



Subject:	Visit by the Lord Mayor of the City of London – 10/11 October 2017
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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	The purpose of the report is to advise Members of a planned visit to Belfast by the Lord Mayor of the 'City of London', Rt Hon Dr Andrew Parmley.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Note the planned visit to Belfast by the Lord Mayor of the 'City of London and the opportunities presented by this visit to promote Belfast as an investment location.- Note the draft programme for the Lord Mayor's visit, including the civic reception and dinner in Titanic Hotel, to which all Members of this Committee will be invited.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p data-bbox="256 226 405 255"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="256 275 1487 405">The Lord Mayor of the City of London is the head of the City of London Corporation, based in the city’s financial district. The Lord Mayor changes annually and the current Lord Mayor took up his position in November 2016.</p>
3.2	<p data-bbox="256 479 1487 658">The purpose of the role is to support and promote the UK’s financial and professional services. As part of that role, Dr Parmley will visit Ireland and Northern Ireland in early October. This visit will include a series of meetings in Belfast, including a civic dinner to be hosted by the Lord Mayor of Belfast.</p>
3.3	<p data-bbox="256 732 1487 862">Council officers have been working closely with Invest NI to consider how to maximise the opportunity presented by Dr Parmley’s visit to Belfast. A draft visit programme is attached at Appendix 1. Key elements of this programme include:</p> <ul data-bbox="272 882 1487 1263" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="272 882 1487 965">– Civic reception and dinner hosted by the Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Nuala McAllister, in Titanic Hotel on 10 October. <li data-bbox="272 985 1487 1115">– Business roundtable in the Citi Headquarters building in Titanic Quarter on the morning of 10 October focusing on positioning Belfast as an investment location for financial and professional services. <li data-bbox="272 1135 1487 1263">– Visit to Centre for Secure Information Technology (CSIT) to showcase the research and technology excellence available at the centre. This has helped make Belfast the number one location globally for US-based cyber investment.
3.4	<p data-bbox="256 1337 1487 1621">Members will also be aware that the Committee at its April 2017 meeting agreed to sponsor the London-based business network Belfast Partners. This network supports business development connections between the two cities. Planning work is at an advanced stage for a business mission to London in November 2017 involving local tech businesses. This visit will also involve a networking reception and showcase event in the City of London which will provide an opportunity to follow up on some of the contacts established during Dr Parmley’s visit.</p>
3.5	<p data-bbox="256 1695 703 1724"><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="256 1744 1487 1823">The costs associated with hosting the event have been accounted for in existing departmental budgets.</p>
3.6	<p data-bbox="256 1897 775 1926"><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="256 1946 911 1975">No specific equality or good relations implications.</p>

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Draft Visit Programme