



## Belfast City Council

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| <b>Report to:</b>         | Development Committee  |
| <b>Subject:</b>           | Pride of Place Celebration Event                             |
| <b>Date:</b>              | 15 January 2013  |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b> | John McGrillen, Director of Development, ext 3470            |
| <b>Contact Officer:</b>   | Catherine Taggart, Community Development Manager<br>ext 3225 |

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Relevant Background Information</b>   |
| 1.1      | The Pride of Place competition is run by Co-operation Ireland in partnership with the All Island Local Authority Steering forum, a forum which encourages strategic and sustainable approaches to cross-border co-operation by Local Authorities.  |
| 1.2      | The competition recognises and celebrates the vital contributions that community partnerships make to society. The focus is on people coming together to shape, change and enjoy all that is good about their local area. It differs from other similar projects in that they specifically recognise the involvement of the local community in all aspects of rural and urban regeneration including, promoting social cohesion, involvement in planning, the promotion of heritage and environmental awareness. |
| 1.3      | This year marked the tenth year of the Pride of Place Competition. At this year's event Belfast won four prizes in the competition including Best Local Authority Award. Three local community groups nominated by Council won awards at the ceremony which was held in Limerick: they were Upper Andersonstown, Lower Ormeau, and Willowfield Parish.   |

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| <b>2</b> | <b>Key Issues</b>   |
| 2.1      | It is proposed to hold a celebration event to mark the recent achievement by Belfast City Council and to acknowledge the 10 year anniversary of the Pride of Place competition. |
| 2.2      | It is proposed that the Lord Mayor be invited to host the event in City Hall inviting both the winners and runners up who received an award over the past 10 years.             |

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| <b>3</b> | <b>Resource Implications</b>   |
| 3.1      | Costs will include catering, room hire and presentation certificates to a maximum cost of £1,500 which will be met within the existing service budget. |

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| <b>4</b> | <b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b> |
|          | There are no Good Relations implications          |

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| <b>5</b> | <b>Recommendations</b>  |
| 5.1      | <p>Committee are asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agree the proposal to host a ten year celebration event in City Hall in February 2013.</li> <li>2. Agree the costs associated with the running of the event.</li> <li>3. Agree that all winners and runners up over the past ten years are invited to attend the event.</li> </ol> |

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| <b>6</b> | <b>Decision Tracking</b>   |
|          | Catherine Taggart to implement Committee decision by March 2013. |