

Extract of Minute of 21st May

C.S. Lewis

(Councillor Hendron left the room whilst this item was under discussion.)

The Committee was reminded that the Council, at its meeting on 3rd April, had referred a Notice of Motion seeking support to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of C.S. Lewis to the Committee for further consideration. At the meeting on 23rd April, the Director had agreed to consult with a range of groups in the east of the City with a view to formulating a report which would outline the extent of support which the Council might provide towards marking the anniversary.

The Director reported that the East Belfast Partnership Board, in conjunction with a range of local stakeholders, intended to mark the anniversary by hosting a festival which would take place from 18th till 23rd November. He outlined the scope of the programme which had been drawn up for the festival, which included drama, film screenings, selected readings, a writers' workshop and a 'lamp parade' in the grounds of Campbell College. He indicated that the total cost of the festival would be £80,000 and, accordingly, he recommended that the Committee agree to provide support towards the event in the sum of £10,000.

The Committee adopted the recommendation.