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| <b>Subject:</b>           | Request for the use of City Hall to host and provide hospitality for the annual City of Belfast International Rose Trials Civic Luncheon from 2019 - 2023 |
| <b>Date:</b>              | 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2019   |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b> | Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services   |
| <b>Contact Officer:</b>   | Brian McKinley, Events Officer  |

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| <b>Restricted Reports</b>                         |   |
| 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"/>  |

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| <b>Call-in</b>                        |   |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-in? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>  |
| 1.1        | To obtain approval for the use of City Hall to host and provide hospitality for the annual City of Belfast International Rose Trials Civic Luncheon and drinks reception from 2019 - 2023.  |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Recommendations</b>  |
| 2.1        | The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Approve the request for the use of City Hall to host and provide hospitality for the City of Belfast International Rose Trials Civic Luncheon and drinks reception from 2019 – 2023.</li></ul> |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Main report</b>  |
|            | <u>Key Issues</u>   |
| 3.1        | Members will be aware that Rose Week has been held each year to coincide with the judging of the rose trials in the City of Belfast International Rose Garden at Sir Thomas and   |

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| <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> | <p>Lady Dixon Park. The rose trials are renowned worldwide for attracting international rose growers in addition to attracting a significant number of visitors. The rose trials are judged by a panel of Local and International Judges which is then followed by a civic luncheon and drinks reception in City Hall.</p> <p>The Lord Mayor’s Office has hosted this function for over four decades and it has proven to be beneficial in promoting Belfast to an international audience. International Judges have attended from the USA, Europe, New Zealand, Australia, Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland. The function is attended by approximately 150 guests which includes Elected Members, Judges, The Rose Society of Northern Ireland, rose breeders, awards’ sponsors and relevant Council Staff.</p> <p>It is proposed that this function will continue to be held annually in July in City Hall and hospitality will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ room hire</li> <li>▪ a drinks reception;</li> <li>▪ civic luncheon; and</li> <li>▪ provision of musicians; a Toastmaster, First Aid cover and floral table decorations.</li> </ul> <p>The date for the function this year is Friday 19 July 2019 and dates for subsequent years will be agreed with the organisers.</p> <p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The cost is approximately £4,500 which is funded from the civic budget.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no known implications.</p> |
| <p><b>4.0</b></p>                                      | <p><b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b></p>  |
|  | <p>None</p>  |