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To Each Member of the
Climate Action, Environment and Energy Strategic Policy Committee

Environmental Sustainability at Outdoor Events organised by Dublin City Council Events Unit

Background:

Outdoor events are run by many departments in Dublin City Council (DCC) including Planning (Licenced), Arts, Parks, Environment and Transportation, Sports Partnership, Housing, Area Offices (Community Events), and the Events Unit (Non Licenced).

Event Process:

It should be noted that for all non-licenced outdoor events, an Event Management Plan (EMP) is submitted to the local authority for review. The EMP would contain a number of sub plans including Health and Safety, Fire Safety, Traffic Management, Medical, Crowd Control, and Environmental Management. Each sub plan would be reviewed by the relevant competent authority, e.g. Dublin City Council (incl Dublin Fire Brigade), An Garda Síochána, Health Service Executive, Transport Agencies (National Transport Agency, Dublin Bus, Luas, etc.) The Dublin City Council Litter Management Office have the responsibility of reviewing and approving Environmental Management Plans contained within an EMP. Upon review and acceptance of the EMP by the statutory agencies a “Letter of no Objection” is issued by Dublin City Council allowing the event to proceed.

Environmental Sustainability Practices at events run by the Dublin City Council Events Unit:

Many largescale event in the city centre have been created, procured and delivered by the Dublin City Council Events Unit. These would include;

Dublin City Council Dublin Winter Lights	Dublin City Council Bram Stoker Festival	Dublin City Council Luke Kelly Festival
Dublin City Council Funtropolis	Dublin City Council Smithfield Fleadh	Dublin City Council Sensoria (new for 2024)

At these events the following environmental sustainability practices have been introduced;

1. Elimination of single use plastics: No plastic bottles of water or soft drinks are permitted for sale at any concession stands. At Dublin City Council Funtropolis a free public potable water supply is available in the park for use at the event.
2. Food and beverage (tea/coffee) receptacles and utensils offered by concession stands are compostable.

3. Segregated waste disposal streams are in place at the event site.
4. Materials used for branding/event installations/safety are re-used annually where possible e.g. stage backdrops, lighting, fencing, crowd control barrier covers.

Power:

5. Fossil based Diesel Generators are not permitted. Metered power or generators using hydro treated vegetable oil (90% reduction in CO2 emissions) are used. All installations and projections in the public domain for 2023 Dublin City Council Dublin Winter Lights were run on metered power.
6. For lighting/projections high quality LED/laser projectors are used to minimise power usage and forms part of the social media campaign promoting the sustainability of the event e.g. GPO projection has the same power usage as x6 kettles, Custom House projection has the same power usage as an electric shower.
7. DCC Events have replaced the permanent lighting on public domain infrastructure with more high quality, low powered and low cost lighting, e.g. Smithfield Square Lights, Samuel Beckett Bridge, Daniel O'Connell Monument, Ha'penny Bridge.

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