



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Appointment to the Post of Director of Development
Date:	9 December 2009
Reporting Officer:	Peter McNaney, Chief Executive

Relevant Background Information

At its meeting on 12, August 2009, the Development committee granted approval to recruit the post of Director of Development.

The post was publicly advertised on 24 September 2009 for three weeks with a closing date of 15, October 2009.

Key Issues

40 applications were received and, following short-listing on 20 October 2009; preliminary interviews held over 4 days between 22 October and 2 November 2009; assessment centre on 10 November 2009; and final interview on 19 November 2009, the selection panel unanimously recommended the appointment of Mr John McGrillen, the present Chief Executive of Down District Council, on the appropriate point of the salary band £85,133 - £97,283 per annum.

Mr McGrillen has indicated he will accept the post but will need to give three month's notice to his current employers. He is therefore scheduled to start with the Council on 1 March 2010. An induction programme is being developed for him, which will include meetings with the Chair of the committee and party groups.

Recommendations

Committee is asked to note the appointment of Mr John McGrillen to the post of Director of Development.

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