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HYBRID MEETING OF THE CITY GROWTH AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE- REPORT TO FOLLOW

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will be a hybrid meeting (both remote and in person) in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Wednesday, 8th March, 2023 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

4. Regenerating Places & Improving Infrastructure

(b) Belfast City Centre Regeneration Tracker (Pages 1 - 4)

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Subject:	Belfast City Regeneration Tracker
Date:	8 th March 2023
Reporting Officer:	Cathy Reynolds, Director of City Regeneration and Development
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To provide Members with an update on the Belfast City Regeneration Tracker which captures regeneration and development activity which took place in the City during 2022, as aligned to the Belfast Agenda and the eight core policies of the Belfast City Centre Regeneration and Investment Strategy (BCCRIS). The detail of this report will be provided by way of a presentation at Committee.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to note that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of regeneration and development activity which took place across the city during 2022, as aligned to the Belfast Agenda and the eight core principles set out in the Belfast City Centre Regeneration and Investment Strategy, will be provided by way of a presentation to be made to this Committee on 8th March 2023.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p>The Belfast Agenda sets out the growth aspirations for the city, including increasing the city population, supporting inclusive economic growth, improving health and well-being for all our citizens and addressing the Climate Emergency. This is further reflected in the Belfast City Centre Regeneration and Investment Strategy (BCCRIS) sets out our collective ambition for the continued growth and regeneration of the city core and its surrounding areas to 2030. It contains a road map of policies to guide city centre decision-making and key projects that translate those policies into action, aligned to our overarching ambitions outlined within the Belfast Agenda. BCCRIS seeks to address the universal elements of a thriving city centre as well as challenges and conditions that are unique to Belfast and is underpinned by the following eight core principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase the Employment Population; 2. Increase the Residential Population; 3. Manage the Retail Offer; 4. Maximise the Tourism Opportunity; 5. Create Regional Learning and Innovation Centres; 6. Create a Green, Walkable, Cyclable Centre; 7. Connect to the City Around, and 8. Shared space and social impact.
3.2	<p>To facilitate the implementation of the eight policies for the city centre, BCCRIS identified a series of projects aimed at creating a liveable and economically thriving city, alongside, identifying the following five Special Action Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inner North • Inner West • North East Quarter • Transport Hub and South Centre • Oxford Street and the Eastern Bank
3.3	<p>Members will be aware that various workstreams and programmes of work are underway to support the implementation of BCCRIS including the Future City Centre Programme, A Bolder Vision, the Vacant to Vibrant Programme, Clean, Green, Safe & Inclusive along with a programme environmental improvement schemes across the city aimed at improving sustainable and active travel, improving safety and cleanliness, addressing dereliction and informing the emerging major public schemes coming forward within the</p>

3.4	<p>city. These interventions also form a critical role in setting the future aspirations of the city as well as informing design and place-making objectives within developments as they come forward through design and delivery.</p> <p>The purpose of the Regeneration Tracker is to provide Members with an overview of major regeneration and development activity which has taken place across Belfast during 2022 (1st January – 31st December).</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	<p><u>Appendices – Documents attached</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>

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