



Subject:	Charity Abseiling Events - Belfast Castle
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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/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	<p>It is recommended that the Committee grants 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 the event organisers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. meet the operational and health and safety issues to the Council's satisfaction and;ii. ensure that all health and safety requirements are met and to the Council's satisfaction, including risk assessments, safe systems of work, equipment, appropriate insurance and site inspection information.

3.0	Main Report
	<p data-bbox="272 226 432 255"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 275 1469 456">3.1 A number of charity abseil events are proposed to be held at Belfast Castle in 2019 to raise funds for charities. The 2019 charities known to date are: MS Society and Cancer Focus. Belfast Castle has been chosen for its unique location and marketing potential, especially for its beautiful gardens and panoramic views over the City.</p> <p data-bbox="165 528 1469 658">3.2 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 but this number may increase due to the popularity of these type of events:</p> <p data-bbox="272 730 1187 759">24/02/19; 31/03/19; 14/04/19; 12/05/19; 23/06/19; 15/09/19; 06/10/19</p> <p data-bbox="165 831 1469 1111">3.3 Consideration has and will be given to the health and safety implications and environmental issues involved with this event. 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 public and employee insurance policy applicable to this type of event.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1182 1469 1312">3.4 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 data-bbox="272 1384 788 1413"><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1433 1469 1514">3.5 There are no financial or resource implications for BCC, however the castle will receive income in terms of room hire.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1585 1198 1615"><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1655 347 1684">3.6 None</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	None