



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Strategic Policy and Resources Committee</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Use of City Hall for Local Election Training</b>
<b>Date:</b>	24th January, 2014
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (Ext 6314)

<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	The Committee's approval is required for the use of the City Hall by outside organisations.
<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	A request has been received from the Electoral Office to use the Great Hall in the City Hall on 24th and 25th March for the purposes of holding election training for deputy Returning Officers and their senior election staff. It is considered that this would be beneficial in ensuring the effective and efficient running of the local elections in May.
2.2	The Council has always had a good working relationship with the Electoral Office and has granted the use of the City Hall for such training events on several past occasions.
<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	There will be some minor costs in setting up and breaking down the room but these can be met from within existing budgets. Any refreshments required for the event will be paid for by the Electoral Office.
<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
4.1	There are not any equality or good relations implications associated with this report.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	The Committee is recommended to grant the use of the City Hall to the Electoral Office for election training on 23rd and 24th March, 2014.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager February 2014.	