

Report title	Events on Englefield Green
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Department	Green Spaces, Environmental Services
Exempt?	No
Exemption type	N/A
Reasons for exemption	N/A

Purpose of report:
To advise members of event applications and event related information.

Synopsis of report:
An update on events on Englefield Green

Recommendation(s):

- i) Members to note the information report in relation to Guyatts Funfair**
- ii) Members approve the My Time, My Fitness event application**
- iii) Members to consider the correspondence from James Beach’s Funfair and advise Officers accordingly.**

1. Context and background of report

To update Members on previously agreed events and to review new applications received.

2. Guyatts Funfair

2.1 At the meeting of the Committee on the 27th June 2023 the Committee approved the use of the Green by Guyatts Funfair for a small, one day funfair to be held on the Green on Thursday 21st September 2023.

2.2 Prior to the proposed date for the Guyatts Funfair event, Officers met with the organizers who advised Officers that they were intending to bring 50ft trailers with adult rides onto the Green.

2.3 It was highlighted to Mr. Guyatt that approval had been for a small, children’s funfair.

Additionally, the proposed large rides would not be able to gain access to the Green due to the restricted access.

- 2.4 The fair had also requested to be present over the weekend and so they were advised there would be an additional fee due if this request were approved.
- 2.5 Mr Guyatt decided that due to these restrictions they would need to cancel the event.

3. My Time, My Fitness

- 3.1 Event Application – My Time, My Fitness.
- 3.2 An application to hold a weekly bootcamp on Saturdays from 9am-10am has been received.
- 3.3 The personal trainer hopes to recruit 10 participants initially, rising over time to 20 or 30 participants.
- 3.4 The event holder has been called to confirm the application details. They have demonstrated adequate Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance.
- 3.5 If Members are content to approve this activity on the green, Officers will approve the application.

4. James Beach Funfair correspondence

- 4.1 Email correspondence for the attention of the Committee has been received by Helen Wilson (Deputy Green Spaces Officer) from James Beach Funfairs.
- 4.2 They request that their application to operate funfairs on the Green be reconsidered.
- 4.3 They recognise there was an outstanding bill, now paid, with his late Grandfather; Jimmy Beach Senior and that due to a medical issue of his grandfather's, certain things were not dealt with correctly.
- 4.4 They would like to reassure the Committee that the funfair would now be run professionally and would like to demonstrate their new, high standards to the Committee.
- 4.5 The Committee are asked to advise Officers of their response accordingly.

5. Resource implications/Value for Money

- 5.1 All event income is added to Englefield Green earmarked reserves.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1 The Crown own the freehold of the Englefield Green, the Council's current lease of the Englefield Green was granted in 1955.

6.2 If the fitness classes or the fair require the erection of any building booth tent or any other erection either temporary or otherwise, then the Lease requires that Officers obtain the consent of the Crown Estate to such erection.

7. Equality implications

7.1 The Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 (as amended) which provides that we must have due regard to the need to;

- a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act;
- b) to advance equality of opportunity;
- c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share protected characteristics.

7.2 While there is very little information regarding the proposed event to determine what impact it may have on anyone with a protected characteristic, it is considered that the proposed event may have a positive impact generally on people in the local area who may wish to take part.

8. Environmental/Sustainability/Biodiversity implications

8.1 There are potential negative environmental effects to the overuse of the green for events although this should be balanced with the positive social benefits.

9. Timetable for Implementation

9.1 The fitness classes would be able to start immediately following approval.

10. Conclusions

10.1 The Green is desirable to funfairs although there are practical problems associated with hosting them. The presence of a fitness class will offer health and wellbeing benefits to local people.

11. Background papers

11.1 None stated

12. Appendices

12.1 Event Application for Fitness Instruction on Englefield Green