



<b>Subject:</b>	Pride of Place Awards 2026
<b>Date:</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Jim Girvan, Director of Neighbourhood Services
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.</b>	
<b>Insert number</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Information relating to any individual</li><li>2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual</li><li>3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information)</li><li>4. Information in connection with any labour relations matter</li><li>5. Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained</li><li>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</li><li>7. Information on any action in relation to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime</li></ol>	
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sometime in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To request approval for 4 nominees to attend the Pride of Place Awards Ceremony in Dublin Convention Centre, Saturday 24th October 2026.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	<p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve attendance of the following at the Pride of Place Awards Ceremony in Dublin on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. People and Communities Committee Chair or nominee</li> <li>2. People and Communities Committee Vice Chair or nominee</li> <li>3. Director or nominee</li> <li>4. Relevant Council Officer</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Note that the Chief's Executive's Office has received separate invitations to attend.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p>IPB Pride of Place, in association with Co-operation Ireland, is an all-island competition that acknowledges the work that communities are doing all over the island of Ireland. The competition focus is about people coming together to shape, change and improve daily lives in their communities. It has been in existence since 2003.</p> <p>Members will recall that at the April Committee meeting, Council approved 5 nominations to the IPB Pride of Place 2026 Awards. These nominations were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban Neighbourhood Over 3,000: Glencairn Community Project</li> <li>• Climate Action and Biodiversity: Connswater Community Greenway</li> <li>• Community Youth Initiative: Lagmore Youth Project</li> <li>• Community Wellbeing Initiative: North Belfast Care Zone</li> <li>• Creative Communities: Belfast South Arts and Digital Hub</li> </ul> <p>Each nominated group receives 2 invitations to attend the Award Ceremony and Belfast City Council has been allocated a further 4 invitations.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the allocation of these 4 invitations as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. People and Communities Committee Chair or nominee</li> <li>2. People and Communities Committee Vice Chair or nominee</li> <li>3. Director or nominee</li> <li>4. Relevant Council Officer</li> </ol> <p>Members should also note that the Chief Executive Office has received a separate invitation with an additional 2 tickets.</p>

	<p>Members may wish to note that the judging process for the Belfast nominations has been scheduled for June and July 2026.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>Members have agreed a budget allocation of up to £10,000 to cover nominations to the awards and cover attendance of nominees and relevant Members and Officers at the Awards Ceremony. Costs will be covered from existing budgets.</p> <p>Members are asked to note that the timing of the Awards Ceremony coincides with the Dublin City Marathon and as such, this may impact on the sourcing of appropriate accommodation.</p> <p>Early approval for the allocation of the 4 nominees will allow the booking process to begin in order to minimise costs.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None Required</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b>
<b>4.1</b>	None