



Subject:	Requests for use of the City Hall and the provision of Hospitality
Date:	18 th August 2017
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
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	Members will be aware that the Committee, at its meeting of 6 th January 2017, agreed to modify the criteria governing access to the City Hall function rooms for external organizations. The Committee also agreed to the implementation of hire charges for some categories of function, and also revised the approach to the provision of civic hospitality for functions on foot of the agreed efficiency programme. Some modifications to this approach were then agreed at the Committee's meeting of 24 th March 2017 and 23 rd June 2017.
1.2	The attached schedule contains the recommended approach in respect of each of the requests received up to August 2017 which appear to comply with the criteria previously established by the Committee and are recommended for approval.

1.3	The schedule mostly covers applications for functions in 2017, however a number of function requests due to be held in 2018 and 2019 have also been included, in order to provide certainty to the organizers of these events and allow them to begin their event planning.
1.4	It should be noted that a request from the Ulster University Science Festival has been recommended for approval on the basis that the once-in-three-years rule is applied to it. There are no other recommended applications of this rule this month.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the recommendations made in respect of applications received up to August 2017 as set out in Appendix 1 attached to this report.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> The existing revised criteria and scale of charges have been applied to the various requests received and the recommendations herein are offered to the Committee on this basis.
3.2	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> The implementation of charging for external functions has now commenced, in line with the Committee's decisions in the matter. As can be seen from the chart at Appendix 1, of the 15 applications before the Committee this month 7 will attract charges under the new arrangements, producing income of £2,440 .
3.3	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> There are no direct good relations or equality implications arising from this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Schedule of Function requests received up to August 2017