



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Arts and Business NI Awards – 20 January 2011
Date:	6 December 2010
Reporting Officer:	John McGrillen, Director of Development, ext 3470
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	<p>Members may be aware that the Arts & Business NI awards ceremony is an annual celebration of the partnerships between Northern Ireland's arts organisations and private businesses</p> <p>Last year, Members may recall, Belfast City Council / Waterfront was presented with the overall Arts Award for its innovative approach to its corporate partnerships and sponsorships.</p> <p>This year, the Waterfront and Ulster Hall have been nominated in a number of categories</p> <p>Many of the major arts and cultural organisations from across Northern Ireland are nominated and submissions judged by a panel comprised of local artists and business leaders, as shown below:</p> <p>Allianz Arts & Business NI Awards 2011: Judging Panel</p>
1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- David Beck, Green Inc Marketing Services- Jackie Entwistle, Allianz Representative- Dan Gordon, Actor (Chair)- Professor Jackie McCoy, Director of The Business Institute and Distinguished Fellow of the University of Ulster- Symon Ross, Editor, Ulster Business- Joanne Stuart, Director, Institute of Directors- <p>The 2010 Awards will take place in the BBC Blackstaff Studios on 20 January 2011.</p>

2	Key Issues
2.1	<p>Belfast Waterfront and the Ulster Hall have been shortlisted in a number of categories.</p> <p>Invitations have been extended by Arts and Business to Mr Tim Husbands (Head of City Events and Venues) Adam Turkington (Waterfront Arts & Community Co-ordinator) and John Kivlahan (Commercial Development Executive)</p> <p>Further invitations have been issued by the organisers to the Chair and Deputy Chair (or their nominees) of the Development Committee.</p>
2.2	<p>A list of the categories where the Waterfront and Ulster Hall has been shortlisted is shown as below:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allianz Arts & Business Community Award - Stratagem & TUA & Ulster Hall - Allianz Arts & Business Branding Award - Magners Irish Cider (Brand led) & Belfast Waterfront - Allianz Arts & Business Sustained Partnership Award - AU Magazine & Belfast Waterfront & TUA - Allianz Arts & Business Young People Award - Stratagem & TUA & Ulster Hall - Arts and Business Main Award - 1 Belfast Waterfront - 2 Ulster Hall

3	Resource Implications
	<p>This event is a free to attend event with no resource implications for Members or Officers.</p>

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
	<p>There are no equality and good relations considerations attached to this report</p>

5	Recommendations
	<p>That Committee approves the attendance at the 2010 Arts and Business Awards event of the Chair and Deputy Chair (or their nominees), and designated Officers</p>

6	Decision Tracking
	<p>There is no decision tracking attached to this report.</p>