



Subject:	Request from Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland
Date:	18th February, 2022
Reporting Officer:	John Walsh, City Solicitor / Director of Legal and Civic Services
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime 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/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To ask the Committee to consider a letter from the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland. The letter contains a request for the Council to make a financial contribution to a centenary event to be held by the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland in Belfast on 28th May, 2022.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is recommended to consider the attached letter and request.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>The Deputy Chief Executive has received a letter from the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, a copy of which is attached. The letter states that the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland is planning a major event in Belfast on Saturday 28th May, 2022.</p>
3.2	<p>The letter includes a request for the Council to consider contributing £15,000 towards this event. The letter states that the Council's contribution will be specifically used to help ease congestion, promote local shopping, enhance the experience of those attending and minimise inconvenience to local residents.</p>
3.3	<p>The Committee is asked to consider this letter and request.</p>
	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.4	<p>The requested amount is £15,000. The request falls within the Council's discretionary expenditure policy however Members are asked to note that there is no established budget for this.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>Any decision to accede to the request would be subject to the Council's screening processes.</p>
4.0	Document Attached
	<p>Letter from the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland.</p>