



Subject:	Belfast International Arts Festival
Date:	8 th May 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	This report outlines a series of proposed outdoor events, delivered by large arts organisations, in partnership with the Council. Each event will require the closure of all or a substantial proportion of the facility.
2.0	Recommendations The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Approve the funding subject to an agreed programme of events▪ Approve the closure of facilities as required for the set-up, delivery and take-down of the events, resolving all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction;▪ Agree that the Town Solicitor prepares appropriate legal agreements for the programme;▪ Agree that Event Organisers are required to meet all statutory requirements including

	<p>Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety, Food Safety and licensing responsibilities; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agree that Event Organisers shall consult with public bodies and local communities as necessary.
3.0	Main report
	Key Issue
3.1	Following discussions with officers a programme of events has been proposed for October 2018 with Belfast International Arts Festival .
3.2	The Council has received a proposal from Belfast International Arts Festival to deliver a programme of free, family-focussed events in the following locations: City Hall grounds and Falls Park. This programme rotates around the city and was in CS Lewis Square in 2017.
3.3	<p>This includes two performances at each location of:</p> <p>Handle with Care created by the Spanish company, Diana Gadish's interactive and warm hearted street show that explores visibility and invisibility in everyday life. They are currently in dialogue with several other potential artists and ensembles to join the double bill including Story Machine's new version of Kumkum Malhotra (Look How We Disappear) by award winning Indian author Preti Taneja and Cie Dyptik's D Construction, an outdoor hip hop spectacle from France.</p>
3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The final locations are determined by health and safety requirements of the performers – there may be some minor changes to final locations; ▪ The events shall be subject to the preparation of an event management plan which shall cover all aspects of management including health and safety, access and will comply with the current events policy; ▪ and A legal agreement will be provided by Legal Services
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.5	<p>Funding for the programme has been budgeted for in the 2018/9 estimates at £20k. Staff may be required to work additional hours to cover the events outside normal hours and this will be charged to the hirer, in line with the process adopted in previous years.</p>
3.6	Council officers will liaise with organisers in relation to the potential environmental impact of these events.
3.7	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>

	The Events Policy for Parks and Leisure facilities and venues was previously screened. It is anticipated that this range of events will deliver a positive impact for equality and good relations.
4.0	Appendices – None