

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: 29 September 2011	Meeting Name: Cabinet Member for Culture Leisure Sports and the Olympics
Report title:		New Events Programme 2011-13 Supplementary Report on Fireworks Night 2011	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Bermondsey / Dulwich / Rotherhithe	
From:		Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That following consultation with local Members and other stakeholders the fireworks event that was planned for Dulwich Park on November 4th does not go ahead and the annual fireworks event to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night is held instead on November 5th at Southwark Park.
2. That further consultation will take place for a future event in the South Southwark area.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. On 26th September 2011 a new approach to the Events Programme was agreed as an Individual Decision by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports and the Olympics. The report reflected the need to achieve considerable savings in this area as part of the Council's overall budget reductions, which followed a particularly difficult financial settlement from the government.
4. The new events programme consolidated the series of annual events which had previously taken place in Southwark into a total of three major events to take place in north; central and south Southwark.
5. Following consultation, the event proposed for the south of the borough will not go ahead. Further consultation will take place about future proposals for possible events in that area.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. It is important that Southwark has a fireworks event that people can attend as this discourages children and young people from holding ad-hoc fireworks parties which can result in injuries.
7. After consultation with local Members and other stakeholders the fireworks event that was planned for Dulwich Park on November 4th will now not go ahead and it is planned that the annual fireworks event to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night is held instead at Southwark Park on November 5th.

Next steps

8. Officers will begin the planning and consultation process for a fireworks event to take place in Southwark Park.

Community Impact statement

9. The impacts are the same as detailed in the original New Events Programme 2011-13 IDM Report (September 2011) to which this is a supplement.

Resource implications

10. An amount of £54k has been budgeted in 2011/12 for an event in the South of the borough. Budgets set aside for events in the north and the centre of the borough for 2011/12 have already been spent. In 2010/11 a total of £25k was spent on the fireworks event and the Events team has indicated that a similar amount will be required in 2011/12. On this basis, £29k of the original £54k budget will be available to cover abortive costs incurred for the Dulwich Park and other adverse variances incurred by the business unit. Any remaining funds can be used for an event to be organised in south of the borough.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance (NC0911)

11. The Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance notes the content of the report and refers the Cabinet Member to the advice in the original report.

Finance Director (NR0911)

12. This report recommends that the fireworks event planned for Dulwich Park on November 4th not go ahead, and that the annual fireworks event to celebrate Guy Fawkes will be held in Southwark Park on November 5th.
13. The Finance Director notes that the estimated £25k cost of this event will be contained within the £54k planned events budget for the south of the borough, leaving £29k available for a covering budget pressures and a future event to be held in the south of the borough (following consultation).

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
IDM Report, September 2011, New Events Programme 2011-2013	160 Tooley Street London SE1	Jay Yeats 020 7525 1577

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Gill Davies, Strategic Director of Environment & Leisure	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
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Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	Yes	Yes
Finance Director	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	Yes	Yes
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