

Large Screens for the European Cup	17th May 2016
To: The Corporate Policy and Resources Committee For Decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Innovation and Transformation
Outcome	Better experiences for citizens and visitors
Lead Officer	Elizabeth Johnston
Cost: (If applicable)	£65,537.67 to £94,897.92

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with a cost estimate for the provision of large screens in Ballycastle, Ballymoney, Coleraine and Limavady during the period of the 2016 European Championships.

Background

The following proposal was approved by Members in October 2015;

“that Council Officers investigate the cost of providing screens for viewing the NI Team UEFA Euro 2016 football matches in the four main areas of Ballycastle, Ballymoney, Limavady and Coleraine, for its citizens”.

The Northern Ireland group stage matches are scheduled for the 12th, 16th and 21st June. As additional information, the Republic of Ireland matches are scheduled for the 13th, 18th and 22nd June.

Accordingly the following estimate of costs are presented to Council for consideration. Costs have been provided by a local Audio Visual company for coverage of the group stages only, or coverage of the full tournament. The estimate is subject to a daily discount and is therefore perceived to be competitive.

The costs are based on 4 Screens at the four locations and include;

- Delivery and collection.
- Installation and technician/security on site for the duration.
- Insurance.
- PA system.
- Set down and removal.

Each screen is 3m x 4m in size and have been used in previous similar events, such as the 2012 Olympics. The screens are also being used in the forthcoming Somme Anniversary events.

	Dates	Cost
Group stages	12 th – 22 nd June	£ 65,537.67
Full tournament	12 th June – 10 th July	£ 94,897.92

Recommendation

Members are asked to consider the estimate of costs for Officer action as appropriate.

Celebratory Event – N I Football Team

For information:

Council agreed to host a celebratory event for the Northern Ireland Football Team to mark the teams historic achievement in qualifying for the European Championships 2016. There was a possible opportunity around a planned friendly matches in March and in May. The March date did not prove possible and unfortunately Michael and the players have a very tight schedule during May so a visit to Coleraine will not be possible. The team are only due to be in Northern Ireland for a few days in the run-up to Euro 2016 in France and on one of those days they will be playing a home friendly international against Belarus.