



Subject:	Tesco NI – Request to present to Committee
Date:	14th September, 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	A letter has been received from Tesco NI requesting the opportunity to make a presentation to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider whether it wishes to accede to a request from Tesco NI to present to a future meeting of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	A letter has been received from Serious PR, representing Tesco NI, requesting that local senior executives from Tesco NI be given an opportunity to present to a relevant committee to share the role that Tesco NI plays within the local community in terms of employment, supporting local businesses and assisting locally based charities. The letter, attached as Appendix 1 , states that, since Tesco's entry into the local market

3.2	<p>20 years ago, along with its acquisition of Stewarts and Crazy Prices, Tesco NI has grown to become one of the region's largest employers with more than 9,000 locally-based staff throughout its 55 stores and it's NI Headquarters at Newtownabbey.</p> <p>The letter also states that, as Northern Ireland's largest purchaser of locally produced food and drink goods, Tesco NI spends more than £580million with local food and drink companies, underlining its commitment to locally produced food and investing heavily in the NI Year of Food and Drink.</p> <p>The Committee is reminded that, at its meeting on 10th August, it agreed to grant the licence to permit the Tesco Taste NI free food festival to take place at Custom House Square, which, this year, will take place from 16th – 18th September, 2016. This would be the sixth year that the event had taken place in Belfast and, particularly with the NI Year of Food and Drink 2016, it was designed to showcase the range of food and drinks produced in Northern Ireland.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no resource implications attached to this report.</p> <p><u>Equality & Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations implications attached to this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
4.1	Appendix 1 - Letter from Serious PR, representing Tesco NI