



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Requests for the use of the City Hall Grounds - May to August 2022</b>
<b>Date:</b>	25 March 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, Chief Executive
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sometime in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider the following requests for the use of the City Hall grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 25th June 2022 - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of St John's Cadets</li><li>• 16th/17th July 2022 - Belfast One Cinema Screenings</li><li>• 6th August 2022 - The National Youth Junior Choir of Northern Ireland performance</li></ul>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. authorise the use of City Hall grounds on the dates noted above; and</li><li>2. authorise the events to take place on the basis of submission of an event management plan and risk assessment to ensure delivery of a safe public events.</li></ol>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<u>Background Information</u>
3.1.1	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 requests set out below falls into this category.

### 3.2 Key Issues

Several requests have been received for events over the summer period and this report seeks to update members of recovery of functions using the grounds, increasing demand for this venue space. Also due to the larger scale of activities involved it is deemed necessary to seek Committee approval.

### 3.3 The Proposed events

3.3.1 The four proposed events would take place on the front lawns only and areas such as the Titanic Garden and Cenotaph will remain open to the public. Access to the City Hall building will not be affected.

3.3.2 The event would be free to enter. In each case, the organisers would be providing all stewarding/marshalling staff & first aiders and would of course have to comply with the usual conditions including indemnities for damage and submission of a formal event-management plan.

### 3.4 **25 June 2022 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of St John's Cadets**

As part of St John's Centenary celebrations, they propose to hold a celebration event for their Year of Youth on Saturday 25 June 2022 in the ground of City Hall. Gazebos will be used to deliver public demonstrations of key first aid skill ranging from CPR and AED to Severe Bleeding and Choking. These sessions would be delivered between 11:00hrs – 16:00hrs by our Youth Team Volunteers. for the public to drop in and find out more about first aid. Access would be required earlier and later in the day for set ups and strip downs.

### 3.5 **16 and 17 July 2022 Belfast One Cinema Screenings**

This event aims to encourage people to experience the city centre shops and hospitality while they are in town. Organisers will be offering attendees information about potential offers provided our business members. Belfast One plan to show 4 films per day. Films early in the day will be aimed at young children and families and later films at a slightly older audience. All films will be rated appropriately. The event will be ticketed and access managed. There will be a big screen and audio equipment and additional entertainment by way of face painting and film props.

3.6	<p><b><u>6 August 2022 The National Youth Junior Choir of Northern Ireland performance</u></b></p> <p>The National Youth Junior Choir of Northern Ireland is a group of approx. 50-60 young singers aged 11-14 from across NI. They plan to do a number of 15-20 minute impromptu performances over one day at iconic venues across Belfast this summer including Titanic Belfast, Ulster Museum and ideally the City Hall. These will be recorded for online video content. The children would be accompanied by a team of music and welfare staff at all times. The music performed would be a mix of secular and sacred choral pieces.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>3.7 There would be no costs for the council as the various organisers would bear any/all stewarding and equipment costs etc themselves. The utilities costs on the day are of a very minor nature and the normal event support in the form of electrical and water provision in the grounds will be provided.</p> <p>There are no concerns from an asset management point of view, although the organisers would be required to provide the usual insurances, indemnities and obligations.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>3.8 There are no direct good relations, equality or rural needs implications arising from this report.</p>
4.0	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None