

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
9th July 2018**

Motion 15 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this area committee calls on Dublin City Council (DCC) management to have the City Hall reopened on Sundays. Thousands of tourists and citizens wish to visit this unique building. Sunday is the busiest day for tourists in the city. The City Hall was closed during the downturn in the economy and the cutbacks in DCC. The City Hall is now back making profit from its many activities such as civil marriage ceremonies and corporate receptions and promotions.

There should just one day set aside, Sunday, for sole public and visitor use without any interference from private bookings or receptions etc. It also gives us councillors an opportunity to use the facility on this potential quiet day.

Report:

City Hall is open Monday to Saturday and on a number of occasions we opened on Sundays and Bank Holidays (details below for past three years). In 2015 City Hall was opened to the public on four Sundays as a trial initiative. The Sunday openings were well advertised and free tours / talks were on offer but were poorly attended, the average number of visitors was 120 per Sunday during this period.

City Hall has a small team of staff (5) and currently they are stretched to capacity with Monday to Saturday opening and a significant number of events outside normal working hours. During the summer period staff numbers are less to facilitate staff taking their annual leave entitlements.

Therefore it is not currently feasible to commit to opening Sundays without engaging additional staff working non standard hours at an additional cost that may not be covered by income generated.

We are aware that many other exhibitions / museums open on Sundays however many of these close on Mondays.

2015	Event
1 st February	Tradfest
7 th June	Trial Sunday Opening
14 th June	Trial Sunday Opening
21 st June	Trial Sunday Opening
28 th June	Trial Sunday Opening
26 th July	Festival of Curiosity
15 th November	Festival of Curiosity
2016	Event
31 st January	Tradfest
28 th March (Bank Holiday Monday)	1916 Commemoration Celebrations
1 st May	Wolf Tone Concert
20 th November	Benefit Concert – part of VIEW Festival
2017	Event
Sunday 29th Jan 2017	Tradfest children's concert
Sunday 27th May 2018	Corporate Event
Sunday 10th June 2018	Liz Grills Lectures

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