

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

DOWNS COMMITTEE

4TH JULY 2011

Report of: Service Director of Communication and Marketing

Title: Delegated and Upcoming Events Proposed on The Downs

Ward: Stoke Bishop / Clifton / Westbury on Trym

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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 Events 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).

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

France Horner – 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 (11th April 2011):

Production Company	Filming Activity	Dates and times of activity	Location Fee
University of Bristol	Student drama filming	23 rd May 2011	N/A – student
BBC Casualty	Parrys Lane Unit Base Parking	20 th June 2011	£350.00
Tiger Aspect Productions	Parrys Lane Unit Base Parking	TBC - 24 th – 27 th June 2011	£1,400.00
BBC Casualty	Parrys Lane Unit Base Parking	4 th & 5 th July 2011	£700.00

8. Events that have taken place since previous report (11th April 2011):

Organisation	Event title and description	Dates and times of event	Site Fee
MS Therapy	Abseil	16 th April 2011	£90.00
Cancer Research	Abseil	30 th April 2011	£90.00
Ellis Brigham Mountain Sports	Tent Show	14 th & 15 th May 2011	£1,520.00
Ashton Park School	Charity Abseil	21 st May 2011	£90.00
Bristol City Council	Downs 150 th anniversary picnic	22 nd May 2011	£30.00
Cool Breeze Events	She Active Womens Duathlon	3 rd and 4 th June 2011	£760.00
Bristol Ornithological Club	BOC Peregrine Watch	11 th & 12 th June 2011	£30.00
Noistar Thai Animal Rescue Foundation	Noistar – sponsored dog walk	26 th June 2011	£30.00
Undercover Rock	Charity Abseil for Pride	26 th June 2011	£90.00
Red Bull	Cricket	2 nd July 2011	£290.00

9. Proposed future events under delegated powers

Organisation	Event title and description	Any road closures or restrictions?	Dates and times of event	Site Fee
Cancer Research	Race for Life	Yes	9 th & 10 th July 2011	£596.25
British Heart Foundation	Charity Walk across Bristol (small part taking in The Downs)	No	17 th July 2011	£0
RSPB	Information Display	No	21 st July 2011	£30
Sue Rider	Charity Abseil	No	21 st August 2011	£90.00

Organisation	Event title and description	Any road closures or restrictions?	Dates and times of event	Site Fee
Run for the Future	Charity Fun Run, Jog, Walk	Yes	18 th September 2011	£155.00
St. Christopher's School	Michelmas Walk	No	25 th September 2011	TBC once application received
Sue Rider	Charity Abseil	No	2 nd October 2011	£90.00
K2 Sports Limited	Duathlon	Yes	23 rd October 2011	£662.50

Other Options Considered

10. None

Risk Assessment

The recommendation of this report is for the events on The Downs that have taken place or are due to take place to be noted. Events on The Downs contribute to the following vision of Festivals and Events:

- To raise Bristol's National and International profile as a festival city, to make Bristol outward looking and an inspiring place to visit and live.
- To nurture, develop and deliver an annual programme of cultural events and festivals that act as a stimulus to the regions cultural and tourist economy, from which all Bristol residents can benefit.
- To be a professionally organised, events-friendly city that recognises quality, supports and exports home grown talent and attracts international, artists, festivals and events.

If events were not to take place then as well as impacting on the financial income for The Downs budget the cities annual events programme would be substantially reduced. Event organisers may also choose to use other sites, which would mean The Downs is not animated throughout the year by a range of cultural and sporting events. Events on The Downs also attract an audience to The Downs who may not otherwise visit and understand the uniqueness of The Downs to Bristol.

Public Sector Equality Duties

- 8a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:
- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
 - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
 - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
 - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
 - iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
 - tackle prejudice; and
 - promote understanding.
- 8b) All event organisers are sent the Schedule of Terms and Conditions for licences when they are issued with their licence. This schedule details the council's commitment to promoting equality of access to all services it directly provides or facilitates through its hire of land to others. The Licensee shall conform to the principles contained in the Council's Equalities Policy. The Licensee shall ensure that nothing the Licensee or the Licensee's servants or agents or any sub-licensee or sub-licensee's servants or agents does:
- a. Has the effect; or
 - b. Is intended to have the effect; or
 - c. Is likely to have the effect,

of harassing, intimidating or causing the use of violence against any person who attends or wishes to attend the Event or discriminating either directly or indirectly against any person who attends or may wish to attend the Event, on the grounds of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability or age.

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.

(Legal advice provided by Frances Horner, Senior Solicitor)

Financial

(a) Revenue

Site Fees are based on the schedule of charges 2011 / 2012 agreed at the Downs Committee on 11th April 2011.

Income since last report under Delegated Powers (11th April 2011):

Film Office	£2,450.00
Events already held	£3,020.00
Events Proposed	£1,623.75

(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:

Event Site Licence Applications File

Bristol City Council Schedule of Charges for Events 2011/12

Schedule of Terms and Conditions for licences