



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Documentary on Lord Mayor – Request to Film Council Meeting
Date:	18th November, 2011
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	A film company, Waddell Media, is producing currently a documentary on behalf of the British Broadcasting Company on the Lord Mayor's year in office. The company has been filming a number of Mayoral engagements and, in order to give a rounded picture of the duties of a Lord Mayor, have requested to film the entirety of the Council meeting to be held on 1st December, 2011.
1.2	It is understood that the company would require two personnel to be in attendance to carry out the filming. One camera would be used, operating from both a fixed and non-fixed positions.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The Council has agreed to similar requests in the past, most recently in 2003 when a similar documentary was produced on the year in office of the then Lord Mayor, Councillor Alex Maskey and again in 2006 when the BBC was producing a documentary on the city.
2.2	The filming of the proceedings of the Council meeting will not cause any disruptions to the proceedings and staff from the Corporate Communications Section will liaise directly with the production team to make them aware of the rules and protocols to be observed.

3	Resource Implications
	None.

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
	None.

5	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is recommended to accede to the request for the filming of the Council meeting on 1st December, 2011.

6	Decision Tracking
Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager December, 2011	