



<b>Subject:</b>	Woodvale Park – Cultural Celebrations July 2018 – Annual Event Support Request
<b>Date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Some time in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<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	The Council has received a request from Twaddell and Woodvale residents Association to hold a three-day programme of cultural celebration in Woodvale Park. The group have previously been an active participant on the bonfire programme for a number of years; in 2007, they were involved in the design of the Bonfire Beacon as an alternative to the traditional 11 <sup>th</sup> July bonfire. They have successfully run this event from 2008, attracting over 1000 people. For the past several years, the group has successfully used a bonfire frame as opposed to a beacon. The Committee has approved the staging of these events on each occasion.

1.2	<p>The group are again intending to design and deliver a cultural event in Woodvale Park commencing on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The three-day programme is designed around interventions and seeks to engage local youths and community in activity such as soccer tournaments provided by Live For Sport. The final day will see Woodvale Park play host to a Family Fun Day celebration. The community association are seeking permission to construct a framed bonfire within the park and to stage associated community activities as part of their ongoing efforts to celebrate culture and transform bonfires within the wider locality.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• grant authority for this event to take place in Woodvale Park in July 2018, subject to satisfactory terms agreed with the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services and on condition that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The event organiser ensures that all health and safety requirements will be to the Council's satisfaction, including an event management plan, risk assessments and public liability insurance.</li> <li>2. The event organisers meet all statutory requirements including entertainments licensing.</li> <li>3. Note that the event organiser is also identifying ways in which this event can be built upon and expanded. However this will be included in the city wide report to be brought back to SP&amp;R</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><b>Positioning of the bonfire</b></p> <p>The fire will be framed within crowd control barriers and positioned on a 6-inch bed of sand. This method has proved to be safe and effective. The bonfire will positioned on the old tarmac tennis courts with the surface protected by the thick layer of sand before it is constructed.</p> <p><b>Risk Management</b></p> <p>3.2 The associated risks associated with this type of event will need to be assessed and managed. The organisers of the proposed event at Woodvale Park will be required to liaise closely with the Council and the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and adhere to all health and safety requirements.</p> <p>3.3 Health and safety issues with regard to the holding of the event will be managed through the preparation of an event management plan by the organisers to the satisfaction of Council officers.</p>

3.4	<p>The event organisers will be required to undertake all the necessary risk assessments and to ensure that all health and safety requirements are met.</p> <p><b>Benefits of the proposal</b></p> <p>3.5 There is local support for the proposal to host this event, with a commitment of up to 50 local volunteers to supervise the event. These volunteers are trained in stewarding techniques and officially accredited by the Open College Network. Through the organisation of this annual programme and event, the community have demonstrated effective partnership and collaborative working with statutory and community agencies. The provision of beacons and the frame in the past has proven to demonstrate that communities can take responsibility for managing bonfires and conducting events in a responsible manner.</p> <p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.6 The group has requested some financial support from the department. Previously, departmental budgets have supported the purchase of safety control equipment such as crowd control barriers, first aid provision and chemical toilets. It is estimated that approx. £3000 may be required to support the event. As this is an annual event, this has been profiled in existing departmental budgets.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u></p> <p>3.7 The event will require 3 members of staff to assist the event volunteers and ensure the safe and effective management of crowd control at the event. Staffing costs estimate is £300 and will be absorbed within the existing park budget.</p> <p><u>Asset and other implications</u></p> <p>3.8 The use of Woodvale Park for the July 2018 cultural celebrations</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>3.9 Consultation on the proposals was actioned with the local community and agencies.</p>
4.0	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None