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**Belfast
City Council**

11th October, 2023

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in hybrid format, both in the Lavery Room - City Hall and remotely, via Microsoft Teams, on Tuesday, 17th October, 2023 at 5.00 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

2. Committee Site Visit (Pages 1 - 2)
7. (a) Update on new contract for publishing notice of planning applications in the press (Pages 3 - 4)

Planning Committee

PLANNING COMMITTEE SITE VISIT – NOTE OF MEETING

Tuesday 3rd October, 2023

LA04/2022/0118/F - The proposed erection of 46No.apartment units over three story's, with associated car parking site and landscaping works and the alteration of an existing vehicular access. 146 Parkgate Avenue, Strandtown.

Members Present: Councillors Bell, Donnelly, Ferguson and McCann.

Officers in Attendance: Ms. C. Reville, Principal Planning Officer; and Mr. R. Nolan, Planning Officer.

Apologies: Councillor Garrett (Chairperson); and Aldermen Lawlor and Rodgers; and Councillors Anglin, Bradley, Brooks, Douglas, Maskey

The Members and the officers convened at 146 Parkgate Avenue, Strandtown (12:15 p.m.) for the purpose of undertaking the site visit in respect of the above application and to allow the Members to acquaint themselves with the location and the proposal at first hand.

The Members viewed the site with the proposed plans.

The visit concluded at 12.35 p.m.

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Subject:	New contract for publishing planning notices
Date:	17 October 2023
Reporting Officer(s):	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning and Building Control
Contact Officer(s):	Ed Baker, Planning Manager (Development Management)

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time 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 or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To update the Committee on the new contract for publishing planning notices.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the report.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	Article 8 of the Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 sets out how the Council must publicise planning applications.
3.2	In addition to the requirements to notify neighbours and publish notice of the application on the NI Planning Portal website, Article 8(1)(a) requires the Council to ' <i>publish notice of the application in at least one newspaper circulating in the locality in which the land to which the application relates is situated.</i> '

	<u>Confirmation of new contract for publishing planning notices</u>
3.3	The contract for publishing planning notices in the newspaper was previously fulfilled by the Belfast Telegraph. The contract has come to an end and a new contract has been awarded following a competitive tender exercise. The new contract has been awarded to Mediahuis UK (Belfast Telegraph). The contract is for three years and runs to September 2026, with the option to extend for two further years.
3.4	The procurement process for the new contract was reported to and agreed by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee (16 th June 2023).
4.0	Financial & Resource Implications
4.1	The Planning Service's annual budget for advertising is £40k.
4.2	Expenditure for the year to September 2023 for publishing notices of planning applications was £10,375.82 (planning service budget of £20k at P6), the planning service budget currently has an underspend of 4.6K
5.0	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment
5.1	No adverse impacts identified.
6.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None