



Subject:	Summit of the Cities 2026
Date:	24 th April 2026
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to bring to the Committee’s attention a request from MW Advocate Ltd for the Council to sponsor a forthcoming event “Summit if the Cities 2026” to be held in City Hall on 24 th June 2026.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the attached flyer which outlines the event; and • consider the request for the Council to sponsor the event to the value of £10,000.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Members will be aware that at the January meeting of this committee they agreed the use of the city hall to host an event titled “Summit if the Cities 2026”. This event will bring together leaders and delegates from all 12 cities across the island of Ireland to celebrate their history, share ideas, forge partnerships and accelerate practical action on the issues shaping urban life with panel discussion and speeches.
3.2	MW Advocate Ltd, who are organising the event, have recently made a request to the Council to sponsor this event to be held on 24 th June 2026 in the City Hall. As outlined in the Appendix 1, the focus of the event is shaping the island’s urban future – our cities & our communities.
3.3	Following on from the success of the Belfast & Derry Summits this event is the first event on the island to have attendance from all 12 Cities and is expected to be attended by 200-300 delegates from every city.
3.4	The keynote speaker is former Mayor of New York Bill DeBlasio on his first visit to Northern Ireland. Other speakers will include senior UK, ROI and NI government, city leaders from Britain and Ireland and thematic speakers around trade/finance, AI & government, arts/culture/heritage/tourism, planning, regeneration and how we finance growth and engaging community voices. Gavin White - Manchester Council's Cabinet Member for Regeneration will be one of the expert speakers.
3.5	The council has been asked to consider a potential sponsorship of £10k for the event.
	Financial & Resource Implications
3.6	Any financial implications from this report will be covered by existing budgets.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment
3.7	None.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 –Summit of the Cities 2026 information