



## Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Retail Northern Ireland Conference
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### Relevant Background Information

The Belfast Chamber of Trade and Commerce is organising a conference entitled 'Retail Northern Ireland' on 30th September 2010. This event will cover a range of topics including devolution, retailing forecasts, town centre shopping, funding, planning, etc and will include both plenary sessions with keynote speakers and workshops. The conference is to be held in the Stormont Hotel.

Members of the Board of Belfast City Centre Management have been invited to attend. The Chairman is the nominated representative of the Development Committee to sit on the Board, along with the Chair of the Health and Environmental Services Committee.

### Key Issues

The Chairman is invited to attend the conference in his capacity as a member of the Board of Belfast City Centre Management. A copy of the programme is attached.

### Resource Implications

The cost of attending the one day conference is £129.

<b>Recommendations</b>
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The Committee is recommended to authorise the attendance of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and one officer at the Retail Northern Ireland Conference.
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<b>Documents Attached</b>
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Conference Programme
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