



Subject:	Request for use of Alexandra Park for Lark In The Dark Event
Date:	7 November 2017
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time 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 or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This paper seeks approval for the City and Neighbourhood Services department to approve the free use of Alexandra Park for this year's event, known as Lark In The Dark Event. The event is scheduled to take place in Alexandra Park on Sunday 17 th December 2017, from 4.00pm to 7.30pm.
2.0	Recommendations
	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant free use of Alexandra Park for the Lark In The Dark Event on condition that:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The event organisers liaise with Council Officers and ensure that all Health and Safety requirements are adhered to and produce an event management

	plan and risk assessment that the Council is satisfied with.
3.0	Main report
3.1	This will be the third year for the event and each year it has been a great success with approximately 100 children and parents attending. The event involves both communities, linking in with Holy Family Youth Club and Mountcollyer Youth Club. The event commences in the bottom part of the park and finishes at the Peace gate.
3.2	This event is aimed at young people from both communities and will consist of a Christmas trail, with participants in fancy dress. The trail will follow the paths in the lower part of the park and stop at the Peace gates. At this point there will be a Photobooth and the participants will meet Santa and have their picture taken.
3.3	The event is a project of both Mountcollyer and Holy Family youth clubs, aimed at encouraging cross community activities in the park. It is an opportunity for communities to visit a part of the park that they may never have visited.
3.4	This year the event will take place on Sunday 17 th Dec from 4.30pm to 7.30pm.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.5	The request is for free use of Alexandra Park and facilities including the lower and upper areas of the park.
3.6	The event will be supported through Parks Outreach and Warden Services with existing budget for the area costing in the region of £600.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.7	The overall aim of the event and the associated project elements are to build and sustain good relations and trust within the communities in North Belfast.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None