



Subject:	Regional event to Mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 and the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz
Date:	12 th April 2019
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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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 obtain approval to partner with the Northern Ireland Executive to host the Northern Ireland Regional Event to mark Holocaust Memorial Day and the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and to run a programme of events to supplement the main commemoration ceremony.
1.2	Holocaust Memorial Day is the international day of remembrance for all the victims of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.
1.3	The date, 27 th January, marks the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camps. The purpose of the commemoration is to honour survivors and challenge ourselves to use the lessons of their experience to inform our lives today.

1.4	The commemorative events for 2020 are of particular significance as next year marks 75 years since the liberation of Auschwitz.
1.5	The Executive Office has asked the Council to partner with them in hosting the Northern Ireland Regional Event on 27 th January in City Hall.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend that Belfast City Council partners with the Executive Office to host the regional event, in City Hall, to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day and to run a programme of events to supplement the main commemoration ceremony.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Good Relations Unit has been invited to partner with the Executive Office to run a regional event in the City Hall to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.
3.2	In addition a programme of events will be organised to engage schools and wider society in events to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.3	Costs for these events are estimated at £3,000. All costs will be covered through the existing Good Relations budget.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.4	This proposal seeks to raise awareness of genocide and the need to challenge expressions of hate. The events complement the Council's good relations action plan and continued efforts to promote good relations within the City.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None