

Chanukah

Event dates and times: Menorah installation, 9 December, Menorah Lighting - 16th December, Celebration until 22 December

Venue: Station Green.

Applicant: Chabad, Buckhurst Hill, not for profit.

Event: Two week long illuminations with a community switch on ceremony.

Estimated attendance: 100-200 at the ceremony.

Publicity: Local promotion and community networks, inclusive to Jewish and wider community.

Charges: Free community event.

Brief summary (assessment against policy)

- Long-standing open access volunteer-led community event of more than ten years
- Higher score for educational outcomes through cultural learning and heritage.
- Not maximum in every criterion yet overall score meets the highest policy band.
- Qualifies for a 100 per cent concession under the Community Use Policy

Financial and staff implications

With a 100 per cent concession the hire and land use fee is waived. Any extraordinary costs beyond standard provision will be agreed in advance and, if required, recharged at cost. The waste management needs to be agreed with organisers. Any mowing beforehand is weather dependent

Conditions

Approval subject to standard terms including public liability insurance, risk assessment and Event Management Plan, compliance with health and safety and electrical safety requirements for all installations, appropriate stewarding and neighbour considerations where needed, no open flames other than lighting the Menorah and use of LED candles or lanterns, and adherence to Council terms of use.

Recommendation

That Council approves the Chanukah illuminations on Station Green from 9-22 December 2025 and the switch on ceremony on 16 December 2025, grants a 100 per cent concession so fees are waived, confirms applicant will remove rubbish from Green and not place in existing litter bins and requires the standard conditions and documentation.

Yoga and Mediation Group

Event date and time: Sunday 11am - 2pm

Venue: Community Hub

Applicant: Dilip Gadhvi

Event: Mainly for 60+ age group, social contact, inclusive, remedying, interactive philosophy

Estimated attendance: up to 30

Publicity: Local promotion with wider circulation via social media

Brief summary (assessment against policy)

- Open-access, volunteer-led, not-for-profit community event.
- Scored strongly in Community Use Policy criteria including educational outcomes and capacity to reach underserved groups in Chigwell

Further information is needed regarding risk and insurance and community benefit.

Financial and staff implication

Logistics of Community Hub use and securing Community Pantry in the short term being drafted and assessed by officers

Conditions

Approval subject to standard terms including public liability insurance and risk assessment

Recommendation

That Council delegates authority to the Clerk to finalise the fee and access, subject to some further information and the logistics of secure use of the Hub