



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Health and Environmental Services Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Suzy Lamplugh Trust National Personal Safety Awards</b>
<b>Date:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
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### Relevant Background Information

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust runs an annual Personal Safety Awards Scheme aimed at encouraging organisations and individuals to take action to improve the personal safety awareness of employees, communities and schoolchildren across the UK. The categories in the award scheme include:

- Safer Schools;
- Safer Communities;
- Safer Workplaces; and
- Personal Safety Champion.

The Awards are announced at the Trust's Annual Fundraising and Awards Ball, which this year is being held in Central London on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

### Key Issues

The Community Safety Wardens were nominated for the Safer Communities category of these Awards by another member of staff in the Community Safety Team and the Council was informed on 22<sup>nd</sup> October that the wardens team is one of two services shortlisted to receive the Award.

The Safer Communities Award will be given to the Local Authority which has done the most to improve the personal safety of its residents and the winner will be announced at the Trust's Fundraising and Awards Dinner on 15<sup>th</sup> November. The Trust has therefore invited a number of representatives from the Council to receive the Award should it be successful. The dinner is being held in the Riverbank Park Plaza Hotel and is black tie.

Winners will be listed in Suzy Lamplugh Trust publications and on its website. They can also access discounted training rates for one year from the Trust and can use the Suzy Lamplugh logo on their publications.

<b>Resource Implications</b>
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<u>Financial</u>
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- The tickets for the Fundraising Ball and Awards Ceremony are £60 / person (this is a half price rate for Award Nominees).
- Flights are approximately £135 / person.
- Accommodation is approximately £90 / person for one night.

Therefore the total cost is £285.00 per person. These costs can be accommodated within the revenue estimates.

<b>Recommendations</b>
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It is recommended that the Committee:

- Decides the appropriate level of representation to send to these Awards;
- Nominates the appropriate Members / Officers to attend; and
- Agrees to pay the associated expenses.

<b>Documents Attached</b>
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None