

## **Belfast City Council**

**Report to:** Development Committee

Subject: Clare Tourism Conference

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## **Relevant Background Information**

The 21<sup>st</sup> National Clare Tourism would be held in The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare, from Thursday 26-Saturday 27 November 2010. The theme of this year's conference is 'Achieving World Class Tourism'. Organised by the Clare Tourist Council, in conjunction with Clare County Council, the event is open to tourism industry officials and members of local authorities, county enterprise boards, partnerships, and all public and private bodies involved in the promotion of tourism in Ireland. Details of the conference are included in Appendix 1.

The total cost of attending the conference including delegate fee, travel, accommodation and expenses has been estimated at £600 per delegate.

Members may wish to note that Council was represented at the Conference in 2008 however were not represented the previous 4 years before. There is no record of Council attendance in 2009.

## **Resource Implications**

Conference, travel and accommodation expenses:

 £600 per delegate (including delegate fee, travel to conference, accommodation, taxis and expenses)

budgetsBCC to commit 75% to the project equalling £54,075

## Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

acknowledges receipt of the conference invitation and;

<ul> <li>declines the invitation this year due to other priorities and budgetary commitments.</li> </ul>
Decision Tracking
No decision tracking required.
Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – Conference details.