



Belfast City Council

Report to: Health & Environmental Services Committee

Subject: **Public Toilet Awards**

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Relevant Background Information

The British Toilet Association (BTA) is the main organisation for promoting and improving standards in “*away from home*” public toilets. Its activities include raising awareness and recognising good practice through the national “*Loo of the Year Awards*”. The awards are sponsored by private companies and local tourist boards.

This year’s Awards Presentation Ceremony will be held on Friday 5 December at the National Motor Cycle Museum, Birmingham.

Belfast City Council has been successful in recent years at the awards ceremony and last year gained 5 Five Star Awards and 7 Four Star Awards. Belfast was ranked sixth overall in the UK for the provision of Local Authority Public Toilets.

Key Issues

This year Belfast City Council has improved on last year and has achieved 7 Five Star, 5 Four Star and 1 Three Star Awards. The overall results will be announced at the Awards Ceremony.

This success reflects the importance that the Council has been placing on public toilet provision over the past few years. The Council has a continuing programme for the upgrading of existing facilities and the installation of automatic facilities to enhance the conventional facilities and provide 24 hour availability.

Resource Implications

Cost for flights, awards dinner and taxis is likely to be £250 per person.
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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Chairman and Head of Service or their nominees attend the awards ceremony on 5 December 2008.
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Key to Abbreviations

BTA - British Toilet Association
