



Belfast City Council

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| Report to: | Development Committee |
| Subject: | Green Apple Environmental Awards |
| Date: | 10 August 2011 |
| Reporting Officer: | John McGrillen, Director of Development, ext 3470 |
| Contact Officers: | Shirley McCay, Head of Economic Initiatives, ext 3459 |

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| 1 | Relevant Background Information |
| 1.1 | The Council's Business Improvements Through Environmental Solutions (BITES) Programme has been designed to assist local businesses to address the environmental impact of their business operations, improve profitability and enhance their competitiveness. Funded jointly by the Economic Development and Waste Management services, the most recent round of the Programme was delivered between October 2009 and September 2010 and assisted the 12 businesses participating to identify and implement combined annual savings of £250,000. |

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| 2 | Key Issues |
| 2.1 | The BITES project was recently submitted for an award under the Green Apple Environment Awards which are administered by the Green Organisation. The Green Apple Awards were established in 1994 and have become established as the UK's major recognition for environmental endeavour among businesses, local authorities and communities. |
| 2.2 | Following the assessment process, Council has been notified that the BITES Project has won a Green Apple Award in the Environmental Improvement and Sustainable Development category having been assessed against 500 other nominations |
| 2.3 | The Awards Ceremony will be held in the House of Commons on Monday 14 November 2011 at a time to be confirmed. |

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| 3 | Resource Implications |
| 3.1 | As a consequence of winning the award, Council have been allocated one free ticket for the awards ceremony. Additional tickets will cost £110 each. |
| 3.2 | Estimated costs for attendance at the awards ceremony are: Transportation 2 x £125 = £250 Hotel accommodation 2 x £125 = £250 Subsistence 2 x £53.49 = £106.98 Ticket for awards ceremony 1 x £110 Total = £716.98 |

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| 4 | Equality and Good Relations Considerations |
| 4.1 | There are no Equality and Good Relations Considerations attached to this report. |

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| 5 | Recommendations |
| 5.1 | Members are requested to approve; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attendance at the Green Apple Awards Ceremony in London on the 14 November 2011 of the Chairman or his nominee and one Officer from the Development Department and 2. Associated costs as detailed. |

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| 6 | Decision Tracking |
| | No specific decision tracking required if recommendation is accepted. |

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| 7 | Key to Abbreviations |
| | BITES - Business Improvements Through Environmental Solutions |