



<b>Subject:</b>	Request for use of City Hall grounds – Feile an Phobail
<b>Date:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Gerry Millar, Director of Property & Projects
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	George Wright, Head of Facilities Management

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	Members will be aware requests for the use of the City Hall grounds are normally dealt with under the authority delegated by the Committee to the Director of Property & Projects, using criteria agreed for this purpose. Occasionally however, it is necessary to place such requests directly before the Committee, and the request set out below falls into this category.
1.2	Feile an Phobail have previously been granted use of the grounds for their annual City Hall Rocks Back event which is part of the Feile calendar of events. Due to the relatively small scale of previous events the Director of Property & Projects has used the authority delegated to him by the Committee to grant permission for use of the grounds.
1.3	Occasionally certain events which are allowed on a discretionary basis within the grounds of the City Hall gradually increase in scale and scope over time to the point where it is felt that formal Committee approval is required (e.g. Orangefest). Due to the increased scale and scope of this year's proposed Feile event below, the approval of the Committee is therefore being sought.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>approve the request by the Feile an Phobail organisers as outlined below in respect of the proposed event in the grounds of the City Hall on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017.</li></ul>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<p data-bbox="293 208 735 237"><u>Relevant Background Information</u></p> <p data-bbox="178 309 1484 490">3.1 A request has now been received from Feile and Phobail to use the front lawns on the <b>13<sup>th</sup> August 2017</b>. The ‘City Hall Rocks Back’ events feature local young and emerging bands performing on stage. The event showcases bands from all sections of the community and the type of music played includes Rock, Blues, Heavy Metal, Rap Ska and Reggae.</p> <p data-bbox="178 562 1484 792">3.2 The organisers require use of the grounds between 8am and 7.30pm for stage and sound set ups and strip downs. The event itself takes place between 1pm and 5pm. Depending on the weather the event could attract up 2,000 people. The profile of those attending includes family and followers of the bands, plus local and overseas visitors in the city for the day. The events is free to enter and no other charges are made by the organizers.</p> <p data-bbox="178 864 1484 1046">3.3 The organisers would be providing, staging, sound systems, toilets etc. They will also be providing their own stewarding/marshalling staff and would of course have to comply with the usual conditions including indemnities for damage and submission of a formal event-management plan etc. Previous events have taken place in the grounds without incident.</p> <p data-bbox="293 1117 440 1146"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="178 1173 1484 1355">3.4 The key issue is whether the Committee is minded to approve this request to hold the event in the City Hall grounds on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Previous events have taken place without incident and no complaints have been received regarding noise etc. Due to the scale of this year’s planned event it is necessary to place the request directly before the Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="293 1426 767 1456"><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="178 1505 1484 1630">3.5 In terms of the main event there would be no costs for the council as the organisers would bear any/all stewarding and equipment costs etc themselves. The utilities costs on the day are of a very minor nature.</p> <p data-bbox="178 1702 1484 1783">3.6 There are no concerns from an asset management point of view, although the organisers would be required to provide the usual insurances, indemnities and obligations.</p> <p data-bbox="293 1854 831 1883"><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="178 1910 1484 2036">3.7 Liaison with the council’s Good Relations unit has been undertaken in respect of this request, and their advice is that the event promotes equality and good relations with attendance aimed at young people, regardless of religious background, political opinion or race.</p>

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