



Subject:	Request from MJM Group to attend CGR
Date:	7 th February 2018
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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	To consider a request from MJM Group to attend a future meeting of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee, to provide an update on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Property investments in Belfast and;(ii) plans to develop a new high value industry, fitting out cruise ships in Belfast Harbour.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agree the request from MJM Group to present to a future meeting of the Committee.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p>MJM Group is a successful fit-out company, which was founded in Newry in 1983. It works across a wide range of sectors, but has particular specialism in marine fit outs, including the world wide refurbishment of cruise ships.</p>
3.2	<p>MJM owns two significant properties in Donegall Square – Clarence Chambers at the corner of Donegall Square East and May Street; and the Pearl Assurance Building. MJM are proposing to refurbish and extend both properties, to create Grade A offices and commercial hospitality space. They would like to update Committee on these proposals given their prominence of Donegall Square surrounding City Hall. It should be noted that planning applications for either property have not yet been submitted, although Planning discussions in respect of Clarence Chambers are underway. The Committee will not be asked to comment.</p>
3.3	<p>MJM have recently won a significant tender from Royal Caribbean to provide the full end to end interior design and re-fit of the Azamara Pursuit, a mid-sized upmarket cruise ship. The ship will dock at Belfast Harbour, with a 50-day fit out due to start on 4 April. This is the first time Royal Caribbean have used a UK shipyard for refit works of this scale.</p>
3.4	<p>MJM intend to bid for further ship refurbishment projects for Belfast. There are approximately 335 cruise ships operating globally, with average refit every 30 months, so this has the potential to re-create a significant marine fit out industry for Belfast.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations implications associated with this report.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no resource implications associated with this report.</p>

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None