

<p>Title of Report:</p> <p>Applications for road closures for forthcoming special events organised by Derry City and Strabane District Council</p>	<p>Officer presenting: Director of Health and Community</p> <p>Author: Head of Health and Community Wellbeing</p>
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To seek approval, subject to conditions, for the making of Orders to prohibit or restrict traffic from using roads to facilitate the following, Derry City and Strabane District Council organised, special events:
- the Strabane and Lifford Half Marathon, being held on Sunday 12 May 2019; and
 - the Summer Jamm, being held on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June 2019

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will be aware that the Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010, which amended the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997, provides Council with powers to prohibit or restrict the use of public roads for the purpose of holding special events on them.
- 2.2 For the purposes of the legislation, "special events" are defined as including "any sporting event, social event or entertainment which is held on a public road".
- 2.3 The process of prohibiting or restricting the use of public roads requires the making of an "Order".
- 2.4 When considering whether to make an "Order" for any application, under the Road Traffic Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (Article 8A and Schedule 3A) Council must:
- 2.4.1 Consider any representations made in accordance with a public notice published in local newspapers.
 - 2.4.2 Consider the outcome of consultations with the police, fire service and ambulance service, to ensure that they are content with the road closure and diversionary route.
 - 2.4.3 Consider the outcome of consultation with the Department of Infrastructure (Roads), whose consent is required before Council can

make an Order to prohibit or restrict the use of a public road for a special event.

2.4.5 Have regard to the guidance issued by the Department for Infrastructure, "Special Events on Roads - Guidance for District Councils", included as Appendix 1.

3 Key Issues

3.1 Council recently received applications requesting road closures in relation two forthcoming, Derry City and Strabane District Council organised, events:

- the Strabane and Lifford Half Marathon, being held on Sunday 12 May 2019; and
- the Summer Jamm, being held on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June 2019

3.2 Details of the requested dates and times for the road closures are included as Appendix 2:

3.3 Both events fall within the definition of "special events".

3.4 As required under the relevant legislation, public notice of the applications was advertised in local newspapers: advertisements for each event were published in both the Strabane Chronicle and the Strabane Weekly News on 7 February 2019. Copies of the public notices are attached as Appendices 3 and 4.

3.5 The 21 day statutory period allowed for representations, following advertisement of the public notice, ended at 5pm on Thursday 28 February 2019.

3.6 No representations have been received within the statutory timeframe.

3.7 Further information on the applications is available on the Council website: <http://www.derrystrabane.com/Licensing/Road-Closures/Road-Closures>

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and Other Implications

4.1 There are no financial or other implications for Council.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 It is recommended that Committee grants approval for the making of an Order in relation to each of the special events known as the Strabane and Lifford Half Marathon and the Summer Jamm, subject to the following conditions:
- 5.1.1 That the police, fire service and ambulance service are content with the road closures and diversionary routes for each event.
 - 5.1.2 That the Department of Infrastructure (Roads), have given their consent for the making an Order to prohibit or restrict the use of a public road for each event.
 - 5.1.3 That the Department for Infrastructure's guidance, "Special Events on Roads - Guidance for District Councils", has been taken into account.

Background Papers

Appendix 1 DFI Guidance for District Councils - Special Events on Roads

Appendix 2 Schedule of road closures

Appendix 3 Public Notice - Strabane and Lifford Half Marathon

Appendix 4 Public Notice - Summer Jamm