

DELEGATED DECISION NOTIFICATION

REF NO ¹

D33380

SERVICE AREA

CITY DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT ²

LEEDS HALF MARATHON 2008

DECISION ³

COUNCIL FUNCTION <input type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE DECISION (KEY) <input type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE DECISION (MAJOR) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE DECISION (OTHER) <input type="checkbox"/>
NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN	⁴ EXEMPT FROM CALL IN: YES / NO	⁴ EXEMPT FROM CALL IN: YES / NO	NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN

The Acting Chief Recreation Officer approved the reinstatement of the Leeds Half Marathon for September 2008.

AFFECTED WARDS

DECLARED OFFICER /
MEMBER INTERESTS⁵

Not applicable

DISPENSATION BY
STANDARDS
COMMITTEE

Not applicable

BACKGROUND PAPERS⁶

Report att'd

¹ This reference number will be assigned by Constitution and Corporate Governance Unit and notified to you

² A brief heading should be inserted

³ Brief details of the decision should be inserted. This note must set out the substance of the decision, options considered and the reason for deciding upon the chosen option, although care must be taken not to disclose any confidential or commercially sensitive information. Guidance on the substance of the note is available from Constitution and Corporate Governance Unit

⁴ For Key and Major decisions only. If exempt from Call In details to be provided in the report. The Call In period expires at 5.00 pm on the 5th working day after publication. Scrutiny Support will notify decision makers of matters called in by no later than 12.00 noon on the 6th day.

⁵ No officer having a pecuniary interest in any matter should take a decision in relation to that matter. Other interests of a non-disqualifying nature should be recorded here.

⁶ A separate Index should be prepared if necessary. ALL DOCUMENTATION UPON WHICH THE DECISION WAS BASED MUST BE RETAINED AND BE READILY ACCESSIBLE SO IT CAN BE PRODUCED SHOULD THE DECISION BE CHALLENGED


CONFIDENTIAL REPORT YES NO RULE NO 10.4⁷ ()

	Yes	No	Date
Executive Member	✓		15.1.08
Ward Councillors	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	_____
Chief Officers Affected	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	_____
Others (Specify)	✓	✓	
Leader of the Council	✓		15.1.08
Deputy Leader	✓		15.1.08

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AUTHORISED SIGNATORY⁸

	DATE 15 January 2008
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	KEY	MAJOR	OTHER
⁹ *First publication (5 day notice)			
Commencement for Call In		17/1/08	
Last date for Call In		24/1/08	
Implementation Date		25/1/08	

* If key decision not on Forward Plan, the reason and need that the decision be taken are that:

⁷ Access to Information Procedure Rules
⁸ The signatory must be duly authorised by the Director to make the decision in accordance with the Department's scheme. It is not acceptable for the signature to be 'pp' for an authorised signatory. For Key Decisions only, the date of the authorised signature signifies that, at the time, the Officer was content that the decision should be taken. However, should representations be received following public availability of reports the signatory will consider the effect which such representations should have upon the final decision.
⁹ Constitution and Corporate Governance Unit will enter these dates



Report of:	Head of Sport and Active Recreation
Meeting:	Recreation Delegated Decision Panel
Date of meeting:	15th January 2008

SUBJECT:	Leeds Half Marathon 2008
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This Report is for:			
Discussion Only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information Only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Advice/consideration prior to taking a Key or Major decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Decision to be taken by:			
Full Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Corporate Governance and Audit Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Executive Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Standards Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
An Area Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member Management Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A Regulatory Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Chief Officer using delegated authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Executive Summary

Following the decision made to withdraw the Half Marathon for 2008 the original report has been reviewed. The primary reason for not holding the event was based on the City Council's desire to allow the Jane Tomlinson 10k run to fully develop into a nationally recognised event. Consequently the proximity of the date of the Half Marathon to this event was considered undesirable. Given the comments received from the general public, it is proposed to reinstate the event for September 2008. It is further suggested that for 2009 event the Half Marathons' format, scale, route, and delivery mechanism be reviewed during 2008, with the aim of finding ways to improve and enhance the existing event.

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To approve the reinstatement of the Leeds Half Marathon for September 2008.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Acting Chief Recreation Officers delegated decision panel report (27th December 2007) outlines a number of issues and concerns relating to the staging of the Leeds Half Marathon in May 2008. Of primary concern to the Council was the

desire to see that the Jane Tomlinson 10k run was given full backing to ensure that it became fully established in the running calendar and Nationally recognised. To that end the decision was taken to not hold the event scheduled for May 2008, whilst options for 2009 were considered more fully based on feedback and consultation. In the short time since the announcement of this decision over 1000 additional entries have been made to the Jane Tomlinson run and it now looks certain to sell out its existing capacity.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 It has become clearly evident that many runners were unhappy with the decision to not hold the event in 2008. Given the scale of comments, consideration has been given to reinstating the Half Marathon in 2008. The reinstatement of the event for 2008 needs to take account of;

- Appropriate dates in the Calendar that takes cognisance of other major local Half Marathon events (e.g. Great North Run/Nottingham Half Marathon). Consideration also to be given to the proximity to the Abbey Dash.
- Assessing the capacity of the Event Management/Sports Development team to support the event
- Addressing concerns about the route (and any remedial works to parts of the route that maybe required)
- Availability of Millennium Square
- Additional volunteer support from the running community that maybe available to support the event.

3.2 After careful consideration (and whilst work progresses on some of the key issues outlined above) it is proposed that the Half Marathon be rescheduled for September 21st 2008. More detailed planning will be carried out over the forthcoming weeks ahead.

3.3 It is further proposed that the City Council liaises with the organisers of the 'Run for All' to explore whether the race for 2009 could be run in Association with Jane's Appeal as a way of enhancing the attractiveness of the Half Marathon as a mass participation event.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

4.1 In order to satisfy the obvious demand for the Half Marathon, as expressed in comments received, it is proposed to reinstate the Half Marathon.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 To reinstate the Leeds Half Marathon for September 2008.