

6 CAMPERDOWN PARK - THE BIG WEEKEND (AN53-2006)

The Council and the City of Discovery Campaign have been approached by the BBC to host Radio 1's "Big Weekend" on 13th/14th May 2006. Having evaluated a number of potential venues in the city the BBC selected Camperdown Park as being the most appropriate venue.

The city was selected from a number of other cities in Britain and it is the first time that the "Big Weekend" has been held in Scotland. Last year the event was held in Sunderland.

In a briefing from representatives of the BBC it was outlined that Radio 1 will be present in the city for the week leading up to the event and the city will benefit from a high profile from Radio 1 broadcasting during the week and weekend.

The main event itself is held over two days in marquees and there is an attendance of 15,000 per day. In addition, the broadcaster will tie up with a number of organisations during the week leading up to the event in the city over the week.

Initial discussions have been undertaken between the Police and Council representation from Emergency Planning, Health and Safety and Environmental Health.

The event is high profile, supported by the City of Discovery Campaign and will provide a platform for positive promotion of the city.

It is recommended that permission is granted for the use of Camperdown Park for this event noting that final permission will depend on the BBC satisfying all the Council's usual conditions relating to insurance, health and safety, environmental health and emergency planning arrangements.

It is further recommended that it be remitted to the appropriate officers to enter into a lease with the BBC on conditions to be agreed between the two parties.