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| Report on | World Butchers Challenge |
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| Is this report restricted for confidential business? | Yes | |
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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report |
| 1.1 | To update Members on the World Butchers Challenge Event and seek approval for members to attend two events. |
| 2.0 | Background |
| 2.1 | <p>The World Butchers Challenge (WBC) is arriving in Northern Ireland in March 2018, when local Irish butchers will compete against 13 other counties from around the globe. The main competitions will be held in the Titanic Exhibition Centre, Belfast from 20-22 March 2018.</p> <p>Ms Rhonda Montgomery and Mr Sean Owens, Team Ireland organisers of the World Butchers Challenge delivered a presentation to Council's Development Committee on 12 October 2017, requesting sponsorship towards funding a Mid Ulster Large Local Food Demo with Master Butcher Showcase at CAFRE's Loughry Campus on 16 March 2018, followed by a Tour with Delegates to Local Butchers and Producers.</p> <p>Council subsequently agreed in November 2017, to provide sponsorship of up to £10,000 towards this event. Members will receive more details of the Mid Ulster event in due course when the itinerary is available.</p> |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | <p>Whilst Council has agreed to part-fund the Mid Ulster event at Loughry Campus on 16 March 2018, the event organisers have offered six complementary tickets (free of charge) to each of the undernoted events in Belfast.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six places for Mid Ulster Council to attend the International WBC Soiree Evening on 15 March 2018 at 6.30pm at Titanic, Belfast to welcome the Butchers of the World to Ireland. • Six places for Mid Ulster Council to attend the WBC Gala Dinner on 21 March 2018 at 7.30pm at Titanic, Belfast. |

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| 4.0 | Other Considerations |
| 4.1 | <p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: Tickets to both events are complementary and free of charge. Members will incur travel costs.</p> <p>Human: Member / Officer time to attend the events.</p> |
| 4.2 | <p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p> |
| 4.3 | <p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p> |
| 5.0 | Recommendation(s) |
| 5.1 | <p>Using Council's Prototcol for Booking Tables at Functions, the following recommendation is made for attendance at the WBC Soiree Evening on 15th March 2018 at 6.30pm and the WBC Dinner on 21 March 2018 at 7.30pm. Both events will be held at Titanic, Belfast;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended that Council's Chair and Vice Chair, Chair of P&R Committee, Chair of Development Committee, Chair of Environment Committee and a staff member attend both events. |
| 6.0 | Documents Attached & References |
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