



## Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
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### Relevant Background Information

The Development Committee meeting of 14 May 2008, approved the commissioning of research into the economic flow of spending, knowledge and people in Belfast.

#### Key Issues

In response to a public advertisement tenders were received from two organisations:

- Oxford Economics and Perceptive Insight Market Research (PIMR) at a total cost of £40,000 (excluding VAT);
- PricewaterhouseCoopers at a total cost of £35,000 (excluding VAT).

Each tender was evaluated using the pre-determined criteria set out below:

- Proposed methodology
- Ability to deliver the specific outputs outlined in the specification
- Calibre and experience of the Project Team
- Cost
- Environmental management / impact
- Quality management.

The most robust and advantageous tender was that submitted by Oxford Economics and PIMR.

### Resource Implications

A budget estimate of £40,000 was approved on 14 May 2008 and the actual cost of the research after discount is £40,000.

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that members:

1. Note the contents of the report.
2. Approve the appointment of Oxford Economics and PIMR for the research in to the economic flow of spending, knowledge and people in Belfast.