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Democratic Services Section Chief Executive's Department Belfast City Council City Hall Belfast BT1 5GS

2nd April, 2019

MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES 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 4.30 pm on Tuesday, 2nd April, 2019.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

(e) National Recycling Awards (Pages 1 - 2)

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Belfast City Council

Subject:	National Recycling Awards - Best Campaign under £10K		
Date:	2 April 2019		
Reporting Officer:	Tim Walker, City Services (Resources and Fleet) Manager		
Contact Officer:	Martin Doherty, Promotions and Education Manager, Resources and Fleet		
Restricted Reports			
Is this report restricted? Yes No			
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?			
After Committee Decision			
After Council Decision			
Some time in the future			
Never			

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes No X

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To seek committee approval to present our 'Un-EAT-en' recipe book to the judging panel at the National Recycling Awards in London on the 27 June where it has been shortlisted for Best Campaign up to £10K; and the Chair (or their nominee) and an Officer to attend the National Recycling Awards Ceremony later that evening, where the result will be revealed.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	 The Committee is asked to approve Attendance of the Chair (or their nominee) and an Officer at the National Recycling Awards Any necessary travel expenditure for members and officers

3.0	Main report
	Key Issues
3.1	The Waste Education and Promotion's 'Un-EAT-en' is a recipe book full of ideas to minimise food waste using recipes submitted by chefs from the top restaurants in Belfast.
3.2	The stylishly designed book not only gives instruction on how to make amazing meals but shows how to store and preserve food correctly, advise on portion control and signpost the reader to further information.
3.3	All of the recipes featured minimise food waste doing this in a variety of ways including; how to use all of a roast chicken, use up leftovers, make best use of the reduced aisle in a supermarket, or how to use up off-cuts that usually end up in the bin.
3.4	The publication was behind cost effective campaign (£3k) and the first of its kind produced by a Council, which is partly why it has caught the attention of the National Recycling Awards shortlisting committee. Un-EAT-en destigmatises the concept of food waste and shows how it can be used to create attractive aspirational food. It also makes use of Belfast's recent award of top UK Food Destination to steer conversations towards minimising food waste.
3.5	Moving away from negative connotations, the aim is to rebrand food waste as a resource that could be used to create exciting, attractive, aspirational dishes, rather than ending up in landfill.
3.6 3.7	After the launch of the "No Food Waste" in the Black Bin Campaign in 2017, which significantly increased the amount of food waste diverted from landfill, in 2018 Belfast was named as UK Food Destination of the year. These events acted as a trigger for the Unit to build on this momentum and produce a guide to build on the public's enthusiasm and optimism about local food, subtly moving the conversation on to sustainability but in a different manner.
0.7	Following a submission to the National Recycling Awards, they have recognised Belfast's innovation and creativity, shortlisted the project for Best Campaign under £10K. Late last week, the Council was invited to the live judging event on the afternoon of 27 th June to present its project and make the case for why it should win.
3.8	Financial & Resource Implications
	Total cost of travel and subsistence should be less than £750 per person and can be met from existing Service in year budget.
3.9	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
	N/A
4.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1 – <u>http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/bins-recycling/recycling/Un-EAT-en.aspx</u>