The Lord Mayor's *Multi-Generational* Family Business Awards, Cork City

**About**

This year the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Des Cahill is delighted to present a new award for Multi-Generational Family Businesses based in Cork City. It is well recognised that long established family businesses in Cork have contributed hugely to the fabric of our local community. Their positive impact is seen commercially through their commitment and engagement with their customers and the jobs created. Many of these 2nd, 3rd and 4th generation businesses have had to demonstrate real strength and resolve in growing, developing and diversifying through sometimes very difficult economic environments. They have demonstrated their loyalty for and to the communities they serve. It is only fitting then, that Cork City Council through the office of the Lord Mayor would recognise these local stalwarts who have survived for generations and hopefully more to come.

**Awards Criteria**

The awards will be presented to Family Businesses based in Cork City in the following categories:

- Retail Businesses (4 Awards in total)
- Trades (2 Awards in total)
- Professions (2 Awards in total)

**Judging Process**

A judging panel consisting of a selection of representatives from the Cork Business Association, Cork Chamber of Commerce, Plato Cork and the Local Enterprise Office, Cork City will be chaired by the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Des Cahill. The judging will take place over 2 rounds.

- Round 1 judging will take place in December 2016 from which there will be 4 nominees selected (2 retail, 1 trade & 1 Profession) and the winners will be announced in Mid December, 2016.
- Round 2 judging will take place in February 2017 and nominees will be as for round 1 with the winners being announced in March, April and May 2017.

**Awards Event**

Each winner from Round 1 will be presented with a special plaque by the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Des Cahill in December, 2016 at a venue and date to be announced.
Winners from Round 2 will be presented with their plaques at an event in May 2017.

In addition to the plaque, all Awardees will receive access to a mentoring and training package delivered by the Local Enterprise Office, Cork City which will be tailored to their business needs.

**Promotions**

Cork City Council, through the office of the Lord Mayor, will arrange for promotions around the events and the Awards will be promoted widely across the city by the various organisation involved.

Awardees will also be offered an opportunity to promote their businesses in conjunction with the Lord Mayor’s Family Business Awards Media Sponsor, Red FM.

**How to apply**

Nominations should be made on the official application form and submitted in hard copy to the office of the Lord Mayor, Cork City Council, City Hall, Cork by 7th December, 2016 (round 1) or 3rd February, 2017 (round 2).