



Belfast City Council

Report to: Development Committee

Subject: European Unit Update

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Background

Members will be aware that on a regular basis background reports are presented regarding the work of the European unit. Although all project work has been approved within the Development Department plan, Members are asked to consider and approve attendance of the Chair and Deputy Chair or nominees at the Eurocities AGM in Stockholm.

Key Issues

Eurocities AGM Stockholm
25-28 November 2009

Members will be aware that Belfast City Council has been a member of Eurocities since the early 1990's and uses the network of Europe's largest local authorities as its key source for policy, funding and partnering information and opportunity.

Each year the Council attends the AGM and participates in the Forum and Executive Bureau elections.

Approval is sought for the attendance of the Chair and Deputy Chair of Development or their nominees, together with the Head of Economic Initiatives and the European Manager (or nominees), at the Eurocities AGM in Stockholm on 25 to 28 November 2009.

Resource ImplicationsFinancial

All related event attendance cost have previously been agreed within the European Unit's activities within the Development Department Plan.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Members approve the attendance of the Chair and Deputy Chair of Development or nominees, together with the Head of Economic Initiatives and the European Manager (or nominees), at the Eurocities AGM.

Decision Tracking

Following approval that arrangements be put in place for the attendance of Members and staff at the Eurocities AGM:

Time frame: October 2009 Reporting Officer: Marie-Thérèse McGivern