



Subject:	Use of Banqueting Hall by the Electoral Commission
Date:	22 nd February, 2019
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager
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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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a request from the Electoral Commission for the use of the Banqueting Hall for a Candidates' Briefing on 13 th March.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is requested to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Authorise the Electoral Commission to use the Banqueting Hall on 13th March for a briefing for prospective candidates in the Local Elections.2. Agree to waive the fee for room hire for this event.3. Agree that these decisions will not be subject to call-in, due to the time frame for the event and that an unreasonable delay could be prejudicial to the council's or the public's interests.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1.1	A request has been received from the Electoral Commission for Northern Ireland for the use of a room in the City Hall on 13 th March for the purpose of holding a briefing for prospective candidates in the Local Elections. The Council granted permission for a similar event in 2014.
3.1.2	The event would take place in the Banqueting Hall from 6.00pm until approximately 9.00pm and would be open to all prospective candidates to attend.
3.1.3	The Commission would cover any costs associated with tea/coffee upon arrival.
3.2	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.2.1	None associated with this report.
3.3	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.3.1	None associated with this report.