



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	St George's Market
Date:	10 November 2010
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**Relevant Background Information**

St George's City Food and Garden Market has been short listed for the BBC Food & Farming Award 2010 in 'Best Food Category' (appendix 1). This award is highly thought of in the Food Markets Industry.

**Key Issues**

BBC Radio 4 launched the BBC Food & Farming Awards in St James's Palace in 2000. St George's City Food & Garden Market has been short listed in the 'Best Food Market' category 2010. This is a national UK award and highly thought of in the Market industry. The other short-listed markets are Stoke Newington Farmers' Market and Stroud Farmers' Market.

The award ceremony is being held in the NEC Birmingham on Wednesday 24 November 2010 and two representatives from Belfast City Council Markets Unit have been invited to attend.

**Resource Implications**

Finance:

The cost of travel and one night's accommodation in Birmingham for two people, including subsistence would not exceed £600. This money would be available through the markets budget.

**Recommendations**

Members are asked to approve attendance and the necessary expense involved, not exceeding £600.00 for the Chair of Development, or his nominee, and the Markets Development Officer to attend the award ceremony in Birmingham on 24 November 2010.

**Decision Tracking**

Further to approval the Chair of the Development Committee, or his nominee, and the Markets Development Officer will travel to Birmingham to attend the BBC Food and Farming Awards

Time Line: December 2010

Reporting Officer: Shirley McCay

**Key Abbreviations**

BCC – Belfast City Council  
BBC – British Broadcasting Corporation  
NEC – National Exhibition Centre

**Documents Attached**

Appendix 1 - Invitation from BBC to attend the UK Food and Farming Awards