



Subject:	Request for the use of the Council Chamber
Date:	17 th February, 2017
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager
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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	To consider a request from the President of the Queen's University Belfast Students' Union (QUBSU) to hold a meeting of the QUBSU Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall on Thursday, 6 th April at 6.00p.m.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accede to the request.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	A request has been received from the President of the QUBSU to hold a meeting of the Student Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall.
3.2	The Students' Union Council is the governing body of Queen's Students' Union. It meets seven times per year and its membership consists of 112 students (Councillors), elected from across the student population in Queen's University. The Council debates and approves Students' Union policies, approves changes to the Rules of the Union, receives reports from Union committees and is responsible for democratic accountability of elected student officers.

3.3	It is expected that approximately 55 Councillors will be in attendance at the meeting scheduled for 6th April 2016. Meetings usually commence at 6.00pm and last for a maximum of three hours. The duration of the meeting can be flexible to meet scheduling requirements. The meetings are open to Queen's students to attend and speak. The media and members of the general public may only attend with the consent of the Students' Union Council. The Students' Union Marketing team 'live Tweet' the event.
3.4	If there are any members of Belfast City Council, or staff members of the Council who wish to attend and observe any of the meeting, The Students' Union will gladly offer an invitation.
3.5	The use of the Council Chamber for events other than the monthly Council meetings requires the approval of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.
3.6	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> None.
3.7	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.