



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Launch and naming ceremony for HMS Duncan</b>
<b>Date:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> August, 2010
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### Relevant Background Information

The Strategic Policy & Resources Committee, at its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2008, agreed to accept an invitation received from Rear Admiral Philip Jones for the Council and the City of Belfast to become affiliated with HMS Duncan, one of the Royal Navy's newest Type 45 Destroyers.

### Key Issues

The launch and naming ceremony for HMS Duncan will take place at Govan Shipyard in Glasgow on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2010. Invitations to attend the ceremony have been received for the Lord Mayor, the Deputy Lord Mayor and the Chief Executive.

Given the Council's affiliation with the HMS Duncan, it is considered to be appropriate for the Council to be represented at the event.

### Resource Implications

It is estimated that the cost per person to cover flights and subsistence would be approximately £250.

### Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to approve the attendance of the Lord Mayor, the Deputy Lord Mayor and the Chief Executive (or their nominees) at the launch and naming ceremony for HMS Duncan.

<b>Decision Tracking</b>
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Democratic Services Manager
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2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2010.
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