



Subject:	Request for Illumination of City Hall to mark the birthday of President of Ireland, Michael Higgins on 18 April 2024.
Date:	23 February 2024
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor and Director of Legal and Civic Services
Contact Officer:	Aisling Milliken, Functions and Exhibition Manager

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes No X
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	
After Council Decision	
Some time in the future	
Never	

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes X

X No

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues			
1.1	To consider a request received from a member of the public for illumination of City Hall for			
	to mark the birthday of President of Ireland, Michael Higgins on 18 April 2024.			
2.0	Recommendations			
2.1	The Committee is asked to:			
	• review the request in line with the illumination criteria and make recommendation to			
	approve or decline this request and rationale for decision.			
3.0	Main report			
	Background Information			
3.1	Members will be aware that requests for the use of City Hall LED illumination system are			
	managed by the Function Management team who review requests in line with criteria			
	approved by members. Criteria in Appendix One.			
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3.2	This request has been received by a member of public who noted City Hall is illuminated							
	for HM King Charles' birthday. In recent years Members have approved previous							
	illuminations received from members of the public that do not meet the criteria approved							
	Members (4	Members (4 in 2021, 1 in 2022 and 1 in 2023).						
3.3	Date	Cause	Meet Criteria	Colours				
	18 April	President of	No	Not stated in				
	2024	Ireland's Birthday		request but				
		From Member of		presuming Green, White				
		public		and Orange				
3.4	Committee should be minded that as each additional scene beyond the approved Illuminate calendar must be programmed by a trained member of staff, there is additional overtime staffing costs to programme the scheme and then present on the evening of each illumination to ensure the LED colour system is correct. Its estimated £10,000 per annum in staffing costs for additional illuminations approved.							
	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment							
3.5	None identified at this time.							
4.0	Appendice	Appendices – Documents Attached						
	Appendix 1 - Current Illumination governance							