



Subject:	Request for use of City Hall for Trans Pride NI Festival
Date:	24 January 2020
Reporting Officer:	John Walsh, City Solicitor and Director of Legal and Civic Services
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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"/>

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a request from Trans Pride NI for the use of City Hall grounds on 6 June 2020.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is requested to: 1. Authorise Trans Pride NI to use City Hall grounds on 6 June 2020 for activities programmed as part of Trans Pride NI Festival. 2. Authorise the festival in line with similar events previously approved by Council.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Background Information</u> Members will be aware that requests for the use of City Hall are normally dealt with under the authority delegated by the Committee to the Director of Legal and Civic Services using

criteria agreed for this purpose. Occasionally however, it is necessary to place such requests directly before the Committee, and the request set out below falls into this category.

3.2 The organisers are Trans Pride NI, a charity organisation which campaigns for Gender Equality in Northern Ireland, for transgender, intersex, non-binary, gender questioning and all other people.

3.3 Trans Pride NI aims to:

- Benefit the public by changing attitudes towards all Trans people, including those with disabilities, in Northern Ireland.
- Celebrate gender diversity and the achievements of all Trans people, including those with disabilities, in Northern Ireland.
- Ensure gender equality for all Trans people, including those with disabilities, in Northern Ireland

Key Issues

3.4 Trans Pride NI wish to hold their Trans Pride festival in City Hall grounds on 6 June 2020. The purpose of the festival is to celebrate gender diversity, raise awareness of transgender people and ensure gender equality.

3.5 The festival would be free to all participants and the organisers estimate up to 500 people attending majority LGB and T people, their families and friends and approximately 50% will be disabled.

3.6 The event will take place on the front lawns of City Hall from 3pm to 5pm although access would be required earlier and later in the day for set ups and strip downs. Activities would be concentrated on the front lawns consequently areas such as the Titanic Memorial Garden and Cenotaph would remain open to the public. Access to City Hall building for tours, visitor exhibition, Bobbin, function rooms would not be affected.

3.7 Activities at the festival will include a stage truck and sound system for rally and performers, inflatables, games, face painting, art exhibition and health fair stalls. Final details will be planned and approved by the City Hall Function Management Unit to ensure that the event runs smoothly.

3.8	<p>Trans Pride NI will provide all security, stewarding/marshalling staff, cleaners, first aiders and would comply with the usual conditions including insurance, indemnities for damage and submission of a formal event-management plan for review and approval by the City Hall Function Management Unit.</p>
3.9	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>In terms of the main festival there would be no costs for the council as the organiser will bear any/all costs for stewarding/ equipment etc themselves.</p> <p>The utilities costs on the day are of a very minor nature. There are no concerns from an asset management point of view, although the organizers would be required to provide the usual insurances, indemnities and obligations.</p>
3.10	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>Equality and Diversity and HR have been consulted on this request and they feel this festival would align to the Council's aims to support and engage with LBG&T community and wider equality agenda.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 - Link to event and organiser: https://transprideni.com/</p>