

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

DOWNS COMMITTEE
9th September 2013

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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(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 (1st July 2013)

8. Production Company	Filming Activity	Dates and times of activity	Gross Location Fee
Future Publishing	Photography Instruction Video	2/7/2013	175
BBC Earth	Earth Unplugged	10/7/2013	75
Unknown Heart Productions	Unknown Heart	2/7/2013	75

9. Events that have taken place since previous report (1st July 2013)

Organisation	Event title and description	Any road closures or restrictions?	Dates and times of event	Gross Site Fee
Mendip Outdoor Pursuits	Charity Abseil		29 th June 2013	£100
Cancer Research UK	Race for Life	YES	6 th - 7 th July 2013	£400
Mendip Outdoor Pursuits	Penny Brohn Abseil		7 th July 2013	£100

10. Proposed future events under delegated powers

Organisation	Event title and description	Dates and times of event	Site Fee
Crofts End Church	Gromit Picnic	18 th Aug	£35
Rotary Club of Bristol	Run for the Future	8 th Sept 2013	£200
NHS	Headway Abseil	22 nd Sept 2013	£100
Childrens Hospice Southwest	Abseil	29 th Sept 2013	£100
Tony Hopkins Entertainment	Circus on the Downs	24 th September 14 th October 2013	£32,000

Outdoor Events Policy

A Working Group is met on the 21st August to discuss the existing Downs Policy. Those in attendance agreed that the current Policy was in need of review and needs to be brought in line with the new service delivery plan for the Downs. The group plans to explore siting for larger events across the Downs to avoid repeat annual bookings at the same location. It is hoped that the group will identify a possible summer slot for another possible commercial arts / cultural event.

Circus on the Downs 2014

Following agreement to extend the existing circus tender by a further year, the team are due to start the tendering process for a further three year contract being 2015 -17.

Run for the Future 2013

Run for the Future is proposed to take place on the 8th September 2013 roads to be closed will be :

Sunday 08:00 until 15:00

Fountain Hill, Circular Road, Stoke Road, Parry Lane Slip Road,

Sunday 07:00 – 15:00

Ladies Mile

Personal Training Update

The current fitness trainer permit scheme has been re assessed utilising the UK active outdoor code of practice and examples from other local authorities. At present the scheme is still undergoing internal consultation, however we aim to have a proposed scheme available for the next Downs committee pre-agenda meeting and to then come to the full downs committee in December.

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 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 2012 / 2013.

Income since last report under Delegated Powers :

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

Film Office £

Events already held £

Events Proposed 2013 £

(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: