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**Democratic Services Section
Chief Executive's Department
Belfast City Council
City Hall
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8th February, 2017

MEETING OF CITY GROWTH AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

In addition to those matters previously notified to you, the following item(s) will also be considered at the meeting to be held at 5.15 pm on Wednesday, 8th February, 2017.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

7. **Request to present to Committee**
 - (a) Belfast Power Limited (Pages 1 - 4)

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Subject:	Request to present: Belfast Power Limited
Date:	8 February, 2017
Reporting Officer:	Donal Durkan, Director of Development
Contact Officer:	Louise McLornan, Democratic Services Officer, 6077

Is this report restricted?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee that a request has been received from Strategic Planning, on behalf of Belfast Power Limited, to attend a future meeting of the Committee in order to present their plans for a state-of-the-art gas fired power station at Airport Road West in the Belfast Harbour Estate.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to accede to a request from Belfast Power Limited to receive a presentation at its meeting on 12th April, 2017.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Strategic Planning have stated that the Belfast Power Station would produce 480 megawatts of electricity, enough to power over 500,000 homes and businesses in the greater Belfast area, and a private investment of £280million, creating over 700 jobs during construction and 50 full time highly skilled roles.
3.2	The request to speak to the Committee forms part of the Pre-Application Community Consultation.
3.3	As outlined in the letter, the planning application has been called-in by the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) as regionally significant. When applications are called-in they are dealt with internally by the Department and the Council has a consultative role.

3.4	The City Solicitor has advised that, while there would be no issue with Members of the Planning Committee attending the presentation, it may be appropriate for those Members not to take part in any debate or to refrain from voicing opposition or support for the proposal.
3.5	<u>Financial and resource implications</u> n/a
3.6	<u>Equality or good relations implications</u> No specific equality or good relations implications.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Letter from Strategic Planning

Donal Durkan
Director of Development
Belfast City Council
Belfast
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Dear Donal,

I write on behalf of my client, Belfast Power Limited, who is currently consulting on plans to develop a state-of-the-art gas fired power station at Airport Road West on industrially zoned land in the Belfast Harbour Estate.

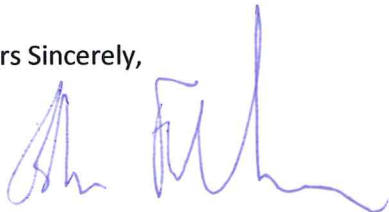
The Belfast Power Station will bring a new supply of low carbon energy to Northern Ireland as we move away from older traditional fossil fuel powered stations. It will produce 480 megawatts of electricity which is enough to power over 500,000 homes and businesses in the greater Belfast area.

The project also represents a private investment of £280 million, creating over 700 jobs during construction and 50 full time highly skilled roles when operational.

As part of our Pre-Application Community Consultation, I would like to offer the Belfast City Council City Growth and Regeneration Committee a short presentation on the project. As the planning application has been called-in by the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) as regionally significant, this would be an opportunity to bring the relevant Committee on the Council up to date with the proposal before a planning application is submitted to DfI before the end of February.

To that end I would be grateful if you were able to take this request to the Committee for decision and indicate a suitable date to present.

Yours Sincerely,



John Fullerton,

Consultant, Strategic Planning

(cc Aileen Graham, Chair City Growth and Regeneration Committee)

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