



Subject:	Pride of Place 2018
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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	To update Members on the results of the Pride of Place Competition 2018 and outline a potential selection process for 2019 entries.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. note the contents of the report and the continuing success of the Council's nominated groups in the competition andii. approve the development of a new nomination and selection process and note that a further report will be presented to committee outlining options.

3.0	Main report
3.1	The Pride of Place competition has been supported by Belfast City Council for a number of years with officers in Community Services taking the organisational lead in the selection and preparation of entrant groups. The competition is run by Co-operation Ireland, in partnership with the All Island Local Authority Steering Forum, which encourages strategic and sustainable approaches to cross-border co-operation by Local Authorities.
3.2	The competition recognises and celebrates the vital contributions that community partnerships make to society. The focus is on people coming together to shape, change and enjoy all that is good about their local area.
3.3	<p>This year Council nominated five groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bloomfield Community Association - Urban Neighbourhoods under 1,000 2. Markets Development Association- Urban Neighbourhoods between 1,000-2,000 3. Benview Community Centre- Urban neighbourhoods over 2,000 4. The Maureen Sheehan Centre- Community Wellbeing Initiative- 5. The Three Faiths Initiative- Communities Reaching Out Initiative
3.4	Four of which progressed to the Judging stage in August. Benview Community Centre withdrew from the process.
3.5	<p>At the Gala Awards Ceremony held in Cork City Hall on 17th November 2018, two of the Council nominees were successful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Markets Development Association were the Overall Winners in their category and • Bloomfield Community Association were Runner up in their category.
3.6	<p>The judges were impressed with the level of work, commitment and standards of all our nominations. A press release from Co-operation Ireland is contained in Appendix 1</p> <p><u>Pride of Place 2019</u></p>
3.7	<p>In previous years seeking Council nominations for the Pride of Place awards required a very quick turnaround between receipt of the nomination forms and return of the completed application to Co-operation Ireland: usually 6 weeks. This short time-frame is limiting in order to offer officers sufficient time to identify, select, and complete the applications, present for approval to committee and submit to the organisers.</p>

3.8	<p>To date nominations have come primarily from community service officers recommending potential organisations who meet the broad award criteria and have capacity to compete in the competition. As noted, we have been participating in the Pride of Place Awards for over 12 years and its becoming increasingly more difficult to find organisations willing to participate.</p>
3.9	<p>Given the difficulties of a short turn-around nomination and selection process, and the reducing pool of organisations who have sufficient capacity to compete for the awards, officers wish to develop a more robust process across a number of council services.</p>
3.10	<p>The process has yet to be developed but should entail: selection criteria, a short expression of interest form to be completed by the group; follow up development discussions with the group in advance of an assessment panel who will present recommendations for Committee Approval. It is anticipated that this process will be designed by January with a further report being presented to committee.</p>
3.11	<p>Should Committee decide to progress with participation in the 2019 Pride of Place Competition, the nomination process will have been implemented and potential organisations identified and assessed in time for advance consideration by Committee within the application deadline.</p>
	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p>
3.12	<p>Any related costs have been included within service revenue estimates.</p>
	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.13	<p>None.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1: Co-operation Ireland Press Release.</p>