



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Request to Address the Council – UNISON Northern Ireland
Date:	19th March, 2010
Reporting Officer:	Mr. L. Steele, Head of Committee and Members' Services (extension 6325)
Contact Officer:	Mr. J. Hanna, Senior Committee Administrator (extension 6313)

Relevant Background Information

A request has been received from the Trade Union UNISON Northern Ireland seeking permission to address a meeting of the Council in order to seek the Council's support in opposing the pay freeze for Local Government workers.

Key Issues

I have been advised by the Head of Human Resources that UNISON has only a small number of members working for the Council and as such are not one of the Unions recognised as having speaking rights.

However, if the Committee were minded to accede to the request, it is felt that it would be more appropriate for representatives of UNISON to address the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee as it is within the remit of this Committee to consider Human Resources issues.

Resource Implications

There are no Human Resources or financial implications associated with this report.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to consider the request and take such action thereon as may be determined.

Decision Tracking	
Officer responsible:	Jim Hanna will advise the Trade Union of the Committee's decision
Date Completed by:	23rd March, 2010

Key to Abbreviations
N/A

Documents Attached
N/A