



Subject:	24 hour International Running Championships, Victoria Park
Date:	6th March 2018
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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"/>
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	To advise the Committee of operational requirements with the delivery of the Energia 24 hour International Running Championships in Victoria Park on June 22-24, 2018.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• support limited access to some areas of Victoria Park for the safe and successful management of this International event.

3.0	Main report
	<p data-bbox="272 208 421 237"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 255 1469 338">3.1 Belfast will host the Energia 24-Hr International Running Championship in Victoria Park on 23rd and 24th June 2018.</p> <p data-bbox="165 405 1469 741">3.2 With the help of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee, a Local Organising Committee (LOC) staged the 12th IAU World 24-Hour Championships in Victoria Park in the summer of 2017. 40 nations including competitors, management, family and spectators attended leading to a high bed night's occupancy in the city, a considerable contribution to the local economy and global media coverage with the race's Facebook page registering a reach of close to one million. A women's world record was set, 3 World Masters records and 3 National Records and a Spectator Survey produced some very positive feedback.</p> <p data-bbox="165 808 1469 943">3.3 The LOC wants to build a legacy of the Belfast venue as a 'must' for ultra runners on the back of the successful World Championships with the staging of this international in June which incorporates the National Championship.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1010 1469 1245">3.4 The LOC is now meeting regularly with officers attending from Parks and City Events. An event management plan has been developed and the Parks Events 24 Point Plan has been submitted. Due to the scale of the event there will be some minor disruption to some existing activities which are required to satisfy the logistical and technical requirements with the awarding of a silver label for this race from the World Governing Body.</p> <ul data-bbox="331 1312 1469 1749" style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Close the car park for set up of Race HQ, marquees etc in advance of and during the event. Topaz have offered use of their site for car parking on Airport Road West ▪ Request that bowlers arrange no home matches that weekend ▪ Close tunnel to prevent access of vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians onto the race circuit and impeding the event ▪ Provide alternative through access across the Park to Sam Thompson Bridge ▪ Park Run will go ahead at 9.30am with the race starting at 1pm on the Saturday afternoon. ▪ Ensure no other event bookings go through the park that weekend <p data-bbox="165 1816 1469 1906">3.5 <u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> None. All costs related to this event will be borne by the event organiser.</p>

3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.