



## Belfast City Council

**Report to:** Development Committee

**Subject:** Bocconi University (Milan) Sport Award for Belfast re 2014 Giro d'Italia

**Date:** 20 June 2013

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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The purpose of this report is to request that Members approve the attendance of the Lord Mayor and one officer at the international sports awards ceremony at Bocconi University, Milan. This award is recognition of Belfast and Northern Ireland's contribution to the use of sport as a driver of social and economic development. This is being presented on the basis of Belfast's successful bid to host the start of the 2014 Giro d'Italia. The presentation of the award will be made to Belfast's Lord Mayor, the Minister for Enterprise Trade and Investment, Shadetree Sport and the Mayor of Naples.

2	Key Issues
2.1	In October 2012 Council agreed to host the start of the 2014 Giro d'Italia (10-12 May dates to be confirmed). Members are reminded that this event is the world's second biggest international cycle race next to the Tour de France, with two hundred of the world's best cyclists taking part in the race. Further update details of the event will be brought to Committee in due course.
2.2	Bocconi University is one of Europe's top academic institutions and has been recognised as such by the Financial Times and Business Week. Bocconi University and its Sport Business Academy wish to recognise the work of Belfast City Council, the Northern Ireland Department for Enterprise, Trade & Investment, Shadetree Sport and the City of Naples for their contribution to the use of sport as a driver of social and economic development by awarding them with the "Sport Business Academy Award". Last year, this award was given to Danilo Gallinari (a National Basketball Association player currently with the Denver Nuggets and formerly a New York Knicks player), who became an Italian sports icon, and was given as international recognition for his work in the area of sport. The awards are backed by companies such as, Ferrari and Ducati.
2.3	The award would be presented jointly to the Lord Mayor, the Minister for the Department for Enterprise, Trade & Investment and the Mayor of Naples, Luigi De Magistris. It is expected that this ceremony will be undertaken by the Mayor of Milan, Giuliano Pisapia (to be confirmed). It is recommended that one Officer would attend to assist the Lord Mayor.

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	It is estimated that flights and one nights' accommodation would cost approximately £400.00 per person. Therefore, the total cost of the trip, without Council subsistence, would be circa £800.00.

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
4.1	There are no major equality issues in regard to this report.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	Members are requested to approve the attendance of the Lord Mayor or their nominee and one Officer at the above event.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
An update report will be brought to Council on progress, planning and preparations for the 2014 Giro d'Italia.	
<div>Timeline: Autumn 2013</div> <div>Reporting Officer: Gerry Copeland</div>	