



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Town Planning Committee
Subject:	Planning for the Future Seminar, Thursday 14 June 2012
Date:	Thursday 19 April 2012
Reporting Officer:	
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Relevant Background Information

Notification has been received regarding a Seminar entitled "Planning for the Future", which will take place in the Baby Grand, Grand Opera House on Thursday 14 June 2012.

Key Issues

Given the ongoing Review of Public Administration, together with the proposed return of the planning function to Local Government in 2014, the issues to be discussed at this Seminar will be of particular relevance to Members.

The Seminar will provide an opportunity for those with a role or interest in planning locally to come together for discussion and debate. The key issues examined during the Seminar will include:

- Overview of planning policy
- Planning for major and strategic projects
- The legal framework for planning
- Planning reform
- Planning for successful and prosperous cities
- Tourism planning
- Planning for renewable energy

Speakers at the Conference will include the Minister for the Environment, Alex Attwood, MLA.

Resource Implications

The approximate cost per delegate of attending the Seminar is £150.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, together with one Member from each of the remaining Parties and the Democratic Services Manager, or their nominees, be authorised to attend the Conference.

Documents Attached

A programme for the Conference is attached as Appendix A.
