



Subject:	Charity Abseiling Events at Belfast Castle
Date:	7th March 2018
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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 request the use of Belfast Castle for a number of Charity Abseiling Events as described below.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">grant authority for the charity abseiling events at Belfast Castle subject to the satisfactory terms being agreed with the Director of CANS and on the condition that:<ol style="list-style-type: none">The event organisers meet the operational and health and safety issues to the

Council's satisfaction.

2. The event organisers ensure that all health and safety requirements are met to the Council's satisfaction including risk assessments, safe systems of work, equipment, appropriate insurance and site inspection information.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Key Issues

A number of charity events are proposed to be held at Belfast Castle to raise funds for the following charities.

Muscular Dystrophy
Rainbow Project
PIPS Newry & Mourne
Parkinsons
Boots
Habitat Ni
AMH
Nexus NI
Fibromyalgia Support NI
Mencap
USPCA
SOS NI
Mary Peters Trust
MS Society
Tiny Life
Southern Area Hospice
Action for Children
Teen Challenge
Headway
Air Ambulance NI
Mindwise
The Welcome Organisation
Children's Heartbeat Trust
Lighthouse
NI Hospice
AGE NI

	Alzheimers Society
3.2	Belfast Castle has been chosen for its unique location and marketing potential, especially for its beautiful gardens and panoramic views over the City.
3.3	<p>Previous abseils have been held at Belfast Castle by charities which were very successful. The upcoming events are scheduled to take place on the following dates:</p> <p>14/04/18</p> <p>15/04/18</p> <p>13/05/18</p> <p>20/05/18</p> <p>24/06/18</p> <p>09/09/18</p> <p>07/10/18</p>
3.4	Consideration has and will be given to the health and safety implications and environmental issues involved with this event.
3.5	<p>The abseil will be organised and carried out by Bryson Lagansports who have been running charity abseil events for over 10 years. They use the highest standard of equipment and highly qualified instructors. They will provide all the necessary risk assessments, documentation and have 10 million pounds public and employee insurance policy applicable to this type of event. Bryson Lagansports will be required to undertake a risk assessment and to ensure that all health and safety and insurance requirements are met to the satisfaction of Belfast City Council.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p>
3.6	No financial or resource implications for BCC however the castle will receive income in terms of room hire.
3.7	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None