



Subject:	Swanston Hall 'Soft' Opening – Invitation to Members
Date:	8 August 2018
Reporting Officer:	Alistair Reid, Strategic Director Place and Economy
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To inform Members of an invitation from Lacuna Developments to a 'soft opening' for Council Members only of Swanston Hall [former Athletic Stores building], Queen Street, Belfast on Friday 24 August 2018 at 10.30am.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	All Members of Committee are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider attending this event on Friday 24 August 2018 @ 10.30am. Members wishing to attend should confirm with Anne Stone in the Chief Executive's office by email stonea@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 028 9027 0563 (ext 6005).

3.0	Main report
3.1	Anthony Best, Director, Lacuna Developments has extended an invitation to all Members of the Council's City Growth & Regeneration Committee; all Members of the Planning Committee and Party Group Leaders to attend a 'soft' opening of its Swanston Hall, Queen Street, Belfast development on Friday 24 August 2018 at 10.30am.
3.2	This development is Lacuna and Watkin Jones' third major development project in Belfast since 2015. They would very much welcome the opportunity to show you this new city centre project.
3.3	This is a private invitation extended to Belfast City Council Members and senior officers only. Representatives from Lacuna, Mark Watkin Jones Chief Executive of Watkin Jones and several of their board as well as the facility's management company Student Roost will all be in attendance to meet and speak with Members.
3.4	Key Issues
	Attendance at this event is important to show support for local developments and investment in the city.
3.5	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> None
3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None