



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Business in the Community Awards – Gala Dinner on 29 May 2008
Date:	23 May 2008
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Relevant Background Information

Belfast City Council submitted an entry for the Business in the Community 'Women in Local Councils' award and as a result reached the final shortlist. A formal presentation was made to a judging panel on 16 May 2008 and this panel will decide the winner of the award on the basis of the written submission and the presentation.

In addition, the Women in Non-Traditional Sectors (WINS) project entered the Business in the Community "Diversity" award and a presentation was also made as part of the final selection stage for that award.

Winners of both awards will be announced at a Gala Awards ceremony on 29 May in Belfast Waterfront Hall.

Key Issues

It is an honour for the council to be short listed in these prestigious Northern Ireland awards and recognised for the valuable work it is doing in relation to diversity issues.

It is therefore proposed that the council attends the awards dinner and those invited to attend should include:

- The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee or nominee(s)
- A representative from each political party (excluding the parties represented by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee)
- The Chief Executive or nominee.
- Two officers from each project i.e. two from the Women in Local Council's Steering

Group and two from the WINS project.

On the basis of the above proposal, a maximum of 11 council representatives (6 Members and 5 Officers) would attend the event.

Resource Implications

Financial

On the basis of the above proposal, the cost incurred would be £885+VAT.

The costs would be met from the Human Resources Section's budget for the attendance of members and officers from the Women in Local Councils initiative. The costs for the attendance of officers in relation to the WINS project would be met from the WINS budget.

Human Resources

There are no Human Resources implications.

Recommendations

Members are asked to agree the following:

- the representation of Belfast City Council at the Gala Awards Dinner
- the proposed council representatives

Key to Abbreviations

None

Documents Attached

None