



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Request to Use the Council Chamber
Date:	6 January, 2012
Reporting Officer:	Mr S McCrory, Democratic Services Manager
Contact Officer:	Mr Kevin Heaney, Strategic Planning and Policy Unit

1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	A request has been received from the Northern Ireland Local Government Association asking the Council to host the next meeting of the Regional Governance Group in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, 25 January, 2012.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The Regional Governance Group is a political forum representing all 26 councils in Northern Ireland. Meetings of the Group will be held on a rotational basis around the 26 councils. The first meeting was held in the Council Chamber of Antrim Borough Council.
2.2	The aim of the Group is to develop a Local Government Sector led "Improvement, Collaboration and Efficiency Programme" in order to identify and explore potential opportunities for greater collaboration and joint working across the local government sector to secure potential efficiencies and improve service delivery.
2.3	The Council is currently represented on the Forum by the Chairman of the Committee (Councillor Hargey) and the meetings are also attended by the Assistant Chief Executive.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	The cost of hosting the meeting can be met from the current Revenue Budget.

4	Equality Implications
4.1	None

5	Recommendations
5.1	It is recommended that the Committee accede to the request and approve the provision of appropriate hospitality.

6	Decision Tracking
Kevin Heaney will make any arrangements for the hosting of the meeting.	