



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Voluntary and Community Sectors – Pricing Rates for Use of Council Facilities</b>
<b>Date:</b>	19 September 2014
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Ronan Cregan, Director of Finance and Resources
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	<p>The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on the 22 August 2014 agreed that a report should be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee in relation to the undernoted notice of motion which was passed by Council on the 1 July 2014.</p> <p><b>Voluntary and Community Sectors</b></p> <p><i>“This Council recognises the good work of the voluntary and community sectors across Belfast and agrees, in recognition of the valuable contribution made to the well-being of the City, to seek to formulate a policy which would enable such groups to avail of the use of Council facilities by establishing a preferential pricing rate for both sectors.”</i></p>

<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	As part of the Service Convergence work being undertaken by the Council in preparation for Local Government Reform, the current pricing schedules, including discount arrangements for charities, community and voluntary organisations are being captured for facilities in the new boundary area.
2.2	As part of the transition plan proposals a pricing policy, including discounts, will be presented to the Shadow Council for consideration.

<b>3.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	<u>Financial</u> The resource implications of a pricing policy to recognise the good work of community and

	voluntary sectors across Belfast will be considered as part of the proposals.
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<b>4.</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
4.1	There are no equality or good relations implications associated with this report.

<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	That Members note that the consideration of a preferential policy which recognises the good work of the voluntary and community sectors across Belfast will be undertaken as part of the Pricing Policy Service Convergence work which must be completed and agreed by the Shadow Council before the 1 April 2015.

<b>6.</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>

	<b>Documents Attached</b>