



<b>Subject:</b>	Donation towards Candle Sculpture for Boston City
<b>Date:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
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<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To request permission to provide a donation towards a candle sculpture which will be gifted to Boston City as part of a global initiative to highlight organ donation (See appendix 1 for further information).
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approve a donation to Strangeboat Donor Foundation, Galway towards the creation of a candle sculpture which will be gifted to Boston City as part of a global initiative to stage an international organ donor commemorative event in late 2017.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	In June 2016, Belfast Botanic Gardens unveiled a commemorative candle sculpture which was gifted to the people of Belfast from Galway Civic Trust, to symbolise the hope and healing of organ donation.
3.2	To reciprocate this gesture and help promote a broader vision for its cause, Strangeboat Donor Foundation are proposing to stage a global organ donor commemorative event in late 2017.
3.3	The event will centre around the choreographed unveiling of candle sculptures in a

	representative city in each continent. The cities which have been chosen are Cape Town, Melbourne, New Delhi, Boston and Barcelona, Dublin and Newcastle. Each of these cities are associated with a world class centre of transplant excellence.
3.4	The sculpted candles will be prepared in Galway and dispatched to their final destinations at a ceremony in the Irish National Commemorative Garden during May 2017.
3.5	Each of the gifted sculptures will be presented on a city to city paired basis to ensure the project's civic status. Due to the fact that Belfast is a sister city of Boston it is proposed that that this would effect that particular gifting, whilst Dublin's developing organ donation/transplantation relations with Spain would suggest a pairing with Barcelona.
3.6	The total cost of the project will be 30,000 euro. To date 23,000 euro has been secured and the match funding of 1,000 euro is being asked from Irish Cities to include Belfast.
3.7	This is a project that can have a strong unifying influence and catch the public imagination whilst stimulating new initiatives on organ and transplant donation.
	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>
3.8	1,000 euro towards the creation and transportation of a candle sculpture to Boston City which will be accommodated within existing budgets.
3.9	The proposal has no Human Resource implications.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
4.1	Appendix 1- for further information and breakdown of costs.