



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Notice of Motion re: The Belfast Story
Date:	13th April, 2011
Reporting Officer:	Mr. J. Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer (extension 6313)
Contact Officer:	Mr. B. Flynn, Democratic Services Officer (extension 6312)

	Relevant Background Information
	<p>At the Council meeting on 4th April the undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Mullaghan and seconded by Councillor N. Kelly:</p> <p>“This Council recognises the major opportunities which will arise in 2013 out of the celebrations to mark the 400th anniversary of the award by King James I of the charter which established the town of Belfast.</p> <p>There is substantial interest in the story of Belfast’s growth from humble beginnings to a major European city and the development of a distinct ‘Belfast Story’ would serve as a focus for the promotion of the city. The ‘Story’ should include a wide range of information on a number of topics about Belfast including its industrial past; its social, cultural and political history; emigration, migration from rural areas and overseas links; innovation and enterprise; and sport to name but a few and, of course, the ‘Story’ continues to develop.</p> <p>It is to be hoped that the development of a distinct ‘Belfast Story’ would serve as a tourist attraction in its own right as well as acting as a gateway to point visitors to explore the themes more fully across the city.”</p>

	Recommendations
	In accordance with Standing Order 11e to consider the Notice of Motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.