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Councillor David Sheppard	Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion	26/10/23	27/10/23	I'm very happy these documents, especially the attention given to blue badge parking alternatives and the creation of extra spaces to mitigate the temporary loss
<i>Paul Woodcock</i>	Assistant Chief Executive/ Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment	Click here to enter a date.	Click here to enter a date.	
<i>Jayne Close,</i> Finance	Finance and Customer Services	27/10/23	27/10/23	6.1
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<i>John Crutchley,</i> Human Resources	Assistant Chief Executive's Office	27/10/23	27/10/23	8.1
<i>Karen Middlebrook,</i> Procurement	Finance and Customer Services	27/10/23	16/11/23	6.2
<i>Steve Eling,</i> Equalities	Assistant Chief Executive's Office	26/10/23	26/10/23	10.1
<i>Louise Preston,</i> <i>Climate</i>	Regeneration and Environment	27/10/23	07/11/23	11.1

<u>REPORT APPROVAL TRACKING</u>			
Equalities	Initial Screening completed and included with report	YES	
	Full Assessment completed and included with report	YES	
Carbon Impact Assessments	Carbon Impact Assessment completed and included with report.	YES	
Background information	Sub scheme of Delegation - Regeneration and Environment Oct 2022 Operational management and maintenance of Parks, Recreation Grounds, Play Areas, Camping, Caravan and Picnic Sites, Allotments, , Country parks, all land held by the Council specifically for public open space and recreation, Countryside Service including the letting of land and premises in collaboration with Asset Management		
Appendices	Appendix 1 <i>Equality Impact assessment part A – Reytons concert</i> Appendix 2 <i>Equality Impact assessment part B – Reytons concert</i> Appendix 3 <i>Climate Impact Assessment – Reytons concert</i> Appendix 4 <i>FKP Scorpio Licence – Reytons concert</i>		
Cabinet Member Approval	YES/NO (delete as appropriate)	Click here to enter a date.	
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Delegated Officer Decision – 01 December 2023

Report Title

The Reytons Concert, hire of Clifton Park, July 2024

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

Yes

Assistant Director approving submission of the report

Polly Hamilton, Assistant Director, Culture, Sport & Tourism

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Boston Castle, Rotherham East

Report Summary

FKP Scorpio, a concert promoter intends to stage a concert by Rotherham band the Reytons in Clifton Park in early July 2024. The report represents an officer decision to proceed with contracting with FKP Scorpio for the hire of part of Clifton Park, for this concert.

Recommendations

1. That contracting for the hire of part of Clifton Park for the Reytons concert between 1-10th July 2024 is recorded as an officer decision and approved based on the licence granted (Appendix 4).

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Equalities Impact Assessment, Part A
Appendix 1 Equalities Impact Assessment, Part B
Appendix 3 Climate Impact Assessment
Appendix 4 FKP Scorpio Licence

Background Papers

None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

None

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

The Reytons' Concert, hire of Clifton Park 2024

1. Background

1.1 In November 2022, the Urban Green Spaces Team were contacted by FKP Scorpio, an international concert promoter, to enquire whether they could hire land within Clifton Park for a music concert by the Reytons, a band from Rotherham.

1.2 In January 2023 The Reytons' second album, '*What's Rock and Roll?*' went straight to number one, followed by a sell-out national tour. The Reytons have a significant local fanbase and have referenced Clifton Park in one of their hit songs, with the video also filmed at Clifton Park. There is no large enough music venue in Rotherham to host this home-coming gig, other than an outdoor venue.

1.3 Proposed dates for the set-up, performance and take down are from 1st – 10th July 2024 as below:-

Date	Activity
1 st – 5 th July 2024	Build days
5 th July 2024	Sound check
6 th July 2024	Concert, curfew 10.30pm (shut by 11pm)
7 th July 2024	Possible second concert, curfew 10.00pm (shut by 10.30pm) – held for a potential second date dependent on ticket sales for 6 th . To be confirmed.
8 th – 10 th July 2024	Break down days

1.4 It is intended that FKP Scorpio will entirely manage the event, with officer presence on site to ensure they manage the event to the agreed contract and the standards set out in the licence. The event will be reviewed by Rotherham Events Safety Advisory Group (RESAG) on 22 January 2024.

1.5 In anticipation, FKP Scorpio has applied for and been granted a premises licence, with no formal objections (attached at Appendix 5). There are specific requirements and restrictions in the licence on:-

- operating times
- alcohol sales
- production, approval and delivery of an Event Management Plan through RESAG
- noise
- environmental management and waste
- security
- safeguarding
- anti-social behaviour

1.6 In addition, FKP Scorpio have opened ticket sales for the event on 6th October 2023, with over 10,000 tickets sold in the first week.

1.7 A contract for the hire setting out all the Council's requirements is being finalised by specialist external solicitors. In addition to commercial, safety and compliance considerations, care will be taken in particular to ensure that

environmental impact concerns are reflected contractually, in particular, sustainability, waste management and restoration to pre-hire condition post-concert.

- 1.8 RMBC have also requested references from previous operational partners of FKP Scorpio, which have been favourable.
- 1.9 Any attendee under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- 1.10 The Green Spaces team will instruct a company to manage Herringthorpe playing fields as a paid car park, similar to that at Rotherham Show. Tickets would be charged at £5. This is cheaper than typical concert parking to minimise disruption and discourage parking on residential streets.
- 1.11 Culture, Sport and Tourism officers will liaise with Neighbourhoods and Communities teams and ward members to ensure awareness of the event and to help manage any concerns from residents

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Whilst Clifton Park is used to hosting large scale events, such as Rotherham Show, Bonfire Night, Fake Festival, Soap Box Derby, it has not previously hosted a music event of this scale. However, the proposed location is by the Doncaster Road entrance of the park, where similarly sized, complex events have been held e.g., Bonfire Night.
- 2.2 There is likely to be some disruption to operations and access at the park before during and after the event. Equalities assessment identified a particular issue around parking and mobility which can be mitigated through alternative locations. There is likely to be some noise disruption, but stipulations on time and noise levels are clear within the licence.
- 2.3 FKP Scorpio are a highly regarded concert promoter, experienced in managing and collaborating with partners to deliver similar events.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 Not permitting the concert to continue or suggesting an alternative site. This option was discounted as there is not an appropriate alternative site and Clifton Park is so strongly associated with the band that any alternative would have meant the concert would be unlikely to go ahead.
- 3.2 Permitting the concert to go ahead via this officer decision. This is the preferred option as it represents support for a local cultural phenomenon of national significance, and will widen access to local talent for Rotherham audiences, strengthening civic pride. The event is anticipated to bring positive press coverage and will further support the burgeoning local visitor economy by encouraging overnight stays from the band's regional and national fan base.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 Initial proposals were shared with the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and the Leader. The Premises Licence application includes statutory consultation and no objections were received during this process. Officers will conduct further discussion with relevant ward members to address any concerns arising from the community.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 The decision is on the forward plan for November 2023 in order to ensure that the Event Management Plan from FKP Scorpio can be included at a RESAG meeting on 22 January 2024.
- 5.2 Accountability for implementing the decision sits with the Assistant Director Culture, Sport and Tourism.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial or procurement implications associated with the entering of the agreement with FKP Scorpio. However, any wrap around provision provided by the Council to support the event where a third party is instructed (e.g., to manage the car park), must be undertaken in compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended).

7. Legal Advice and Implications

- 7.1 As stated in the body of the report, a comprehensive contract with the hirer will be concluded. This will include all matters referred to within the body of the report which are relevant to the event, in particular safety, restoration and compliance with all licensing requirements.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

- 8.1 There are no direct human resource implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

- 9.1 This event supports the delivery of the Cultural Strategy and the commitment to widen access to cultural activities and events for children, young people and families. In hosting the concert in Rotherham, the cost of travel and overnight stays are reduced, making such an event more affordable.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

- 10.1 The equality screening and analysis are attached in Appendices 1 and 2. Blue Badge holders will be given increased access to disabled spaces in Clifton Park Museum carpark, enabling better access for concert-goers with mobility issues.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

- 11.1 The Carbon Impact Assessment is attached at Appendix 3, reference CIA168.

12. Implications for Partners

- 12.1. Implications for Emergency Services will be addressed as part of the Rotherham Events Safety Advisory Group (RESAG) meeting on 22 January 2024, which includes the involvement of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, South Yorkshire Police, Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

13. Risks and Mitigation

- 13.1 License and contract conditions and RESAG recommendations will provide mitigation against risk. This will factor in potential weather disruption and restoration pending site damage.

14. Accountable Officers

Neil Best, Head of Commercial Development and Visitor Experience, Culture, Sport and Tourism

Polly Hamilton, Assistant Director Culture Sport and Tourism

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	Click here to enter a date.
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.
Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.

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