



Subject:	Pride of Place Awards 2016
Date:	7 June 2016
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of the report is to obtain approval from Members to enter the proposed nominations to the 2016 Pride of Place competition which is being hosted by the Council on 26 th November in the Waterfront Hall.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Approve the entry and associated costs of the 4 proposed groups to the Pride of Place Awards 2016 which is taking place in Belfast on the 26th November.ii. Approve the attendance of the Chair, the Deputy Chair, the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services (or their nominees) and the project officer, together with a maximum of two persons per external project at the 2016 awards ceremony and approve the payment of the entrants fees, travelling, attendance and subsistence allowances in connection therewith.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Summary of main issues: The Pride of Place competition has been supported by the Council for a number of years. For the past 6 years, following Committee approval, Community Service Officers have taken the organisational lead in the selection and preparation of entrant groups.

3.2	The Pride of Place competition is run by Co-operation Ireland in partnership with the All Island Local Authority Steering forum, a forum which encourages strategic and sustainable approaches to cross-border co-operation by Local Authorities.
3.3	The Pride of Place competition recognises and celebrates the vital contributions that community partnerships make to society. The focus is on people coming together to shape, change and enjoy all that is good about their local area. It differs from other similar projects in that they specifically recognise the involvement of the local community in all aspects of rural and urban regeneration including, promoting social cohesion, involvement in planning, the promotion of heritage and environmental awareness.
3.4	Each year, several categories are defined and entries invited. All entries must be nominated by their local authority. In previous years, entrants nominated and sponsored by the Council have enjoyed considerable success. Winners are announced at high-profile awards ceremony, hosted by a previous winning council, each autumn and this year Belfast are hosting the awards at the Waterfront Hall.
3.5	<p>In 2015 we entered the following 4 groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cregagh Community Association ▪ Poleglass Community Association ▪ Sandyrow Community Forum ▪ Engage with Age
3.6	We had great success at last year's event with Cregagh Community Association and Poleglass Community Association winning their categories and Engage with Age awarded runners up in their respective category.
3.7	All the groups nominated to date have given positive feedback and have experienced tangible benefits from their association with the competition. These include an increased sense of pride, motivation to continue their commitment to provide excellent community facilities and programmes and increased recognition for their interventions from their local community.
3.8	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The service, alongside other internal departments and with support from external agencies,</p>

has identified five suitable groups who have attributes to compete strongly on behalf of the city for 2016.

3.9 **Greater Whitewell Community Surgery** (under 1,000 population category)

The Surgery are currently funded by a number of agencies, which incorporates working in partnership alongside Council, the Department of Justice, PSNI, and the Housing Executive, in order to develop new ideas to transform their community including reimaging of Peace walls. The group are working with local young people on the North Belfast Strategic Good Relations Programme. They are also working on creating employment opportunities through various training programmes and other community development projects.

3.10 **Glór na Móna** (over 1,000-2,000 population category)

Glór na Móna is a community organisation that operates to promote Irish language across Belfast. Based in the Upper Springfield, Glór is focused on building the capacity of communities particularly the Upper Springfield area. The group has been recognised for its work both locally and nationally and is to the fore of the development of the Irish language revival in Belfast. The organisation has a strong belief in partnership with other groups in the community in order to widen ownership of Irish as far as possible. They work on two levels. On one hand they promote Irish through cultural events and on the other via the development of services for the Irish language community. Through ownership of the language a sense of pride is instilled in the community, this adds to the promotion of a social and cultural economic life and offers new ways of tackling old issues such as inter generational unemployment and under achievement in education.

3.11 Funded through the Irish Language Community scheme with Foras na Gaeilge in 2007, the group has gone from strength to strength and recently attracted capital funding support of £350,000 for a new Cultural Hub in Upper Springfield which is due to be open late May 2016.

3.12 **East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA)** (over 2,000 category)

EBCDA is the 'umbrella organisation' supporting community development in East Belfast. It is a membership organisation made up of community groups drawn from an area that contains almost 94,000 people. It is representative of a broad range of interests and needs within communities and encompasses a variety of groups, including local residents' associations, faith based organisations, sports clubs, older people's projects and women's groups.

3.13	<p>East Belfast Community Development Agency exists to provide resources, support and capacity building programmes for community groups that are based on partnership, equal opportunities and sustainable outcomes.</p>										
3.14	<p><u>Play Resource Warehouse</u> (Community Enterprise Initiative)</p> <p>Play Resource Warehouse is a registered charity which collects non-toxic waste materials from industry and redistributes them for free to over 2,500 groups and organisations working with children, young people, and community groups. Play Resource is one of the largest and most well used resource centres of its kind and benefits over 300,000 children and young people each year. Council has a Service Level Agreement with PRW to enable further development of their business model as a social enterprise and a range of support services for our community and play provision in the city.</p>										
3.15	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>The total cost of the project is £3,500 which has been accounted for within the service budget for 16/17.</p> <p>Cost breakdown</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="240 1167 1422 1424"> <tr> <td>Entry fees for 4 groups @ £500</td> <td>£2,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Judges Accommodation (3 nights)</td> <td>£600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advertising in official brochure</td> <td>£400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transport costs for participating groups</td> <td>£500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total cost</td> <td>£3,500</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Human Resources</u></p>	Entry fees for 4 groups @ £500	£2,000	Judges Accommodation (3 nights)	£600	Advertising in official brochure	£400	Transport costs for participating groups	£500	Total cost	£3,500
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3.16	<p>There are no human resource implications resulting from this report. The Community Resources Team within Community Services will lead on the project</p>										
3.17	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>Organisations nominated for the Pride of Place awards reflect the diversity of the city and will promote equality of opportunity and good relations amongst nominees.</p>										
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>										
4.1	<p>Appendix 1 - Pride of Place brochure 16/17</p>										