



Subject:	Request for the use of the Council Chamber
Date:	25th October 2024
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted? Yes No

Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.

Insert number

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information)
4. Information in connection with any labour relations matter
5. Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained
6. Information showing that the council proposes to (a) to give a notice imposing restrictions on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction
7. Information on any action in relation to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
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1.1	To consider a request for the use of the Council Chamber for a group of young people from Ledley Hall Boys and Girls Club to participate in a mock debate as part of a Democracy Works? programme.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is recommended to approve the use of the Council Chamber for this event.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The High Sheriff, Councillor Sammy Douglas, will be hosting a group of young people from Ledley Hall Boys and Girls Club on their visit to the City Hall as part of a “Democracy Works?” programme.
3.2	Ledley Hall Boys and Girls Club is a full-time youth centre based in Inner East Belfast, offering a wide range of personal and social development opportunities to young people aged from 5 to 25 years old.
3.3	The Democracy Works? Programme explores local and national politics; how politics affects peoples’ lives, who are the decision makers and how to influence change. The programme provides a broad introduction to democracy and politics and includes capacity building in conflict resolution and skills based working, and in exploring prejudice and perceptions. The group will next visit the Northern Ireland Assembly and the Houses of Parliament.
3.4	The group’s visit to the City Hall will include a discussion with the High Sheriff and a tour of the building.
3.5	The group have also requested the use of the Council Chamber to hold a mock debate.
3.6	It is anticipated that the mock debate will last up to an hour on the evening of Thursday 7th November, 2024.
	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.7	None
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.8	None
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	None