



**Belfast City Council**

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Strategic Policy and Resources Committee</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Crumlin Star Football Team</b>
<b>Date:</b>	21st January, 2013
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Stephen McCrory
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	

<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	At the Council meeting on 3rd June, Councillor Mallon asked that a report be presented to the Committee regarding her suggestion that a civic reception should be held for the Crumlin Star Football Team.

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	Councillor Mallon has indicated that the team recently won the treble, winning the league title, the Border Cup and the prestigious Clarence Cup. This success has not been achieved by any other Amateur Football Club since 1951. Accordingly, Councillor Mallon suggests that the Council should mark this achievement by holding an appropriate civic reception.
2.2	The Committee will recall that similar requests to mark sporting achievement have, in recent years, been accorded a finger buffet type reception.
2.3	In order to bring a degree of process to dealing with such sporting success in the City, the Council agreed in April 2012 to include within its revised Support for Sport Scheme an element of "Celebratory Hospitality" where sporting success could be marked by appropriate hospitality. It might be that the Committee would wish any future requests for hospitality to celebrate sporting achievement to be directed through the Parks and Leisure Committee under the agreed Support for Sport scheme.

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	The cost of a reception can be accommodated within the revenue budgets.

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
4.1	There are no relevant equality or good relations implications associated with this report.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	1. The Committee is requested to consider the proposal from Councillor Mallon that an appropriate civic reception should be held to mark the success of the Crumlin Star Football Club.
5.2	2. To agree that future requests for the Council to mark sporting achievement are referred for consideration to the Parks and Leisure Committee under the Support for Sport Scheme.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
Stephen McCrory, democratic Services Manager	
July 2013	