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Question	Result	Council Response
<p>Are you a formally recognised group (if yes please tell us what type)?</p>	<p>16% - Park User Group 4% - Sports Club 2% - Faith Group 3% - Local Charity 1% - Community Group 1% - Residents Association</p>	<p>For information – noted in Cabinet Report.</p>
<p>Do you agree with the Council’s commitment to local residents, to assist with the growth, development and management of events over the next 5 years)?</p>	<p>52% - Yes 29% - No 13% - No Opinion</p>	<p>For information – noted in Cabinet Report.</p>
<p>We have broken events into size categories. Do you consider the event sizes to be reasonable?</p>	<p>75% - Agree with Small event 50-200 76% - Agree with Medium event 201-499 93% - Agree with Medium/Large event 500-999 55% - Agree with Large event over 1,000</p>	<p>This has been changed as a result of benchmarking with other councils and given the 1,000 break point for other work that is needed, changes made to policy are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small event: up to 499 people per day • Medium event: 500-1,000 people per day • Large Scale and Special event: over

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		1,000 people per day
Please rank event type into level of environmental impact?	<p>Highest Impact</p> <p>19% - Circus</p> <p>17% - Fireworks</p> <p>16% - Funfair</p> <p>10% - Car boot sales</p> <p>9% - Music</p> <p>6% - Wedding</p> <p>4% - Street parties</p> <p>4% - Procession</p> <p>4% - Sports</p> <p>4% - Charity fun day</p> <p>4% - Community</p> <p>3% - Birthday</p>	For information – noted in Cabinet Report.
What do you think is a reasonable notification time in weeks?	<p>55% - 4 weeks for Small Events</p> <p>41% - 8 weeks for Medium Events</p> <p>48% - 8 – 16 weeks for Medium / Large</p>	<p>Changes made to policy.</p> <p>4 weeks for small events</p>

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	<p>Events</p> <p>22% - 16 weeks for Large events (77% indicated a period of 16 weeks or longer)</p>	<p>8 weeks for medium events</p> <p>16 weeks for large events</p>
<p>What do you consider reasonable application fees for charities/ Parks Groups?</p>	<p>69% - No fee for park friends groups</p> <p>69% - £20 for small charity events</p> <p>55% - £50 for medium charity events</p> <p>37% - £200 for medium / large events</p> <p>27% - £250 for large events</p>	<p>Application fee changed to £50 for commercial events A concession of 80% will be applicable for events held by community organisations, schools, places of worship and registered charities within the London borough of Harrow which results in an application fee of £10.</p>
<p>What do you consider reasonable hire charges for charities/ Parks Groups?</p>	<p>74% - No fee for park friends groups</p> <p>85% - £50 for small charity events</p> <p>79% - £250 for medium charity events</p> <p>68% - £300 for medium / large events</p> <p>55% - £350 for large events</p>	<p>80% concession introduced for events by community organisations, schools, places of worship and registered charities within the London borough of Harrow. In addition this charge may be waived for Park User Groups.</p>
<p>What do you consider reasonable hire charges for commercial events?</p>	<p>56% - £400 for small commercial events</p> <p>49% - £800 for medium commercial events</p> <p>42% - £1,700 for medium / large commercial events</p> <p>59% - £2,000 for large events</p>	<p>Proposed changes - : Small - £400, Medium - £800, Large/Special £1,700 per day.</p>

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Feedback from e-mails and letters		Council Response
<p>Fees are too much for voluntary/ non profit/small local charities should be no cost, will not be able to fund the events, charges will not make a difference to the deficit and will take the heart of the community.</p>		<p>Fees and Charges for these groups have been discounted by 80%. As a result any shortfall in covering costs will be met by the Council as part of its commitment to supporting these groups.</p>
<p>Policy is needed but charges need to be fair.</p>		<p>The application fee and hire charges have been reduced. Events by community organisations, schools, places of worship and registered charities within the London borough of Harrow that have free entry and are open to the general public will be eligible for an 80% discount. The hire charge for events organised by Harrow Council established Park User Groups under the terms and conditions already agreed may be waived.</p>
<p>Application process is ambiguous.</p>		<p>The application process has been reviewed and is in line with the information and detail required for applications.</p>
<p>The time scales for applying are too long.</p>		<p>Changes made to policy. 4 weeks for small events</p>

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		<p>8 weeks for medium events</p> <p>16 weeks for large events</p>
<p>Charity events should be exempt from paying because they raise cash for charities organise community events and do not have the money to pay charges.</p>		<p>Events by community organisations, schools, places of worship and registered charities within the London borough of Harrow that have free entry and are open to the general public will be eligible for an 80% discount. The hire charge for events organised by Harrow Council established Park User Groups under the terms and conditions already agreed may be waived.</p>
<p>Special events should be exempt e.g. Remembrance Day, St Georges, fund raising events such as St Luke's fun run, Pinner Association of Churches etc.</p>		<p>There will be no charge for specific civic events including, but not limited to, Remembrance Day.</p>
<p>No objection to charging organisations holding events to raise money.</p>		<p>No changes proposed.</p>
<p>No fees for well run existing community events run by voluntary /non profit /small local charities but charge problem events and new ventures.</p>		<p>Events by community organisations, schools, places of worship and registered charities within the London borough of Harrow that have free entry and are open to the general public will be eligible for an 80% discount. The hire charge for events</p>

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		organised by Harrow Council established Park User Groups under the terms and conditions already agreed may be waived.
Small events should start at under 200, how were the event sizes considered?		<p>As a result of benchmarking with other councils and given the 1,000 break point for other work that is needed, changes made to policy as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small event: up to 499 people per day • Medium event: 500-1,000 people per day • Large Scale and Special event: over 1,000 people per day
Agree with regulations for large open air concerts but not for small groups with less than 50.		Noted, however all events need to adhere to regulations such as Health and Safety.
Strongly opposed to using nature reserves for large gatherings e.g. Stanmore Common.		As part of the review of applications received, conditions will be applied as appropriate.
Should not have weddings and large parties in parks due to the disruption and damage it		As part of the review of applications received, conditions will be applied as

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would cause.		appropriate.
How does the policy compare to other boroughs?		As part of the development of this policy benchmarking has taken place with other boroughs.
Facilities in our parks and open spaces should be free.		The application fee and hire charges have been reduced. Events by community organisations, schools, places of worship and registered charities within the London borough of Harrow that have free entry and are open to the general public will be eligible for an 80% discount.
Involve Harrow Nature Conservation and Park Users Groups in the early stage application process.		As part of the application process, we will check if these groups have been notified.
Council's reputation and Corporate priorities should be adhered to.		In line with our commitment to local groups, events by community organisations, schools, places of worship and registered charities within the London borough of Harrow that have free entry and are open to the general public will be eligible for an 80% discount. The hire charges for events organised by Harrow Council established Park User Groups under the terms and conditions

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		already agreed may be waived.
Consultation process/form does not cover serious issues/ questions do not allow proper feedback.		As part of the consultation, e-mails and letters were also received and reviewed.
The policy document is all about process with unclear terms and conditions.		The terms and conditions are included as part of the application form.