



Subject:	GNI Magazine Awards 2017
Date:	20 October 2017
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek permission for council representatives (an elected member and a relevant senior officer) to attend the GNI Magazine Awards 2017 on 26 October 2017.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agree to the council's attendance at the 2017 GNI Magazine Awards ceremony on 26 October 2017. Members should note that the event will take place before this recommendation will be ratified at the November council meeting.• Approve the attendance of the Chair of Strategic Policy & Resources Committee, or

	her nominee, and two council officers at the event.
3.0	Main report
	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Invitation to GNI Magazine Awards 2017</p> <p>3.1 Following nomination by the public, the council has been shortlisted as a finalist in the GNI Magazine awards in respect of the “LGBT Friendly facilitator” category and invited to attend this year’s awards event. The awards are scheduled to take place on the evening of 26 October 2017 in The Clayton Hotel, Belfast.</p> <p>3.2 This nomination follows an increase in activity in recent years to support and raise awareness of LGB&T issues both externally and in the workplace, as part of ongoing work to fulfil the council’s Section 75 and other legislative duties, as well as demonstrate civic leadership and best practice.</p> <p>3.3 It is proposed that the Chair of Strategic Policy & Resources Committee, or her nominee, and two council officers attend the event on 26 October 2017.</p> <p>Financial & Resource Implications</p> <p>3.4 The council has been allocated a complimentary ticket for the awards event. The cost for the additional (officers) tickets is £98. This cost will be met from the 2017-2018 organisational development budget.</p> <p>Equality or Good Relations Implications</p> <p>3.5 Attendance at the awards event will demonstrate the council’s continuing commitment to embrace diversity and promote itself as an inclusive organisation to staff and the LGB&T community.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents attached
	None