



Subject:	Update for elected Members of Major Events taking place in Belfast in 2020; and requests for use of Botanic Gardens
Date:	3 December 2019
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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 or Summary of main Issues
1.1	At its November meeting the Committee considered requests for the use of Botanic Gardens for the following events 1. Tomorrowland, a Music Event in Lower Botanic Gardens on 25 July 2020 and, 2. A Beer and Cider Event, 5-9 May 2020 in the Great Lawn area in Botanic Gardens.
1.2	These requests were deferred pending a future report which shows all of the planned events around the spring/summer period of 2020. The purpose of the report is to update Elected Members concerning major events taking place in Belfast in spring and summer of 2020.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to consider the additional information provided in this report and to approve the use of Botanic Gardens for the above events on the basis that the event organisers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resolve all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction; • meet all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety, and licensing responsibilities; and • shall consult with adjoining public bodies and local communities as necessary and, • the Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services levies the relevant fee for the event company and authorises the level of any necessary bond of intent and reinstatement bond.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>This report provides members with information on events planned to take place in the City in 2020. Members requested this information in order to determine if these particular events had the potential to coincide with others happening in the City. There was concern that this could put pressure on resources and those of other emergency services and that our involvement in these events could lead to gaps in service provision in other parts of the city.</p>
3.2	<p>Each year the City Council pulls together a list of events for the Belfast Emergency Preparedness group. A list of all major events for 2020 is included in Appendix 1. This group provides agencies with the ability to properly prepare and plan resources well in advance of any event and to ensure they work together to ensure these events are a success.</p>
3.3	<p>In terms of the impact these events have on service provision in other areas of the city Elected Members are aware that promoters of large scale events such as music events are invoiced appropriate costs for the specific allocation of ASB Officers, Building Control officers etc. City & Neighbourhood Services are looking at the monies received and in particular planning how this will be utilised to cover other events and priorities in the City over the coming year.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are significant benefits for the City of Belfast in terms of income generated from events such as this in terms of income for shops, hotels, restaurants, coffee shops, taxi companies, tourist venues, public transport, Air, Bus and Rail companies.</p>

3.5	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no known Equality, Good Relations or Rural needs implications.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - List of events.