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Dublin City Council

Report to Arts, Culture, Leisure  
and Recreation SPC  
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## **Policy on Requests for Political or Protest Events in Parks**

Increasing there are requests for Parks to host events in City Centre public parks which are organised to protest against geo-political events occurring in the world. While Councillors may be supportive of particular causes, City Centre parks have traditionally been managed as places of refuge and calm and therefore in practice they have not been permitted by Parks Management to host either local or international activities which would be seen to promote any political cause or protest movement.

Typically, protest gatherings and marches occur on the street and are managed by An Garda Síochána as they are a public order matter.

In the event that we have to object to a request for the use of a public park, it would be desirable to have a clear policy approved by the Strategic Policy Committee as follows:

*“Public parks in the city centre are managed as places of refuge, rest and relaxation. Events which are organised to protest against or in favour of national or geo-political events occurring in the world will not be permitted to use Dublin City public parks.”*

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