

ANGUS COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES – 8 OCTOBER 2009

PARKS EVENTS– CIRCUS PERFORMANCES

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

ABSTRACT: This report relates to Park letting and locations for Circus Performances and Fairs.

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree:

- (i) That Circus lets be based on one annual visit per Burgh.
- (ii) That Fair lets be based on two visits per year per Burgh.

That suitable Parks sites for Circus Performances and Fairs are at the following locations:

| Circus Locations | Fair Locations |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Carnoustie – The Links | Carnoustie – Links Parade |
| Montrose – East Links | Montrose – Marine Avenue |
| Forfar – The Myre | Forfar – The Myre |
| Monifieth – Riverview Park | Monifieth – Riverview Park |
| Arbroath – Inchcape Park | Brechin - Public Park |
| | Kirriemuir – The Hill |

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Requests for Circus lets vary from year to year. In some instances requests are received from more than one Circus Operator and in other years no requests are received. Let enquires are generally made in the previous year and confirmation of a booking is only made in the same year of the booking. In instances where more than one Circus operator makes an application for a booking the accepted Circus operator would not be permitted to make a booking in two consecutive years if more than one operator made an application ie bookings are alternated year on year.
- 2.2 Alternatively, each Circus operator making a booking would be restricted to different locations whereby only one circus visit would be made to each of the Burghs.
- 2.3 Fair operators are members of The Showman’s Guild with applications for Parks lets being rotated by their members in accordance with the two visits per Burgh.
- 2.4 In the case of the Fair at Kirriemuir, the traditional location used was Davidson Park which is centrally situated with public toilets. These public toilets have been closed for a considerable period and complaints were being received from adjacent housing in relation to noise and proximity of the circus to the housing.
- 2.5 In response to these complaints the Circus this year was located at Kirriemuir Hill and whilst this location was met with a very few concerns from nearby housing it was felt to be a preferred site in terms of its distance from housing and offered other Park attractions to visitors.

2.6 No exotic animals are permitted to be featured or accompany a Circus, however animals such as horses and other domestic animals are permitted and all subject to the Civic Government (Scotland Act) Public Entertainment Licence with additional circus performance conditions.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no Financial Implications associated with this report.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no Human Rights implications associated with this report.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The issues dealt with in this Report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legalisation). An [equalities impact assessment](#) has been undertaken.

6. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

6.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus

- More citizens are involved in community life

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this Report

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report.

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