A Reinstatement Bond of £5000 will be required to be put in place to cover the possible repair costs to grass areas.

#### **Human Resources**

No staff overtime is anticipated as event organisers will provide staff to marshal the event and to litter pick and clean on conclusion of the event.

4.	Equality Implications
	None

### 5. Recommendations

Members are asked to agree the staging of the proposed event as outlined in Ormeau Park subject to the development of an Event Management Plan and satisfactory terms being agreed by the Director of Parks and Leisure and on condition that:

- The event organiser resolves all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction
- An appropriate legal agreement is prepared with legal services
- The event organiser meets all statutory requirements including Health and Safety and Licensing.
- The timely payment of the agreed bonds.

6.	Decision Tracking
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7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8.	Documents Attached
	Nana
	None