



Subject:	Requests for use of the Council Chamber for two events
Date:	20 September 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
1.1	To consider a request of the Council Chamber for <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. British Council for Mock Council of European Union on 11 February 2020 2. Queens University Student Union for student debate on 4 February 2020
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is recommended to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approve the application by British Council • approve the application from QUBSU for the use of the Council Chamber

3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	<p><u>British Council request</u></p> <p>A request has been received from the British Council for the use of the Council Chamber on 11 February 2020 for its Mock Council of the European Union. The event will be 2 debates for school children, aged 16 – 18 years. This annual event has been running for 14 years.</p>
3.2	<p>The British Council have also requested the use of the Banqueting Hall for lunch for the students. If the Committee is minded to approve the application, then there would be no charge applied for the use of the Banqueting Hall due to the charitable nature of the organisation and this function would meet the criteria for the use of the City Hall agreed by the Committee previously.</p>
	<u>Queens Student Union request</u>
3.3	<p>A request has been received from the QUB Student Union for the use of the Council Chamber on 4 February 2020 for its monthly meeting if the Student Union Council made up of local and international students. The event will be tabled motions and exact topics to be debated will be provided to Function Management Unit two weeks prior to the event for approval.</p>
3.4	<p>Many of the elected student councillors progress into local politics so QUB Student Union feel the use of the Council Chamber for this meeting would inspire the next generation of civic leaders.</p>
3.5	<p>No other council rooms are required for the delivery of this meeting.</p>
3.6	<p>Members will be aware that Committee approval is required for the use of the Council Chamber by an outside body. Although such approval is rarely sought, the Committee has previously approved both organisations to use the council chamber for similar events.</p>
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.7	<p>There will be no cost to the Council in approving the requests.</p>
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.8	<p>There are no direct good relations or equality implications arising from this report.</p>

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None