



Subject:	Establishment of Historic Working Group
Date:	24 th March 2017
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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
1.1	To seek approval from Members regarding Terms of Reference for and membership of the Historic Working Group as agreed at Council on 1 st March 2017.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider and approve the proposed Terms of Reference and membership of the Historic Working Group.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	As part of the review of the Diversity Working Group, Members had agreed that this group would be replaced by a Historic Working Group to prioritise historic events and related issues. This would mean a move away from a Good Relations focus, with Good Relations primarily being discussed by Party Leaders and the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.
3.2	Officers were asked to bring a report to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on the Terms of Reference, membership etc of the new Working Group.

3.3	<p>Proposed Terms of Reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider how the Council can maximise and promote the historic richness of legacies and assets of Belfast. • To develop a long term plan to celebrate, promote and commemorate our historic assets and events • To apply the agreed core set of principles established to commemorate any events • To advise on the detailed decade of centenaries programme once agreed via Party Leaders and SP&R • To make recommendations to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee regarding the issues above.
3.4	<p>Membership</p> <p>Membership of the Historic Working Group will comprise of one nominee from each of the six main political parties.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no financial or resource implications as a result of the contents within this report, however a space for Members to locate requests for additional commemorative activity will need to be clarified.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations implications contained within this report. However, it is anticipated that the programme of events agreed by the group would be subject to an equality screening exercise.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>