



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
Subject:	Commission of an Artwork to reflect Irish History & Heritage in Belfast
Date:	19th March 2010
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Relevant Background Information

Members will recall that at its meeting of 18th September 2009 the Committee had agreed that an artwork, not to exceed £20,000, should be commissioned, to reflect Irish history and heritage in the city; this to be displayed in either the Reception Hall or East Entrance. Accordingly, quotation documents were drawn up in January 2010 and artists were invited to forward their submissions by 12 noon on Friday 5 February 2010.

Key Issues

At the closing date, a total of 56 submissions had been received. A short-listing Panel was drawn up consisting of Cllrs. Hartley, Hendron & McCausland, Anne Deighan Good Relations Officer, Julie-Anne McCormick, Culture & Arts Unit and Maureen Mackin, Independent Consultant. The Panel met and agreed to shortlist the following 5 artists through to the next stage:

- Brendan Boyle
- Keith Drury
- Helen Herron
- Holger Christian Lonze
- Karen Nickell

The 5 short-listed artists were invited to provide further submissions as detailed below by Friday 5 March 2010.

- an explanation of the concept for the artwork and how it relates to the theme
- a detailed explanation of the proposed materials for the artwork and the dimensions of the work
- an explanation of how the artist would approach the design, fabrication and installation of the work
- details of any particular maintenance requirements for the artwork
- a budget breakdown
- a timescale for production and delivery.

The artists were also invited to attend an interview with the short-listing Panel on Friday 12 March 2010. After consideration of the submissions, the short-listing Panel agreed to recommend that the commission should be awarded to Keith Drury. It is proposed that this artwork will be placed on the wall immediately to the left of the Chief Executive's Office on the ground floor east corridor.

Resource Implications

Financial

The sum of £20,000 commissioned through existing budgets.

Recommendations

The Strategy Policy & Resources Committee is recommended to approve the awarding of the commission for an Irish artwork to reflect Irish history and heritage in Belfast to Keith Drury for a sum not to exceed £20,000.

Key to Abbreviations

N/A

Documents Attached