



## Belfast City Council

**Report to:** Health and Environmental Services Committee

**Subject:** Northern Ireland Building Regulation Advisory Committee

**Date:** 3rd February, 2010

**Reporting Officer:** Mr Trevor Martin, Head of Building Control, Ext 2450

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### Relevant Background Information

The Northern Ireland Building Regulation Advisory Committee (NIBRAC) is a statutory body set up under the Building Regulations (NI) Order 1979 as amended. Its purpose is to advise the Department responsible for making the Building Regulations, in this case the Department of Finance & Personnel (DFP), on all aspects of the implementation of new or amended regulations on the industry and public within Northern Ireland.

The Committee, appointed by the Minister for the Department, is composed of seventeen people, some of whom are drawn from specialists within the industry, in addition to elected members who would represent the public interest. The full Committee meets four times a year, but there are also various sub-groups on key issues of the Regulations. The time commitment for members of the Advisory Committee is relatively small and would account for no more than five or six working days in total in any one year. The post is a public body appointment but has no remuneration and is subject to the rules of the Nolan Commission.

Appointments are made every three years and Donal Rogan, Building Control Manager, has been successful in being offered an opportunity to be a member of the Committee, for the period 2010-2013.

### Key Issues

Mr Donal Rogan, Building Control Manager, has been invited to be a member of the Northern Ireland Building Regulation Advisory Committee (NIBRAC) for the next three years. The Committee is therefore requested to grant permission for Mr Rogan to attend that committee for that term.

Whilst this is an appointment representing Mr Rogan's profession, it is an important opportunity for the council to be seen as playing an important role in advising the responsible Minister on the formulation of effective legislation that will benefit the public through effective building regulations.

**Resource Implications****Financial**

There are no financial implications for the council with all expenses being met by DFP.

**Human Resources**

There are no additional resource requirements and minimal time commitment for Mr Rogan during working hours.

**Recommendation**

The Committee is requested to note the contents of the report and authorise Mr Rogan to take up the offer to become a member of the NI Building Regulation Advisory Committee.