

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**

**DOWNS COMMITTEE**

**7 July 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

Filming that has taken place Since 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Production Company	Production Title	Start Date	End Date	Fee
Future Publishing	N – photo Tutorial	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	£75
Fremantel Media	Britains Got Talent	14 <sup>th</sup> April	14 <sup>th</sup> April	£75
City of Bristol College	Film Advert	24 <sup>th</sup> April	24 <sup>th</sup> April	0
Good Spaces Productions Ltd	Nationwide Building Society	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	£75

Total filming revenue to date £412.50

## 7. Events that have taken place since previous report (January 2014)

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Event title and description</b>	<b>Any road closures or restrictions?</b>	<b>Dates and times of event</b>	<b>Gross Site Fee</b>
World Challenge	Charity Abseil	NO	April 27th	£100
Funderworld	Touring Funfair	NO	Whitsun Holidays	£19'500
Ellis Brigham	Tent Show		May 17th	£905
Avon Wildlife Trust	Outreach Day	No	May 24th	£205
Mendip Outdoor Pursuits	Charity Abseil	NO	May 31st	£100
Penny Brohn Abseil	Charity Abseil	NO	June 7th	£100
Childrens Hospice Southwest	Rainbow Run	Road Closures	June 21st	£200
Brandon Abseil	Abseil	NO	June 18th	£100
Cancer research Uk	Race for Life	YES	July 5th	£500

## 8. Proposed future events under delegated powers -2014

<b>Event title and description</b>	<b>Dates and times of event</b>
Downs Outreach Day	July 12th
Ashton Park Charity Abseil	June 15th
Subway 5k –Charity Fun Run	August 24th
Somali Family Fun Afternoon	September 16th
Agricultural Fair	September 6 <sup>th</sup>
Tour of Britain	September 11th
Fire fighters Charity Abseil	September 13th
Run for the Future	September 14 <sup>th</sup>
Circus on the Downs	October 1 <sup>st</sup> – 12t

## 9. Funderworld

Funderworld has now attended following late negotiations about the use of the site and a new agreed fee of £19'500. Due to difficulties securing rides the event ran as a Funfair rather than 'Funderworld'. The organisers have also agreed to pay an extra £1000 to cover reinstatement costs.

## 10. Tour of Britain

Following meetings with the Tour of Britain team they are due to attend a Safety Advisory group for Events meeting midJuly. The Committee will be updated on progress.

### 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 2013-14  
Income since last report under Delegated Powers :

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

Film Office	£412.50
Events already held	£21'610 (Gross)

Year end (March 2014) Forecast £60,000

##### (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: