



<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Decade of Centenaries – presentation on Exhibition on 1912-1914 period
<b>Date:</b>	Friday 22 June 2012
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Hazel Francey, Good Relations Manager

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	Members will recall that at the Committee meeting on 21 October 2011 they approved a Council programme to mark the forthcoming <i>Decade of Centenaries</i> . This included dividing the decade into 3 distinct periods and organising an exhibition and programme within each period. A set of principles to be used in the events to be marked, decisions around the inclusive nature of any civic hospitality and a supporting budget were also agreed.
1.2	The Committee granted approval for a major exhibition covering the first period 1912–1914 to be commissioned, in partnership with appropriate external agencies. The Office of the First/Deputy First Minister offered to provide funding in the region of £45,000 towards the exhibition and a specification was drawn up, in line with the principles, ethos and content agreed by the Council.
1.3	Following a standard Council procurement exercise, tenders were invited in January 2012 and after evaluation of documentation and references, the firm Redhead Conference & Exhibition was appointed in March 2012.
1.4	Redhead has been liaising regularly with the Good Relations Unit and their progress has been monitored by a working group at officer level, comprised of staff from the Council and from the Linen Hall Library and Public Record Office of NI. Work is progressing well and a large amount of research has been completed.

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	We have received a request from one of the political Party Groups within the Council for more information about the exhibition. We propose to invite the exhibition designers, Redhead, to make a presentation to the Committee, outlining the proposed content, layout and structure, for the information of all Members.
2.2	In view of the fact that the exhibition is to be on display in the East Entrance from early August, it is important that this presentation be made as quickly as possible. Following liaison with Democratic Services regarding an already busy Committee schedule it appears that this presentation could be accommodated on Wednesday 27 June at 4.30.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Equality Implications</b>
The exhibition aims to promote better relations within the Council and in the city.	

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Decision required</b>
To receive a presentation as outlined above, for the information of the Committee.	

<b>5.0</b>	<b>Officer to contact</b> – Hazel Francey, Good Relations Manager, Ext 6020
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