



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Best Practice Visits</b>
<b>Date:</b>	20th January, 2012
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (ext 6314)
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<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	A request has been received from Alderman Newton for the issue of best practice visits to initiatives in Unionist areas of the city to be placed on the agenda for the meeting on 20th January. The Chairman has agreed for the matter to be discussed at that meeting.

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	Alderman Newton, in order to provide a context for the discussion at the meeting on 20th January, has provided a background note which provides some information on several of the initiatives (Appendix 1).
2.2	Alderman Newton will speak to his proposal at the meeting.

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	There would be costs involved in the provision of transport for any best practice visits but this can be covered from existing budgets.

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
4.1	It is intended that the visits would be open to all Members of Council to attend.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	The Committee is requested to consider the attached information and to take such action thereon as may be determined. In particular, the Committee is requested to decide if it wishes the best practice visits to be organised.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager February, 2012.	

<b>7</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
Appendix 1 – Note from Alderman Newton.	