



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Requests for the use of the City Hall and the provision of Hospitality
Date:	Friday, 19th September, 2014
Reporting Officer:	Mr. Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (Ext. 6314)

1.	Relevant Background Information
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1.1	Members will recall that the Committee, at its meeting on 26th September, 2003, agreed to the criteria which would be used to assess requests from external organisations for the use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality. Subsequently the Committee at its meeting on 7th August, 2009, further amended the criteria so as to incorporate the new Key Themes as identified in the Council's Corporate Plan.
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2.	Key Issues
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2.1	<p>The revised criteria have been applied to each of the requests contained within the appendix and recommendations have been made to the Committee on this basis.</p> <p>At the Committee's meeting last month, Members asked for a progress report on the review of the policy for the use of the City Hall and the provision of Civic Hospitality. This work is ongoing between the Democratic Services Section and the Property and Projects Department and it is anticipated that a report will be presented to the Committee for consideration in October.</p>
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3.	Resource Implications
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3.1	Provision has been made in the revenue estimates for hospitality.
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4.	Equality Implications
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4.1	N/A
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5.	Recommendations
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5.1	The Committee is asked to approve the recommendations as set out in the Appendix.
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6.	Decision Tracking
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Officer responsible – Kate McCafferty	
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7.	Key to Abbreviations
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Not applicable.	
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8.	Documents Attached
Appendix 1 – Schedule of Applications	