



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Northern Ireland Hotels' Federation - Deputation
Date:	10th January, 2012
Reporting Officer:	Mr. Barry Flynn, Democratic Services Officer (Ext. 6312)
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Relevant Background Information	
1.1	The Committee will recall that, at its meeting on 13th December, it had considered correspondence (copy attached) from Ms. Janice Gault, Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Hotels' Federation, seeking to discuss with Members issues in respect of the development of addition conference and exhibition facilities within the City. Accordingly, the Committee agreed to receive the representatives from the Federation at today's meeting.
1.2	The Federation represents the interests of 136 hotels across Northern Ireland, the majority of which are situated within the Greater Belfast area. In its correspondence, the Federation pointed out that the establishment of additional conference and exhibition facilities would provide a measurable boost to the local economy and to provide additional employment.
1.3	In particular, the Federation is keen to discuss how the City's economy would benefit through the establishment of such additional facilities, particularly in respect of the Sunday to Thursday trading period.

Recommendation	
2.1	The Committee is requested, in accordance with its decision of 13 th December, to receive a ten minute presentation from Ms. Gault, with discussion thereafter to be left at the discretion of the Chairman.