

Sandwell Council

Action Taken Under Delegated Powers

RunforJoel September 2017

1 Summary Statement

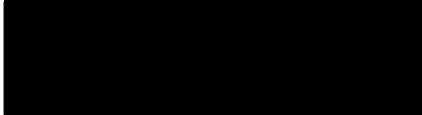
- 1.1 The Council has received a request from the charity "SmileforJoel" to waive the fees for the use Sandwell Valley Park for a "runforjoel" event.
- 1.2 The charity was set up following the tragic death of an employee of Sandwell council and two other family members in the Tunisian terrorist attack in June 2015.
- 1.3 The potential loss of income to the Council from waiving the fees could be up to £1,000 depending on the number competitors.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 The Executive Director (Neighbourhoods) approves the waiving of charges for the use of Sandwell Valley Park by the charity SmileforJoel to hold the "RunforJoel" event on 10th September 2017.

In accordance with the authority delegated to Chief Officers to act on matters within the authority delegated to them under Part 3 of the Council's Constitution, I intend to take the action(s) recommended above.

I do/do not have an interest to declare in this matter

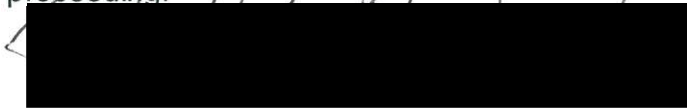


Alison Knight
Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

Date 6 September 2017

If the Constitution requires the decision to be taken in consultation with a Cabinet Member, the following signature box should also be included

I confirm that I have been consulted on the above proposals and have no objection to their proceeding.



Cabinet Member for Leisure

Date

6 / 9 / 17 .

Contact Officer

Ajman Ali, Interim Director

3. Background Details

- 3.1 The council has been approached by the charity SmileforJoel to use Sandwell Valley Park to hold the "RunforJoel" event on 10 September 2017.
- 3.2 SmileforJoel is a fund raising charity that supports families who are victims of murder and terrorism. The charity was set up by the family of a member of staff who was employed by Sandwell Council and tragically killed together with two other family members in the terrorist attack in Tunisia in June 2015 whilst on a family holiday. The event attracted national and worldwide attention and condemnation.
- 3.3 The charity is supported by the Sandwell Leisure Trust and the income raised is used to support and help families affected by traumatic bereavement through Victim Support. The support can range from providing family breaks, special counselling, purchasing of gifts etc.
- 3.4 The council's constitution provides for concessionary charges for the use of council facilities to be waived if applications are received from Sandwell charities or non-profit making organisations. The authority to make such determinations is delegated to the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods).
- 3.5 It is proposed that the Council sponsors the event by exercising the discretion to waive the fees for the 2017 as all the income generated from it will go to supporting families of murder and terrorism and the council's contribution is acknowledged by the charity.
- 3.6 The potential loss of income to the council for waiving the fee for this could range from £100 - £1,000 depending on the number of competitors that attend.

