

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**

**DOWNS COMMITTEE**

**8<sup>th</sup> September 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 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014

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|            |            |                           |        |
|------------|------------|---------------------------|--------|
| 08/07/2014 | Icon Films | Chime Cream Investigation | 150.00 |
|------------|------------|---------------------------|--------|

Total filming revenue to date £525

### 7. Events that have taken place since previous report 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014

| Organisation    | Event title and description | Any road closures or restrictions? | Dates and times of event | Gross Site Fee |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| World Challenge | Charity Abseil              | NO                                 | April 27th               | £100           |
| Funderworld     | Touring Funfair             | NO                                 | Whitsun Holidays         | £19'500        |

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|--|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ellis Bringham                                 | Tent Show                          | NO  | 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                  |
| Ashton Park Charity Abseil                     | Charity Abseil                     | No  | June 15th                       | £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                  |
| Downs Outreach Day                             | Educational                        | No  | July 12th                       | £36                   |
| British Mountaineering Council – Climb Bristol | Charity / Sporting                 | NO  | July 26 <sup>th</sup>           | £100                  |
| Subway 5k – Charity Fun Run                    | Charity Fun Run                    | NO  | August 24th                     | £1000                 |

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

| <b>Event title and description</b> | <b>Dates and times of event</b>        |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Danny Brown – Leap For Life Abseil | September 7th                          |
| Somali Family Fun Afternoon        | September 16th                         |
| Agricultural Fair                  | September 5th 6th and 7th <sup>n</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> – 12st         |
| Christian Aid                      | November 15th                          |
| Penny Brohn                        | December 5th                           |

## 10. Tour of Britain

Following meetings with the Tour of Britain team they attended a Safety Advisory group for Events meeting in July. Richmond Event Management will be delivering the event and are working closely with the Tour of Britain team and the emergency services to ensure a safe and well managed day.

## **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         | <b>£550</b> (Net to Downs Committee)) |
| Events already held | <b>£22,946</b> (Gross)                |

Year end (March 2014) Forecast    £55,000

#### **(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:**