



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Scale of Charges 2012/2013
Date:	21 February 2012
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The purpose of this report is to consider the annual review of prices for hire/rental charges at the Belfast Waterfront, Ulster Hall, St George's Market and Community Centres and to agree an implementation with effect from 1 April 2012.

2	Key Issues
2.1	<p><u>Belfast Waterfront / Ulster Hall</u></p> <p>In 2011/2012, it was decided that there would be no price increase and it is recommended that the existing prices are retained in 2012/2013, for hire charges relating to all areas of the Belfast Waterfront, including Main Auditorium, Studio, Meeting Rooms, Exhibition areas including Concourse, Gallery Levels 1 and 2, Bar Levels 1 and 2 and also the Ulster Hall and, where appropriate, event services hire charges.</p> <p>It is suggested that the proposed "no price increase" for 2012/2013 is necessary to keep hire fees at both venues competitive in what will inevitably be a very difficult trading environment over the next 12 months.</p>
2.2	<p><u>St Georges Market</u></p> <p>In January 2010 Members approved an increase in stallage and hire charges for a 2 year period from 1st April 2010.</p> <p>It is recommended that members do not apply a price increase in 2012/2013 due to the ongoing difficult economic trading conditions.</p>
2.3	<p><u>Community Centres</u></p> <p>Prices have remained the same from 2010/2011- it is recommended that this continues and no price increase is applied in 2012/2013.</p>

3	Resource Implications
3.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>The recommendations above have all been factored into the Departmental Revenue Estimates for 2012/2013 approved by Committee in January 2012.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Human Resources</u></p> <p>There are no additional human resource requirements in relation to implementation of the proposed Pricing Policy.</p>

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
	<p>There are no equality implications in agreeing the 2012/2013 Departmental Scale of Charges.</p>

5	Recommendations
	<p>That Members note the contents of the report and approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No increase in hire charges at Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall 2. No increase in stallage or event hire fees at St George's Market 3. No increase in Community Centre fees 4. An effective date of 1st April 2012 for all areas

6	Decision Tracking
	<p>Officer Responsible: Business Support Manager</p> <p>Actions to be completed for 1st April 2012</p>