



Subject:	Approval to engage with the Business in the Community's Responsible Business Awards June 2017
Date:	21 April 2017
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
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 this report is to seek permission for the council to attend Business in the Community's Responsible Business Awards on 1 June 2017.
1.2	Following an application to the Business in the Community's Responsible Business Awards 2017 in the "Wellbeing at Work" category, the Council has been shortlisted as a finalist and invited to the awards ceremony to be held in the Belfast Waterfront on 1 June 2017.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree to the council’s attendance at this year’s awards ceremony and to approve the allocation of five guests. • If attendance at the awards ceremony is approved, it is proposed that the Chair of Strategic Policy & Resources Committee, Councillor John Hussey, Deputy Chair of Strategic Policy & Resources Committee, Councillor Tim Attwood (or nominees) and three relevant senior officers attend.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Every year, Business in the Community’s Responsible Business Awards capture inspiring stories of businesses as a positive force for change, and tell them to a local, national and international audience. Open to companies of any size, sector and scale, the entries are rigorously assessed by a select judging panel.
3.2	Following the success of the council’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which is considered exemplar within the public sector, council submitted an application to the “Wellbeing at Work” category of the awards.
3.3	The Council has been successfully shortlisted in this category, together with Bank of Ireland, Queen’s University, Belfast Lagan Construction, BT, Coca-Cola and the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.
3.4	The winner will be announced at a gala awards ceremony in Belfast Waterfront on 1 June 2017, and it is proposed that the Chair of Strategic Policy & Resources Committee, Councillor John Hussey, Deputy Chair of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, Councillor Tim Attwood (or nominees), and three relevant senior officers attend.
3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The cost of attending the gala awards ceremony is £495 and will be covered by the council’s OD budget.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no implications.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None