



Subject:	Request for the use of Cathedral Gardens for "Rally for Choice"
Date:	6 August 2019
Reporting Officer:	Ryan Black, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Brian McKinley, Events Officer Jackie Turkington, Community Parks Outreach Manager

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
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	Committee is asked to note that the Council has received a request from the organisation, Reclaim the Agenda to hold a 'Rally for Choice' in Cathedral Gardens from 13:00 – 17:00 on Saturday 7 September 2019. This event will require the closure of all or a substantial proportion of the site and will involve speeches by the Rally for Choice organisation.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider if it wishes to support the use of Cathedral Gardens on the 7 September 2019 to hold a 'Rally for Choice' event.
2.2	If permission is granted to Reclaim the Agenda for this event to take place on 7 September 2019, it will be subject to the completion of the appropriate Event Management Plans and

	<p>satisfactory terms being agreed by the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services and on the condition that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the event organiser meets all statutory requirements including public liability insurance cover, health and safety and licensing responsibilities; and ▪ the event organiser shall consult with adjoining public bodies, the local community and the PSNI as necessary.
3.0	Main report
	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>3.1 Rally for Choice is part of the women’s movement campaign to have reproductive healthcare that meets societies’ needs within current service provision. This event will call for the Government to take action now and provide services here within the health service.</p> <p>3.2 A small gazebo and stage will be erected in Cathedral Gardens and a sound system will be in operation and face painting will take place. Participants will gather on-site at 13:00 for speeches; at 13:30, there will be a march around the city returning to Cathedral Gardens around 14:00 -14:30 and the event will finish by 15:00.</p> <p>3.3 The event organiser will seek permission from the Parades Commission and will liaise with the PSNI if any temporary street closures may be necessary.</p> <p>3.4 The event organiser anticipates that approximately 1,000 people will be attending, stewards will be on duty but limited information has been provided on crowd control measures.</p> <p>3.5 The event organiser has indicated that the event is supported by the women’s movement, trade union movement, charities, many local community organisations, political parties and youth groups.</p> <p>3.6 The event may require the closure of the park and no vehicular access will be permitted to Cathedral Gardens during event set-up/takedown.</p> <p>3.7 <u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.8 No implications have been identified.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>We aim to promote equality of opportunity and good relations in the provision of all of our services and events such as this may evidence difference viewpoints, particularly in relation to gender and religious belief.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.

