

Report of: Strategic Director, Physical Environment

Title: Community and Core Council Events

Purpose of the report:

To gain approval for the Core Council Events for 2006/7. This paper also provides background information to support the associated budget bid. Council have to approve a budget increase as part of the final budget for 2006/7 to 2008/9.

Ward: all

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Key Decision: No

Lead Member: Mary Clarkson

Scrutiny responsibility: Environment

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Board agrees to:

1. Approve the Council's 2006/7 Core Events list, and consider this report as part of the Council's Budget Bidding process.

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Draft Events Strategy (refer to the previous item on this agenda) identifies that members should determine the programme of Core Council Events on an annual basis and that the funding for this programme should be considered as part of the Annual Plan budget round. This report seeks Executive Board's approval for the 2006/07 programme of Core Council Events and approval for extra budget allocation as part of the budget bidding process.
- 1.2 The reason for considering this report now is that there will be budget implications for the 2006/7 financial year, depending on the number of additional events Councillors choose to include in the programme.
- 1.3 The General Events budget was reduced by £141,000 in the 2005/06 year as part of the Business Unit's corporate savings contribution. The current General Events Net budget is £53 000 (expenditure of £132 000 and income of £79 000).

- 1.4 This includes the cost of two staff facilitating events.
- 1.5 The General Events budget does not cover St Giles Fair or Festive Lights in the City Centre, which have separate budgets.
- 1.6 The Council has previously also funded City-wide Festive Lights, Car Free Day, Jazz in the Park and the Lord Mayor's Parade. These are currently subject to a budget bid. Should the Council wish to add any of these events to the Core Council events list in 2006/7, funding requirements are outlined in section 3.
- 1.7 In 2005/6, £25 000 was available to local groups organising community events in the city. £15 000 came from the general events budget, and £10 000 was allocated to groups through Area Committees. No funding has been made available for a similar purpose in 2006/7 and additional funding will be required if this is to continue (as outlined in 'Community Events' in section 3).

2. Currently funded Core Council events

- 2.1 These events are funded by separate budgets

Event	Location	Month	Attendance	2005/6 Net Budget
St.Giles Fair	St Giles	Sep	100,000	£(3 800)
Festive Lights	City Centre	Nov	N/A	£43,771

3. Previously funded Council events

- 3.1 These events are not included in the 06/07 budget, and are currently subject to a budget bid. Members need to decide whether to include them as 'Core Events' and fund them accordingly.

Event	Location	Estimated attendance	Estimated Cost
Festival of Eid Lights	Cowley Road	N/A	£3 000
Car Free Day	City Centre	500	£2 500
Lord Mayors Parade	City Centre	1000	£2 500
Jazz in the Park	South Park	5000	£25 000
Community Events	City Wide	Various	£25 000

THIS REPORT HAS BEEN SEEN AND APPROVED BY:

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Strategic Director: (Sharon Cosgrove)

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