



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Community Festivals Fund
<b>Date:</b>	20th June, 2008
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Mr. T. Salmon, Director of Corporate Services
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### Relevant Background Information

The Development Committee, at its meeting on 14th May, agreed:

- (i) to accept the letter of Offer from the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure for funding of £77,300 for the Community Festivals Fund;
- (ii) to make available in the current financial year £120,000 for the Fund, subject to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agreeing to provide the finance required; and
- (iii) to request that the Department increase the amount which it is providing to the Fund by £42,700 to match the Council's proposed contribution.

This decision was ratified by the Council at its meeting on 2nd June.

### Key Issues

The Development Committee was advised that Development Departmental Budget would not be able to provide the finance to match the funding offered by the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure, since no provision had been made in the Revenue Estimates.

Accordingly, in accordance with Financial Regulation E.14 any proposal to incur expenditure which is not included within the estimates and which cannot be covered by virement shall be referred to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

### Resource Implications

#### Financial

Additional expenditure of £120,000 is required to finance the Community Festivals Fund.

<b>Recommendations</b>
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The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to increase the cash limits of the Development Committee by £120,000 in order to finance the Community Festivals Fund.
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<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
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<b>Documents Attached</b>
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Appendix 1 – Extract of Minutes of Development Committee of 14th May.
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