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

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet both online and in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Wednesday, 14th June, 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. **Positioning the City to Compete**
 - (e) Update on Music Strategy (Pages 1 - 8)
6. **Strategic and Operational Issues**
 - (a) Notice of Motion - Update (Pages 9 - 16)

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Subject:	Update on Music Strategy
Date:	14 th June 2023
Reporting Officer:	John Greer, Director of Economic Development
Contact Officer:	Chris McCreery, Culture Development Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	At a meeting of City Growth and Regeneration Committee in December 2022, members agreed the music strategy, "Music Matters: A Roadmap for Belfast" including its corresponding priorities. The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on progress to date and seek approval to the allocation of funding to a number of important strands of the music strategy.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note the contents of this report and the progress made against areas of the music strategy, "Music Matters: A Roadmap for Belfast" - Approve the allocation of £5,000 towards the costs of an international exchange with London, Ontario Canada - Allocate £20,000 to the creation of a pilot micro grants scheme for artists.
3.0	Main report

3.1	<p>At a meeting of City Growth and Regeneration Committee in December 2022, members agreed the final “Music Matters: A Roadmap for Belfast”. Mirroring A City Imagining cultural strategy the music strategy has 4 strategic themes, each having 4 strategic priorities. There are a number of actions and recommendations given for each priority catering to many areas of need across the music sector.</p> <p>Theme 1: Place artists at the heart - Recognising the value of creators</p> <p>Theme 2: Nurture the sector - Strengthening the structures to support those who guide and invest in creators</p> <p>Theme 3: Ignite the live experience - Liberating the live music sector as a major catalyst for cultural and economic growth</p> <p>Theme 4: Unlock the unifying power of UNESCO - Sharing the gift of music with the people of Belfast</p>
3.2	<p>Update on Music Board</p> <p>The Music Strategy sets out governance recommendations for Belfast Music, including the formation of a Belfast Region Music Board, comprising between 15 and 20 members, to bring to life the UNESCO City of Music designation.</p> <p>The board will help to embed music in all communities across the city to make music a sustainable career option for creators and people who support them. Following agreement of the full Music Strategy in December 2022, an open call was launched for applications to join the Belfast Region Music Board with applications closing in February 2023.</p> <p>Members received an update on the recruitment process and selection of the board in April 2023. Since this meeting, the final selection of board members is confirmed and details of board members are available in Appendix 1.</p>
3.3	<p>As noted by members in the April 2023 Committee, there was a lack of applications from the marching bands community. Officials have engaged with members of this sector and the music board has agreed to co-opt a representative from this sector to the board from June 2023.</p> <p>The board is meeting monthly, with two meetings held to date, to map further initiatives to roll out in this financial year and beyond. A Chair and Vice-Chair will be appointed at the July meeting.</p>
3.4	<p>Update on current initiatives</p> <p>In April 2023, Members received an update and agreed financial allocations for a range of ongoing initiatives. At this meeting, members agreed to allocate £20,000 to work in conjunction with the Music Venue Trust (MVT) to run a programme specifically targeted at</p>

venues in Belfast. Officials have been engaging with MVT to launch the scheme and this will be announced in mid-June 2023.

3.5 On 1st and 2nd June, the Output Conference was delivered as a key event within the City of Music programme, featuring a full programme of panels, workshops and conferences, followed by an evening showcase of live music for free to the public. Activity included music and creative digital showcasing and networking events, business development panels and workshops and meetings and networking with key international creative digital companies. The second day of output featured a community engagement and networking event at 2 Royal Avenue, followed by a Music Industry Session where delegates heard from delegates from Hannover, Germany regarding their journey as a UNESCO City of Music.

3.6 Priority 2.2 within Theme 1 of the Music Matters strategy relates to sourcing performance opportunities for Belfast music creators to perform internationally. In April 2023, Members received an update on an international exchange with UCoM City London, Canada, that will begin in July 2023. This opportunity will allow for two folk-music artists, namely Ciara O'Neill and Niall McDowell, to be provided with attendance at a song-writing camp, two pre-festival performances, one main-stage performance at Home County Music and Art Festival, as well as music industry 1-1 meetings across Ontario with agents, bookers and other personnel that will benefit the Belfast artists. In October 2023, two artists and talent agents from Ontario will arrive in Belfast to appear at the Belfast International Arts Festival and take part in a wraparound programme of similar activity. It is proposed to allocate £5000 towards the costs of this exchange, matching the contribution from UCoM City London, Canada.

3.7 **Ongoing development**

UNESCO Music delivery is funded from existing recurring and non-recurring departmental funds. At the meeting of the Special Policy and Resources Committee in April 2021, members agreed an allocation of resources to the delivery of the music strategy. As contained in the Belfast 2024 paper, £900k has been allocated towards City of Music and the Music Strategy for delivery on key developmental activities across 2023/24 and 2024/25 respectively.

3.8 There are a range of pre-existing commitments for the remaining financial year, including Gradam Ceoil bursaries, the creation of a music support service, delivery of the Output Conference, the delivery of a Music Industry Mentoring Programme, international exchanges and the Pipeline Investment Fund for music venues.

3.9 With the remaining budget for the 2023/24 financial year, Council is collaborating and consulting with the Belfast Music Region Board on the priorities most necessary to fulfil during this period. The budget will be split between the four themes of the strategy and each

theme will have priorities that will be completed. It is anticipated that the profile of spend against themes will be:

Theme	Areas covered within initiatives	Budget profile
One – Placing Artists at the Heart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing funding programmes for music creatives – e.g micro-grant scheme for artists Professional development opportunities to educate and equip music creators Opportunities for music creatives to connect and collaborate with their peers locally, nationally and internationally. Series of initiatives to ensure that music is inclusive, accessible and open to everyone in our city. 	£90,000
Two - Nurture the Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial assistance available to freelancers, organisations and businesses whose primary role is to enable, support and develop creators. Professional development opportunities to educate and equip music organisations and businesses Funded opportunities to engage and support the future generation of creative freelancers, cultural leaders and music business entrepreneurs 	£70,000
Three – Ignite the Live Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a thriving, sustainable and strong live music sector including a review existing licensing frameworks Enhance Belfast’s night-time economy, culture and governance Implementing initiatives to ensure the health and safety, both physically and in terms of mental well-being, of performers and attendees at live music events. Supporting greening the live music sector 	£40,000
Four - Unlock the unifying power of UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced strategic communications to make it easier for locals and visitors to find out about the music events and activities taking place across Belfast. Ensuring citizens and visiting audiences have access to incredible and unique music experiences Partner with tourism bodies, Sister Cities and the UNESCO Creative Cities Network to promote Belfast as a world class music destination 	£40,000

3.10	A detailed and profiled delivery plan, containing initiatives to address these areas, will reviewed and discussed at the Music Board in June and July 223. A further paper outlining the initiatives and their detailed corresponding budgets will be presented to members in August 2023.
3.11	<p><u>Micro-Grant scheme</u></p> <p>Theme 1 of the Music Strategy has a focus on artist development, with priority 9.5 including a commitment to fund initiatives to alleviate the costs incurred by music creators in Belfast. It is proposed to allocate £20,000 to develop a micro-grant programme, available to individual musicians, to assist with costs incurred within their artform. The structure and criteria for this scheme will be developed in collaboration and consultation with the Belfast Music Region Board and will be launched in Autumn 2023.</p>
3.12	<p>Financial and Resource Implications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocate £5,000 towards the costs of this exchange, matching the contribution from UCoM City London, Canada • Allocate £20,000 to the creation of a pilot micro grants scheme for artists. <p>These costs are to be met from existing departmental budgets allocated to music development.</p>
3.13	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications</p> <p>This music strategy is part of the overarching cultural strategy for Belfast that has been subject to EQIA. An equality screening has been completed and mitigating actions will be considered as part of any initiatives.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Membership of music programme board

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APPENDIX 1.

Belfast Region Music Board

LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member	Organisation/Portfolio
Aisling Agnew	Professional Flautist / Concert Manager
Paul Connolly	Musician / Workshop Facilitator / Lecturer
Brian Coney	Editor / Writer / Musicians / PR Representation / The Thin Air
John D'Arcy	Digital Media Lecturer at QUB
Joe Dougan	Director, TSW Management / The Limelight / Shine / Belsonic
Claire Kieran	Oifigeach Imeachtaí at An Droichead
Jenny Kirkwood	Music Therapist, Public Health Agency
Alice Lewis	National Director at Live Music Now
Rebekah Lutton	Singer-Songwriter
Ben Magee	Director of New Champion Management
Paula McColl	Creative Producer at Moving on Music
Rory McConnell	Editor, Music Arts & Events at BBC Northern Ireland
Peter McVeigh	Lecturer in Music & Course Co-Ordinator at SERC, Singer-Songwriter
Miceál Mullen	Communications Officer for European Music Council
Cheylene Murphy	Freelance Musician
Maurane Ramon	Client & Communications Manager at Thrive
Joseph Rickets	Artist Manager at Nxgen Music Group
Naoise Roo Callan	Festival Development & Coordinator for NI Mental Health Arts Festival
Bethany Simpson	Concerts Manager Belfast Music Society
Boyd Sleater	Co-Founder of Free the Night, Coordinator of NI Humanists
Anthony Toner	Freelance Singer-Songwriter
Abbie Triggs	Director of Operations & Business Development On Music Ltd
Brian Coney	Editor / Writer / Musicians / PR Representation / The Thin Air
Glenn Millar/Ron Stitt	Marching Bands – Made to Parade Podcast and Girdwood Star Flute Band

BCC STAFF LIST

BCC Staff	BCC Management and Secretariat Support
Chris McCreery	Culture Manager, Belfast City Council
Nikki MacRae	Lead Officer/CDO, Belfast City Council
Elizabeth Donaldson	Secretariat Support, Culture Assistant, Belfast City Council

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Subject:	Notices of Motion – Quarterly Update
Date:	14 th June 2023
Reporting Officer:	John Greer, Director of Economic Development Cathy Reynolds, Director of City Regeneration and Development Sean Dolan, Senior Development Manager
Contact Officer:	Jamie Uprichard, Business Research and Development Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This report provides a quarterly update on the Notices of Motion that the City Growth & Generation Committee is responsible for, in line with the agreement of the Strategic Policy & Resources (SP&R) Committee that all standing committees receive regular updates.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	It is recommended that the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the updates to all Notices of Motion that this Committee is responsible for as referenced in Appendix 1; and Agrees to the closure of 3 Notices of Motion, as referenced in Appendix 1 and noted in paragraph 3.4 below.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p>At the SP&R Committee meeting on 25th October 2019, members agreed “<i>that this Council notes that other Councils produce a monthly status report in relation to Notices of Motion; and agrees Belfast City Council adopts a similar practice and produces a monthly Notice of Motion Update which will be brought to each full Council Meeting, detailing the following:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Date received</i> 2. <i>Notice of motion title</i> 3. <i>Submitted by which Councillor</i> 4. <i>Council meeting date</i> 5. <i>Committee motion is referred to</i> 6. <i>Outcome of committee where Notice of Motion will be debated</i> 7. <i>Month it will be reported back to committee</i> 8. <i>Other action to be taken.”</i>
3.2	<p>It was subsequently agreed that quarterly updates would be brought to the council’s statutory committees providing a regular update on the progress of each motion for which the committee is responsible for.</p>
3.3	<p>At the SP&R Committee on 20th November 2020, members approved the arrangement for the future management of motions, which included recommendations that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category 1 – Notice of Motion contained an action that has been completed. All Notices of Motion within this category contained a specific task that has since been complete. It is worth noting that, when Committee agree to action a Notice of Motion, there are sometimes additional actions agreed alongside the Motion. As these are not technically part of the Notice of Motion, they are taken forward through normal committee decision making processes. The Notice of Motion can therefore be closed, but additional actions related to it will continue to be progressed and reported to the committee. • Category 2 - Notice of Motion has become Council policy or absorbed into a strategic programme of work. These Motions did not contain a specific task that could be completed but rather they are more strategic in nature and require changes in Council policy and/ or strategy for long term outcomes. Those listed within this category have all been agreed by Committee and are now either Council policy or are currently being implemented

3.4	<p>through a Council strategy that is managed by a Standing Committee through the corporate planning process.</p> <p>There are presently 13 Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance for which the City Growth & Regeneration (CG&R) Committee is responsible for. Members are asked to approve the recommendation to close 3 motions (detailed below) and note status updates for the remaining 10 motions which remain open. Additional information is included at Appendix 1.</p> <p>Category 1 Recommended Closures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to DfI re Belfast Cycle Network Delivery Plan (ID = 274). • Presentation re GP services in Belfast (ID = 291). <p>Category 2 Recommended Closure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Community Wealth Building framework (ID = 211).
3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional financial implications attached to this report. Finance and resource implications are considered by Committee when taking decisions on the specific Notices of Motion and Issues Raised by Members.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained in this report.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1: Notices of Motion Live Database – CG&R Committee</p>

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City Growth & Regeneration Notice of Motions

Notices of Motion and Issued Raised in Advance that remain OPEN

ID	Date	Notice of Motion	Proposed By	Referral Route	Lead Officer	Latest Status Update
72	04/03/2020	Review of the Belfast Bikes Scheme	Cllr O'Hara	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	John Greer	An update was brought to February's CG&R Committee . It noted that as part of the ongoing review into potential discounts, Belfast Bikes operator, NSL, added date of birth as an essential criterion for users from 13 October 2022. It was further agreed to wait as usage data is collated to ensure we have an accurate portrayal of the age demographic. An update will be brought to a future meeting.
152	13/01/2021	Environmental Infrastructure in Council Car Parks	Cllr Heading	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	John Tully	The council's Climate team commissioned consultants to develop an EV strategy. It is expected that this work will complete at the end of June 2023, to allow alignment with the Belfast Local Area Energy Plan.
153	13/01/2021	Disabled Parking Accreditation Scheme	Cllr McMullan	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	Cathy Reynolds	Disability Motoring UK's Disabled Parking Accreditation scheme have confirmed that all council off-street car parks meet their recommendations for blue badge parking bays. Nevertheless, we are continuing to work with colleagues in Facilities Maintenance and partners in DfI, to gain approvals and determine costs, to introduce the recommendations from the Audit.
208	04/10/2021	Belfast City Nightlife and Night-time Economy	Cllr de Faoite	Notice of Motion – straight to CG&R	John Greer	This work is being progressed with the City Centre All-Party Working Group following the development of a Night-Time Economy framework. Following engagement with the BIDs, this motion will be coordinated with the ongoing Purple Flag accreditation process.
217	01/11/2021	Tourism Street Signage	Cllr Long	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	John Greer	April's CG&R Committee approved work plans for Tourism and Culture for 2023/24. These include plans for a 'Heritage Audit' and an 'Audit of Visitor Signage', which may help inform this motion and determine the resource requirement.
289	01/12/2022	Translink - Night-time provision of services	Cllr Lyons	Notice of Motion – debated at council	Cathy Reynolds	<u>New Update:</u> Officers are engaging with Translink through community planning structures and processes. As part of the review of the Belfast Agenda the Connectivity Active and Sustainable Travel draft action plan currently includes the following action which Translink have committed to lead on:

						'Expand the timetable with a greater service in evenings and funding for the provision of night-time services'.
303	24/01/2023	Support the network of WW2-era Pillboxes	Ald Dorrian	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	John Greer	<u>New Update:</u> Committee adopted the motion and agreed, in the first instance, that a report be submitted to a future meeting on how it might be facilitated, resourced and managed.
309	22/02/2023	Rent Controls	Cllr Beattie	Issue Raised in Advance (Special CG&R)	Cathy Reynolds	<u>New Update:</u> Letters were drafted and sent to the Head of the Civil Service and the DfC Permanent Secretary (24/03/2023). As of end May, one response had been received. The outstanding response is being chased, before both will be presented to Committee
310	08/03/2023	Lifelong Learning Alliance	Cllr Spratt	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	John Greer	<u>New Update:</u> Democratic Services are drafting an invite to be sent to the organisation inviting them to present at the August special committee meeting.
314	04/03/2023	Rosetta Way – "quietway"	Cllr De Faoite	Notice of Motion – straight to CG&R	Cathy Reynolds	<u>New Update:</u> Democratic Services issued a letter to the DfI Permanent Secretary on 17/04/2023.

Notices of Motion and Issued Raised in Advance recommended to CLOSE

ID	Date	Notice of Motion	Proposed By	Referral Route	Lead Officer	Update / Latest Status
211	04/10/2021	Community Wealth Building	Cllr Murphy	Notice of Motion – straight to CG&R	John Greer	<u>Recommend to close (Category 2)</u> Following consideration of the DfC Ministerial established Independent Expert Advisory Panel's recommendations on Community Wealth Building and how these relate to work underway within Council a report was submitted to the Social Policy Working Group (SPWG) highlighting that the Council's approach to Inclusive Growth and the underpinning enabling levers and key projects will help deliver the ambitions of community wealth building (CWB), e.g. social value procurement, Real Living Wage accreditation, employability and skills, social enterprise and co-operative support, bespoke asset management transfer pilots, Belfast Business Promise. A further assessment and critique of Council activity in relation to the CWB pillars to identify the gaps and opportunities has been considered by the SPWG and will continue to inform its programme of work. Progress on the pillars of activity will be brought through the SPWG and the respective Committees going forward as work continues to evolve, in the absence of central government funding for CWB activity.
274	28/09/2022	Belfast Cycle Network Delivery Plan	Cllr de Faoite	Issue Raised in Advance (Special CG&R)	John Greer	<u>Recommend to close (Category 1)</u> Democratic Services wrote to the Minister for Infrastructure as agreed and the Private Office response was brought to Committee in November 2022 . It indicated that DfI officials are currently developing several schemes within the BCNDP for inclusion in a short-term plan for delivery between 2022 and 2025. Secondly, regarding the request for a controlled crossing on the Ravenhill Road at the Ardenlee Avenue junction, local officials will need to carry out a survey after which they will write to council to advise of the outcome.
291	07/12/2022	GP services in Belfast	Cllr Heading	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	Cathy Reynolds	<u>Recommend to close (Category 1)</u> Representatives from the Strategic Planning and Performance Group presented to the Special CG&R Committee meeting on 22 Feb 2023.

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