

## **MEMBER-SPONSORED EVENT: INSTITUTE OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS**

### **Executive summary**

1. The Events and Exhibitions Team has received a request from the Institution of Mechanical Engineers to use the Landscaped Gardens to exhibit the Bloodhound Supersonic Car (SSC) at an event sponsored by Mark Griffin MSP on Wednesday 25 April 2012.
2. All events that make use of the Landscaped Gardens must be approved by the SPCB.

### **Issues and Options**

3. The Bloodhound SSC Project is a cutting-edge engineering adventure that is not only inspiring the engineers of the future but also moving engineering forward with innovative approaches to using existing technology. The Project team are building a supersonic car that they hope will break the world land speed record which currently stands at 763mph.
4. The Project was developed to reignite a passion for engineering amongst students and primary school pupils and to inspire them to choose science, technology, and engineering and maths subjects and addresses the skills shortage in engineering. The Project aims to build on Britain's 100 year involvement and achievements in the land speed record.
5. Although this event meets the SPCB's agreed criteria for Member-sponsored events, as it will be held in the Landscaped Gardens the SPCB must approve the event. The Events and Exhibitions Team recommends that the SPCB approves this event in the Landscaped Gardens as part of the Member-sponsored events programme.

### **Governance issues**

6. Early discussions with Security, Visitor Services and the Parliament's Health and Safety Officer have indicated that there are no issues with the Bloodhound SSC coming onto the Landscaped Gardens.

### **Publication Scheme**

7. This paper will be published once the event has been advertised.

### **Next steps**

8. If approved by the SPCB, as a Member-sponsored event all Members will be invited to visit the car whilst it is in situ in the Landscaped Gardens.

## **Decision**

9. The SPCB is invited to consider this Paper and agree that the Bloodhound Supersonic Car be exhibited in the Landscaped Gardens on Wednesday 25 April sponsored by Mark Griffin MSP.

## **Events & Exhibitions Team**

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