TOURISM, DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

16th November 2017

EVENTS IN PARKS AND OPEN SPACES 2018

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

To amend the recommendation 2.3 and insert new recommendations 2.4 and 2.5 as shown below in **bold italics;**

- 2.3 That the committee authorises officers to enter into formal agreements with event organisers **on the current event schedule** to determine conditions, fees and levels of support as appropriate in accordance with the terms of the council's existing Outdoor Events Policy
- 2.4 That the committee requests officers to report back on formal agreements on a bi-annual basis, including:

--compliance with the outdoor events policy and other BHCC corporate commitments as they affect:

-- communities such as licensing and environmental health;

--quality and nature of any feedback received from the public

-- details on fees and charges levied in each circumstance and the rationale for them (in Part 2 papers if necessary for reasons of commercial sensitivity);

- 2.5 That a report be brought to a future committee outlining options for a review and update of the Council's Outdoor Events Policy, to include:
 - (a) More robust sustainability criteria:

- investigating the possibility of requiring event organisers and vendors to avoid Single Use Plastics as a condition of their event permission

- strengthening the existing Sustainable Event Commitment Form and guidance circulated to exhibitors and traders;

(b) A requirement for more detailed information on:

- how events comply with equality legislation, such as the impact on disabled access to surrounding public rights of way;

- how events comply with agreed corporate sustainable transport commitments.

- (c) The development of a new charging schedule to provide consistency and transparency, which explores options for:
 - charges based on commercial event income;
 - charges based on attendance figures
 - more clarity on the categorisation of events e.g. the criteria for being assessed as commercial, charity or community event;
 - the introduction of a standalone Environmental Impact Charge, with ringfencing being used to: provide physical mitigation to open spaces directly affected by events
 - a proportion of event fee being used to support immediate priorities for funding identified by the Open Spaces strategy and community & parks associations (e.g. 'Friends Of' Parks and Open spaces associations)
 - Additional fees levied to support animal welfare provision and inspections where animals are part of events
- **2.6** That the committee authorises the Executive Director Economy, Environment & Culture, after consultation with the Chair of the committee and opposition spokespersons, to make any alterations to the events programme as necessary and to approve new applications in accordance with the Outdoor Events Policy.

Proposed by Cllr Druitt

Seconded by Cllr Mac Cafferty

Recommendations if carried to read:	
2.1	That the committee grants landlord's consent for the events listed in Appendix 1;
2.2	That the committee authorises the Head of Sport & Leisure to seek applications to stage "The Big Screen" and to determine the event organiser to whom consent should be granted;
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