



Subject:	Request for the Use of the City Hall
Date:	16 th December, 2016
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	An application has been received from the 36 th (Ulster) Division Memorial Association Arts and Cultural Society for the use of the City Hall for a lecture and exhibition to mark the centenary of the role of the 36 th (Ulster) Division and the 16 th Irish Division in the Battle of Messines (copy attached at Appendix 1).
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider if it wishes to grant the use of the City Hall for the event in June, 2017.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> <p>The Committee will be aware that, where a proposed event could be held to impact upon the Council's programme in relation to the Decade of Centenaries, then the opportunity is normally taken to seek the views of the Diversity Working Group before presenting the request to the Committee. However, the Working Group is currently not meeting whilst discussions take place on its future role and remit. Accordingly, the request is being presented to the Committee.</p> <p>The Council's policy on the use of the City Hall, whilst not specifically ruling out exhibitions</p>

3.2	<p>and lectures, does not encourage such use as the function rooms are not seen as being ideal for that use. However, given that the request is to mark a significant centenary, the Committee may feel that the request should be acceded to.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The cost of the provision of tea, coffee and biscuits for guests is estimated at £750. This can be met from within existing budgets.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>The Committee should consider if the request is in keeping with the principles established for events marking significant centenaries, as established by the Diversity Working Group.</p>
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4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
4.1	Appendix 1 – Application form for the use of the City Hall.