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Dear Craig

## **2026 BELFAST CULTURE NIGHT**

Thank you for your recent correspondence to Minister Lyons MLA further to my letter of 4 June (TOF-0527-2025) regarding funding for the 2025 Belfast Culture Night which the Council's City Growth and Regeneration Committee considered on 6 August. I have been asked to reply.

The potential for any funding support for the 2026 Belfast Culture Night and beyond is unknown at this point as it would fall into future budget cycles.

While the Department is unlikely to have any direct funding streams available, I am happy to engage with the Council to explore if there are any avenues of support we may be able to provide.

If you would like to contact me via the above email address my colleagues will arrange a mutually suitable date for us to meet.

Yours sincerely

**Louise Hyland**

**ALB Sponsorship Branch – Culture Division**