



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Workshop with Members on Cultural Framework for Belfast 2012–15
Date:	26 June 2012
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1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>As you will be aware, at Development Committee on 22 May 2012, Members agreed the draft Cultural Framework for Belfast 2012–15 and Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA).</p> <p>The public consultation on the Cultural Framework and EQIA opened on 11 June and will close on 31 August 2012. Consultees can have their views heard by responding to two short questionnaires or by attending meetings facilitated by our partners, including at community centres across Belfast.</p> <p>In the development of the draft Framework, Council's Tourism, Culture and Arts Unit undertook a series of workshops with the arts sector, which would like Councillors to play a greater role as advocates for culture and arts. Members therefore agreed to the Chair, Deputy Chair and one representative from each of the other parties participating in a workshop with existing culture and arts funding clients.</p>

2	Key Issues
	<p>It is proposed that the workshop with Members will take place in City Hall at 5.30 pm on Thursday 16 August 2012.</p> <p>The Chair and representatives would be invited to sit on a panel and give a short presentation on the Cultural Framework. This would be followed by a question and answer session with existing culture and arts funding clients. The evening would conclude with a drinks reception and light buffet, which all Members would be invited to attend.</p> <p>The event will be branded as an Investment Programme initiative.</p>

3	Resource Implications
3.1	The budget for the workshop will be a maximum of £1,000 and is included in the Tourism, Culture & Arts budget 2012-13.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	A full EQIA has been prepared in tandem with the development of the Cultural Framework.

5	Recommendations
5.1	It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report and that:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Chair and Deputy Chair indicate whether they can attend or nominate another Member - nominate Members to participate in the panel from each of the other parties.

6	Decision Tracking
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7	Key to Abbreviations
EQIA: Equality Impact Assessment.	

8	Documents Attached
None.	