

Report on	The Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010
Date of Meeting	8 th May 2018
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	<p>To request Members to make a determination for a road closure order to be made for two special events in June 2018, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MUDC Continental Market • The Cookstown Summer Carnival
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Further to previous reports, Members will be aware that The Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010 introduced by The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) permits the closure of roads for the holding of special events.</p> <p>The above legislation enables Council to deal with requests to close public roads for special events in its area. Special Events are defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any sporting event, social event or entertainment which is held on a public road; or • The making of a film on a public road (including making TV programmes, films or advertisements). <p>Special Events do not include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public processions; • Motor road races; • Cycle races or trials; or • Road works <p>The underlying principle in relation to special events on roads is that it would not be reasonably practicable to hold the event elsewhere. The restriction or prohibition of traffic using the public road will only be permitted for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating the holding of a special event, or • Enabling members of the public to watch a special event, or • Reducing traffic disruption in adjacent streets <p>Although the legislation provides the Council with the power to prohibit or restrict the use of a public road, an Order cannot be made that would at any time prevent pedestrian access to any premises situated on or adjacent to the road, or to any other premises accessible for pedestrians from and only from the road.</p>

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The first application received by the Environmental Health Service relates to MUDC's Continental Market scheduled for 2nd - 3rd June 2018 in Cookstown. The application seeks a temporary prohibition of vehicular traffic access to William Street Cookstown from 18:30 hours on Friday 1st June 2018 until 22:00 hours on Sunday 3rd June 2018 in order to facilitate the holding of the special event.</p> <p>The second application submitted by The Hub BT80 was for their Cookstown Summer Carnival on 29th June 2018. The Hub wish to temporarily prohibit all vehicular traffic access to Burn Road, Cookstown from 15:00 to 23:00 hours on Friday 29th June 2018, again to facilitate the holding of the special event.</p> <p>Applications were processed by the Environmental Health Service after submission of completed application forms, appropriate fees and the required supporting information for each, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Management Plan / Traffic Signing Schedule • Evidence of Public Liability Insurance • Details of consultees and feedback received • Copy of Sector Scheme 12ab (or Ch8) Certificate of Competence for those undertaking signing work • Evidence of consultation with emergency services. <p>As both events attract considerable crowds of people from a wide catchment area, they are deemed to be large events and a fee of £415 was paid in respect of each application.</p> <p>Consultation was undertaken with the various statutory bodies (PSNI, NIFRS, NIAS) and DfI in relation to each application and a public notice of consultation was placed in the local press.</p> <p>As no representations were made to Council on the proposed road closures following public advertisement and the statutory consultees had no objections to the proposals, it is recommended that Members make the determination that a road closure order be made for each special event, in line with the DfI guidance.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: As determined
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A

5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Members agree that a Road Closure Order be made for the Continental Market - 18:30 hours on Friday 1st June 2018 until 22:00 hours on Sunday 3rd June 2018 and Cookstown Summer Carnival - 15:00 to 23:00 hours on Friday 29th June 2018 in line with DfI Guidance .
5.2	Members are asked to note the Schedule of forthcoming Special Events that may require a road closure.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Schedule of Potential Special Events that may require a road closure.