



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Best Practice Visits – Irish Medium Initiatives
Date:	23 rd September, 2011
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Chairman, Councillor Hargey, has received a request from Councillor Mac Giolla Mhín for the issue of best practice visits to Irish Medium initiatives to be placed on the agenda for the meeting on 23 rd September. The Chairman has agreed for the matter to be discussed at that meeting.

2	Key Issues
2.1	Councillor Mac Giolla Mhín, in order to provide a context for the discussion at the meeting on 23 rd September, has provided a background note which sets out the proposal which he intends to make at the meeting (Appendix 1).
2.2	Councillor Mac Giolla Mhín will speak to his proposal at the meeting.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	There would be costs involved in the provision of transport for any best practice visits but this can be covered from existing budgets.

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
4.1	It is intended that the visits would be open to all Members of Council to attend.

5	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is requested to consider the attached information and to take such action thereon as may be determined. In particular, the Committee is requested to decide if it wishes the best practice visits to be organised.

6	Decision Tracking
Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager October, 2011.	

7	Documents Attached
Appendix 1 – Note from Councillor Mac Giolla Mhín.	