



Belfast City Council

Subject:	Requests for use of the City Hall and the provision of Hospitality
Date:	20 th October 2017
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Restricted Reports			
Is this report restricted?	Yes	No	X
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?			
After Committee Decision			
After Council Decision			
Some time in the future			
Never			

Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes	Х	
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No

1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1 Members will be aware that the Committee, at its meeting of 6th January 2017, agreed to modify the criteria governing access to the City Hall function rooms for external organisations. The Committee also agreed to the implementation of hire charges for some categories of function, and also revised the approach to the provision of civic hospitality for functions on foot of the agreed efficiency programme. Some modifications to this approach were then agreed at the Committee's meeting of 24th March 2017 and June 2017.
1.2 The attached schedule contains the recommended approach in respect of each of the requests received up to October 2017 which appear to the Civic HQ Unit to comply with the criteria previously established by the Committee and are recommended for approval.

1.3	The schedule covers some applications for functions in 2017, however a number of function
	requests due to be held in 2018 and 2019 have also been included, in order to provide
	certainty to the organisers of these events and allow them to begin their event planning.
1.4	There are two recommended uses of the once-in-three-years rule in respect of the
	applications referred to in this report and appendix (RICS Conference and Law Society).
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to:
	Approve the recommendations made in respect of applications received up to
	October 2017 as set out in Appendix 1 attached to this report.
3.0	Main report
	Key Issues
3.1	The existing revised criteria and scale of charges have been applied to the various requests
	received and the recommendations herein are offered to the Committee on this basis for
	approval.
	Financial & Resource Implications
3.2	The implementation of charging for external functions has now commenced, in line with the
	Committee's decisions in the matter.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications
3.3	There are no direct good relations or equality implications arising from this report.
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4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 -Schedule of Function requests received up to October 2017