



<b>Subject:</b>	Connswater Community Greenway Trust Animation Plan 2019/20
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<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 purpose of this report is to update Members on the plans to ensure the sustainability of the Connswater Community Greenway (CCG) as a living landmark for many years to come, through the delivery of an annual animation programme. On an annual basis Connswater Community Greenway Trust (CCGT) will seek approval from BCC for use of the space and highlight any potential licensing requests.
1.2	It will be an opportunity to support and establish the positive use of the CCG, delivering a range of different activities and interventions that will support the strategic aims and objectives of both the CCGT and Belfast City Council (BCC).
1.3	The CCG is being developed and managed through an innovative partnership between CCGT and BCC, which has a vision for the city that is a great place to live and one that is well connected and culturally vibrant, energising and driving a successful economy.

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note that under the scheme of delegation the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services has authority to approve event and activity requests for the use of the parks and open spaces along the CCG in 2019/20, delivered by the CCGT in partnership with BCC;</li> <li>• Note that under the scheme of delegation, the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services has authority to approve event and activity requests which may include licensing arrangements such as trading or the selling of alcohol at the main event spaces along the CCG including the C.S. Lewis Square, Orangefield Park and Victoria Park. Whilst an entertainment license is already in place for the C.S. Lewis Square, this agreement will be subject to CCGT meeting all statutory Health &amp; Safety and Licensing requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>BCC and CCGT have developed an animation programme for 2019/20 based on previous years' experience in events and activities, to improve the urban environment, create healthier and more active communities and build a stronger, safer community in east Belfast.</p>
3.2	<p>The programme will have important regeneration outcomes in relation to health, volunteering and reducing antisocial behaviour. The plan has been developed to support the strategic direction of the EastSide Partnership 'to make east Belfast a Better Place', the Belfast Agenda and the Programme for Government.</p>
3.3	<p>In anticipation of increased requests from external event and activity providers, Council officers request that the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood services can approve such requests under the scheme of delegation. Council are already aware of a number of event requests which can be found at (appendix 1).</p>
3.4	<p>It is also envisaged that event requests will often arise to address changing needs and issues in the community often at seasonal and 'hot spot' times such as Halloween and the July/ August parades and bonfires. Council officers propose that these requests may also be considered by the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood services under the scheme of delegation.</p>
3.5	<p>Council officers will continue to ensure that all event management processes and protocols are followed to ensure that all health and safety and other statutory requirements are met to</p>

	<p>Council's satisfaction including event management plans, risk assessments and appropriate licenses.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The 2019/20 animation programme costs will be met through CCGT secured revenue funding as well as existing revenue budgets within Belfast City Council. Further programme costs will be applied for from BCC small grants programmes and other funding sources or secured from other partner organisations including the companies across EastSide Partnership.</p>
3.7	<p>CCGT will begin to explore income generation methods during this year to encourage the sustainability of this project. This will include charging for some event activities to cover costs and charging traders who attend a 'Fayre' event. The detail of such events will be confirmed and approved in conjunction with the BCC event unit.</p>
3.8	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no implications at this stage, however, equality and good relations factors are taken into account in any activities delivered along the CCG.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Connswater Community Greenway Trust Animation Programme 2019/20</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Connswater Community Greenway Trust Fayre Trader Application 2019/20</p>