



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Request for Funding – Common Purpose Belfast</b>
<b>Date:</b>	8 June 2012
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Ronan Cregan, Director of Finance and Resources
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<b>Relevant Background Information</b>	
	<p>The purpose of this report is to consider a request for £6,000 financial assistance from Common Purpose Belfast in connection with its 2012 Navigator programme for emerging leaders.</p> <p>Members should note that the council provided similar funding in 2011.</p> <p>Common Purpose programmes are designed to draw together local leaders, emerging leaders, and senior managers from all walks of life who could potentially play a role in shaping the future of Belfast. The council has supported Common Purpose Belfast since its inception in 1996.</p>

<b>Key Issues</b>	
	<p>Common Purpose Belfast has made a request to the council for £6,000 funding. The money will be used to offer three part funded places on their Navigator Programme for emerging leaders from non-profit organisations in Belfast. Last year council funded participants from UnLtd Belfast (a charity supporting social entrepreneurs), NI Cancer Fund for Children and EXTERN.</p> <p>The application is being made in the context of Section 37 of the Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011. The Committee is advised that the application meets the criteria for funding and that the level of funding requested is affordable.</p>

	<b>Recommendations</b>
	Members are asked to agree to the £6,000 funding to Common Purpose Belfast to be used to part-fund three participants on the Common Purpose Navigator Programme from non-profit organisations operating in Belfast

	<b>Documents Attached</b>