

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**

**DOWNS COMMITTEE**

**23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2012**

**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 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).
- d) Proposed schedule of Charges for 2012 – 2013

## 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 (January 2012):

<b>Production Company</b>	<b>Filming Activity</b>	<b>Dates and times of activity</b>	<b>Location Fee</b>
<b>Bath Spa University</b>	<b>Low key student drama filming of man sat on bench</b>	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012</b>	<b>NA</b>

**8. Events that have taken place since previous report (30<sup>th</sup> January 2012):**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Event title and description</b>	<b>Any road closures or restrictions?</b>	<b>Dates and times of event</b>	<b>Site Fee</b>
Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society	Charity Abseil	No	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	£90
Envision	Team Happy Games. Community	No	24 <sup>th</sup> March 2011	£30

**9. Proposed future events under delegated powers**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Event title and description</b>	<b>Dates and times of event</b>	<b>Site Fee</b>
Mellors Group Ltd	Funderworld	30 <sup>th</sup> March – 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2012 (13:00 until 21:00)	£29,000
Shane Cook	Personal Training	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2012 – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2013	£240
Carrie McDonald	Personal Training	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2012 – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2013	£240
West Of England MS Charity	Charity Abseil	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2012	£95
Bristol Primary Care Trust	Big Bristol Breastfeed Awareness Raising Event	May 12 <sup>th</sup> between 10:00 and 15:00	£30 (Park Permit Fee)
Jubilee Downs Day	Fun Day	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	N/A
Cancer Research UK	Race for Life 2012	9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	£596
Mendip Outdoor Pursuits	Charity Abseil	23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2012	£95
Bristol Zoo Gardens	Bristol Zoo Fun Run	September 2012	TBC
New World Circus	Circus	September – October 2012	£30,000

## **UWE and Bristol University Varsity Polo Match**

During the 30<sup>th</sup> January Downs committee meeting it was requested that an update on the event planning is provided in time for the April meeting.

The Polo organiser attended SAGE on the 14<sup>th</sup> February to discuss their event plans. SAGE requested further event planning regarding their on site staffing and security. They focussed attention towards the management of queues at the Hospitality tent and requested a robust alcohol policy.

During the meeting the Organisers made it clear that the event plans were still at Draft stage and that they were seeking the support of local riding clubs in the management and transport of Horses.

After several chaser emails to the organising teams on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012 they contacted Event licensing requesting that their application for site use be withdrawn.

The email reads:

*'We have sadly taken the decision to postpone this event this year, due to its financial viability. Both Universities are fully committed to developing & realising this Varsity Series event for the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, SAGE & of course the Downs committee for your support throughout this process. '*

## **Public Sector Equality Duties**

10a) 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.

10b) 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 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.

### **Financial**

#### **(a) Revenue**

Site Fees are based on the schedule of charges 2011 / 2012 agreed at

the Downs Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

Income since last report under Delegated Powers (September 2011):

Film Office	£0
Events already held	£120
Events Proposed	£60,296

**(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

**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