

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

DOWNS COMMITTEE

27 January 2014

Report of: Service Director of Communication and Marketing

Title: Delegated and Upcoming Events Proposed on The Downs

Ward: Stoke Bishop / Clifton / Westbury on Trym

Officer Presenting Report: Peter Watts, Festivals and Events Officer
(Site Licensing)

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RECOMMENDATION

That the events and filming activity that has taken place on The Downs under delegated powers be noted.

That the proposed future events to take place on The Downs between Committee meetings be noted.

Summary

This is a report of the Events and Filming activity that has taken place under the Delegated Powers of the Downs Committee, as authorised by the Film Office and Site Permissions team. It also presents an outline of the minor events proposed to take place between Committee meetings. The report is intended to update the Committee and provide an opportunity to raise any issues concerning events on The Downs.

The significant issues in the report are:

- a) Filming activity that has already taken place under Delegated Powers since the last Downs Committee Meeting (Paragraph 7).
- b) Events activity that has already taken place under Delegated Powers since the last Downs Committee Meeting (Paragraph 8).
- c) Proposed future events that will take place under Delegated Powers between Committee Meetings (Paragraph 9).
- d) A proposed review of existing policy for outdoor event activity

Policy

1. All events that take place on The Downs have to adhere to the 'Policy for events on The Downs'.

Consultation

2. Internal

Robert Westlake – Downs Ranger

Peter Malarby – Legal Services

Tony Whitlock - Resources

3. External

Not applicable

Context

4. The following filming activity has already taken place under Delegated Powers between Downs Committee meetings and is presented for the information of the Downs Committee.
5. The following events have already taken place under Delegated Powers between Downs Committee meetings and are presented for the information of the Downs Committee.
6. The following events are proposed to take place under Delegated Powers.

Proposal

7. Filming that has taken place since previous report (9th September 2013)

Organisation	Title and description	Site Fee
Carnival Productions	The Last Honour	£87.50
Future Publishing	Photo Plus 83	£75
RSA Film	Confused.com	£37.50
BBC Four	Secrets of Bones	£37.50

8. Events that have taken place since previous report (9th September 2013)

Organisation	Event title and description	Any road closures or restrictions?	Dates and times of event	Gross Site Fee
St Peters Hospice	Charity Abseil	No	17 th November 2013	£100

9. Proposed future events under delegated powers -2014

Event title and description	Dates and times of event
University RAG event	15 th February
Funderworld	TBC
World Challenge Abseil	23 rd March / 27 th April
Race for Life	6 th – 7 th July
GroovyBug	15 th August
Agricultural Fair	6 th September
Run for the Future	14 th September
Circus on the Downs	Sept / Oct TBC

Bristol Outdoor Fitness Accreditation Scheme

Progress on this scheme has been placed on hold pending staffing reviews and Council wide restructuring.

Legal and Resource Implications

Legal

The Clifton and Durdham Downs (Bristol) Act 1861 provides that The Downs should remain as a place for the public resort and recreation of the citizens and inhabitants of Bristol, and that a committee should be appointed to manage them. The recommendation contained in this report is within the powers conferred by this statute.

Financial

(a) Revenue

Site Fees are based on the schedule of charges 2012 / 2013.

Income since last report under Delegated Powers :

Gross Year End Figures to date (subject to final fee discussions)

Film Office	£610
Events already held	£62,000

Year end (March 2014) Forecast £63,000

(b) Capital

None

(Financial advice provided by *Tony Whitlock, Principal Accountant*)

Land

The land is under the control of the Downs Committee.

Personnel

Not applicable

(Personnel advice provided by n/a)

Appendices:

None

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers: