



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Request for Use of the Council Chamber
Date:	8th March 2013
Reporting Officer:	Mr Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager, 6314
Contact Officer:	Ms Lorraine Wallace, Children and Young Peoples Coordinator

1.0	Relevant Background Information
1.1	A request has been received from the Council's Parks and Leisure Department for the use of the Council Chamber for a facilitated discussion between the Council's Youth Forum and the Sligo Youth Parliament.
1.2	The event would take place on Saturday, 13th April and would include 30 young people and leaders.

2.0	Key Issues
2.1	The Growing Respect Programme is funded as part of the Belfast PEACE III Plan and is overseen by the Parks and Leisure Department.
2.2	The Youth Parliament has been asked to participate in the Cross-Border Element of the Programme.
2.3	As part of its participation through exchange visits, the Department would like to host a facilitated discussion with Sligo Youth Parliament which would encourage them to explore common issues, such as young people's involvement in local government decision making.
2.4	The event will involve young people aged 13-18 and there would be adequate staff and other leaders available to ensure the smooth running and safety of the event.

3.0	Resource Implications
3.1	There are some minor resource implications associated with hospitality and staff time.

4.0	Equality Implications
4.1	None.

5.0	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is recommended to approve the request.