



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Sister City Nashville
Date:	13 January 2010
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Relevant Background Information

Members will be aware that, at a meeting of the Development Committee on 16 September 2009, approval was given for an outward Civic Visit to Nashville in March 2010. At a meeting of the Belfast Nashville Advisory Group (which includes representatives from the leisure and cultural sector, historical groups, genealogy associations, community development, media and educational organisations) on Wednesday 18 November 2009, organisations on the Steering Group were invited to participate in the Civic Visit in March 2010 at their own expense.

Key Issues

Given the significance and high profile nature of the visit and Council's interface with Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure, the group considered it appropriate to invite the Minister for Culture, Arts and Leisure to participate by joining the delegation but at no cost to the Council. Approval is sought from Committee to extend an invitation to the Minister to participate in the Nashville Civic Itinerary at no cost to the Council.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Members:

- extend an invitation to the Minister for Culture, Arts and Leisure to participate in the Nashville Civic Itinerary in March 2010.

Decision Tracking

Further to approval of an outward civic visit to Nashville, an update report in relation to planning and preparation will be brought to Committee.

Timeframe: February 2010 Reporting Officer: Shirley McCay