



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Pricing Policy 2008-2009
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Relevant Background Information

The purpose of this report is to consider the annual review of prices for hire/rental charges at the Belfast Waterfront, Ulster Hall and Community Centres and to agree an implementation with effect from 1 April 2008.

Key Issues

Belfast Waterfront

It is proposed to implement a 5% price increase, effective as of 1 April 2008 on hire charges relating to all areas of the Belfast Waterfront, including Main Auditorium, Studio, Meeting Rooms, Exhibition areas including Concourse, Gallery Levels 1 and 2, Bar Levels 1 and 2, and where appropriate, event services hire charges.

The proposed 5% price increase for 2008/2009 takes account of inflation and also keeps the Waterfront Hall prices competitive with other comparable venues throughout the UK.

The new charges are attached as **Appendices 1 - 5**

Ulster Hall

Members should note that as the Ulster Hall will be closed until February 2009 that the proposed Pricing Policy covers the period from February 2009 until March 2010.

The new charges are attached as **Appendix 6**

Community Centres

Each year the schedule of prices is reviewed and in general is increased in line with inflation. A general increase of 3% is proposed for 2008/2009.

The proposed schedule of prices for each of the Community Centres is detailed in **Appendix 7**.

The Pricing Policy in respect of the Hire of Community Centres is set out in **Appendix 8**

Recommendations

That Members note the contents of the report and approve:

- 1) an increase of 5% in hire charges for Belfast Waterfront for the year April 2008 – March 2009
- 2) the charges as detailed for the Ulster Hall for the period February 2009 – March 2010
- 3) an increase of 3% for the rental of Community Centres for the year April 2008 – March 2009
- 4) an effective date of 1st April 2008 for all facilities

Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – Entertainment and Miscellaneous Events Venue Hire
Appendix 2 – Conference and Business Sales Venue Hire
Appendix 3 – Main Auditorium Event Services Pricing
Appendix 4 – Studio Event Services Pricing
Appendix 5 – Business Advantage Meeting Rooms and Bar Event Services Pricing
Appendix 6 – Ulster Hall Pricing Policy February 2009 – March 2010
Appendix 7 – Community Centres Charges from 1st April 2008
Appendix 8 – Community Services Pricing Policy