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**Democratic Services Section  
Legal and Civic Services Department  
Belfast City Council  
City Hall  
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BT1 5GS**

19<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

## **MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

I enclose copies of the reports for the following items to be considered at the meeting to be held at 9.30 am on Friday, 22nd November, 2024.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

### **AGENDA:**

#### **2. Restricted Items**

- (f) Heritage Assets Update (Pages 1 - 10)
- (g) Smart Belfast: City Innovation programme update (Pages 11 - 16)

#### **5. Belfast Agenda/Strategic Issues**

- (c) Planning Update (Pages 17 - 32)

#### **7. Finance, Procurement and Performance**

- (a) Contracts Update (Pages 33 - 40)

#### **9. Operational Issues**

- (c) Minutes of the Meeting of the Cost of Living Working Group (Pages 41 - 44)

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<b>Subject:</b>	Planning Information
<b>Date:</b>	22 November 2024
<b>Reporting Officer(s):</b>	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning and Building Control
<b>Contact Officer(s):</b>	Ed Baker, Planning Manager (Development Management)

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To provide an update on Major planning applications and applications that have been determined by the Planning Committee.

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The report is for notation.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<b><u>Background</u></b>
3.1	The Committee received an update on Planning Performance at its meeting on the 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2024. At that meeting and previously, the Committee sought a regular update on Major applications and applications that have been determined by the Planning Committee, especially those where a Decision Notice has yet to be issued.
3.2	All Major applications must be determined by the Planning Committee. The Key Performance Indicator (given in weeks) is calculated from when an application is considered to be valid to when the Decision Notice (“Green Form”) is issued. This means that any delays either pre- or post- committee will impact on the KPI. The target for determining a Major application is 30 weeks.
	<b><u>Major applications</u></b>
3.3	Appendix 1 sets out the Major applications that are currently with the Council to determine. Details are given on the location, proposal, the validation date and target date for determination (using the 30 week target set out in the Key Performance Indicator) as well as a status update.
	<b><u>Applications determined by Committee</u></b>
3.4	Appendix 2 sets out the applications that have been determined by Committee since February 2022 which are yet to issue. For completeness information is also given on those applications determined by Committee which have had their Decision Notice issued. Details are given on the time taken (in weeks) to bring the applications before Committee and where decisions are yet to be issued, information is given relating to the main reason for the delay.
	<b><u>Conclusion</u></b>
3.5	This report will be brought to each Planning Committee and to each Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for information on an ongoing basis
	<b>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</b>
3.6	There are no financial or resource implications associated with this report.
	<b>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</b>
3.7	There are no equality or good relations / rural needs implications associated with this report.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 – Major planning applications at September 2024 Appendix 2 – Applications determined by Committee at September 2024



# Live Major Applications not previously considered by Committee @ 06.11.24

Number	Application No.	Category	Location	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date	Status
1	LA04/2022/0809/F	Major	Lands to the south and west of Woodland Grange to the north of Blacks Gate and to the east of Moor Park Mews Belfast.	Amendments to approved schemes ref. Z/2008/0993/F (erection of 53 No. dwellings) & ref. Z/2013/0120/F (erection of 46 No. dwellings); to reduce overall density from 99 No. dwellings to 94 No. dwellings and associated and ancillary works.	21-Apr-22		CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
2	LA04/2022/1206/F	Major	Glenwood Primary School 4-22 Upper Riga Street Belfast BT13 3GW.	Demolition of existing 1960s three-storey block and caretakers house and erection of split level two-storey extension and refurbishment of original school building to provide 21no. classrooms, including 4no. support classrooms, a nurture suite and a school canteen. New boundary walls with railings, landscaping, car parking, new access from the Shankill Road and retention of existing access from Upper Riga Street. Works to include 4no temporary classroom units for the duration of construction work. (revised description and plans)	05-Aug-22		CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
3	LA04/2023/2633/F	Major	St Teresa's GAC, 2 Glen Road Heights, Belfast BT11 8ER	Proposed extension to existing clubhouse to provide indoor sports hall, changing rooms, reception, and fitness suite. Proposed relocation of grass pitch and new 4G training pitch with integrated ball walls. Proposed annex building with club store and matchday shop. Site works including increased parking, fencing, catch nets, floodlighting, dugouts, paths, and other associated amenities.	14-Mar-23	10-Oct-23	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
4	LA04/2023/2922/F	Major	Site bounded by Glenalpin Street, Wellwood Street and Norwood Street, Belfast	Redevelopment of existing surface car park for the erection of new purpose built, managed student accommodation scheme comprising of 354no. units with shared amenity spaces, ancillary accommodation, on street car parking and landscaping.	23-Mar-23	19-Oct-23	PLANNING APPEAL IN PROGRESS
5	LA04/2023/3483/F	Major	Land North of Former Corpus Christi College, Accessed off Michael Davitts GAC Grounds, Via St Mary's Gardens, Belfast	Proposed Michael Davitt Heritage & Community Centre, Reception, Toilets and associated Car Parking with Exhibition Signage to existing Trim Trail	09-Oct-23	06-May-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
6	LA04/2023/3832/F	Major	Blacks Gate Development (Former Visteon Factory) Blacks Road Belfast, BT10	Section 54 application to vary condition No. 4 of LA04/2013/434/F (as amended in PAC decision 2016/A0033) to vary trigger point for provision of community centre.  Proposed amended text for this condition: In accordance with the Phasing Plan agreed under Condition 3 and on the occupation of the first residential unit, the Council shall be notified, and no later than six years from that date the Community Centre and associated infrastructure, marked on stamped approved drawing no. 2E, dated 28.08.2015 shall be completed and a report submitted to the Council to verify this	09-Aug-23	06-Mar-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED

7	LA04/2023/3799/F	Major	Vacant lands (partial site of the former Wolfhill Flax Spinning Mill) located to the south, of Wolfhill Manor, north of Wolfhill Grove and west of Mill Avenue, Ligoniel Road, Belfast, BT14 8NR	New single storey 10-class based primary school, separate nursery school accommodation and school meals accommodation to facilitate the relocation of St. Vincent De Paul Primary School and Nursery from existing site on Ligoniel Road, Belfast. Proposal includes new pedestrian and vehicular accesses onto Mill Avenue, car parking, covered cycle storage area and hard play areas. Hard and soft landscaping including wildlife walkway, fencing, retaining walls, underground drainage system to include the reinstatement of underground storm sewer and headwall into adjacent DFI River wayleave. Includes temporary contractors compound and all associated site works.	09-Oct-23	06-May-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
8	LA04/2023/4181/F	Major	Lands comprising the existing Sydenham Wastewater Pumping Station west of Park Avenue, Connswater River and King George V Playing Fields, to the south of the Sydenham By-Pass, east of The Oval football stadium, north and east of Parkgate Gardens and north of Parkgate Crescent, Parkgate Parade and Mersey Street, Belfast	Demolition of existing Wastewater Pumping Station (WwPS) with reinstatement of site as a landscaped area. Construction of a replacement WwPS including associated control building and hardstanding, the raising of site levels, in-channel works, provision of new rising main, other ancillary buildings, the creation of an access road on lands within the King George V Playing Fields to serve the facility, landscaping and other ancillary works. Provision of a temporary working area on lands within the King George V Playing Fields, the creation of a temporary access road from Mersey Street to facilitate construction traffic on lands to the rear of 1-35 Parkgate Gardens, the creation of a temporary footway adjacent to 88 Park Avenue and other ancillary development and landscaping restoration works.	14-Nov-23	11-Jun-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
9	LA04/2023/4405/F	Major	Westland House, 40 Old Westland Road, Belfast, BT14 6TE	Redevelopment of existing storage sheds, temporary office structures and yard area to provide new replacement Analytical Services Laboratories.	20-Dec-23	17-Jul-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
10	LA04/2024/0015/F	Major	Lands at Cabin Hill, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4	Amendment to Reserved Matters Approval Z/2007/2069/RM to include reduced number of units (43 dwellings and 10no. apartments), reconfiguration of internal road and associated ancillary works.	22-Dec-23	19-Jul-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
11	LA04/2024/0122/F	Major	Former Belfast Metropolitan College Campus, Whiterock Road, Belfast, BT12 7PG	Proposed mixed use development comprising of 62No. social housing units (mix of dwellings and apartments) and a new children's centre, car parking, landscaping, open space and all associated site and access works.	19-Jan-24	16-Aug-24	SITE INSPECTED
12	LA04/2024/0211/F	Major	Existing Football Stadium The Oval Parkgate Drive Belfast BT4 1EW.	Redevelopment of the existing stadium by way of demolition of both existing stands and construction of two new spectator stands with reconfiguration of existing standing terracing at goal ends, new turnstiles and associated siteworks including new floodlighting, additional car parking and improved circulation routes to provide an overall capacity for 6000 spectators on site.	15-Mar-24	11-Oct-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
13	LA04/2024/0369/F	Major	Lands at Former Monarch Laundry site, and Broadway Hall Site, No's 451 - 457 Donegall Road, Belfast, BT12 6HD.	Proposed Specialist Nursing and Residential Care Facility comprising approximately 158 no. beds, day/dining rooms, treatment rooms, staff rooms, office/store rooms, including car parking provision, cycle parking, refuse storage, landscaping, and associated site and access works.	08-Feb-24	05-Sep-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED

14	LA04/2024/0285/F	Major	Ardoyne Youth Club, Old Beltex Mill, Flax Street, Belfast, BT14 7EJ	Demolition of existing building and erection of a new purpose-built youth facility including retention of existing chimney. (Renewal of planning permission reference LA04/2018/1998/F)	20-Feb-24	17-Sep-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
15	LA04/2024/0393/F	Major	ECIT Building Queen's Road, Queen's Island, Belfast, BT3 9DT	Proposed 5 storey extension to the East of the ECIT Building (Institute of Electronics, Communications and Information Technology), and 3 storey extension to the West, to provide additional research and development space with associated landscaping and site works	21-Mar-24	17-Oct-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
16	LA04/2024/0429/F	Major	Lands bound by North Street, Royal Avenue, Rosemary Street and building south of Lower Garfield Street located approximately 400m west of Laganside bus station 300m northeast of City Hall and 1km northwest of Central Train Station.	Renewal of planning permission LA04/2017/2126/F (Phase 1B Tribeca) for redevelopment including the construction of a new six storey building on the existing surface level car park, part change of use to create a mixed use development comprising retail units, restaurants and cafes, residential units, offices, church and related community floor space, new streets and public realm works. Demolition of 53 Royal Avenue and 27-31 Rosemary Street and restoration of Central Halls (37-39 Rosemary Street), Masonic Hall (15 Rosemary Street), 43/43a Rosemary Street and retention of 30-34 North Street.	08-Mar-24	04-Oct-24	VALID
17	LA04/2024/0475/F	Major	Ulidia Resource Centre, Somerset Street, Ballynafoy, Belfast, BT7 2GS	Renewal of planning permission ref: LA04/2018/1755/F. New 7 classroom primary school and single unit nursery on the former site of the now demolished Ulidia Primary School. Existing site entrances to be retained and used for site access with proposed car parking, bus parking and drop off, footpaths, boundary treatment, and hard and soft play areas.	18-Apr-24	14-Nov-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
18	LA04/2024/0570/F	Major	Stormont Hotel, 587 Upper Newtownards Road BT4 3LP and adjacent properties at Castleview Road (nos. 2, 4, 6, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 & 30), Summerhill Parade (nos. 18, 20 & 22), and Summerhill Park (nos. 37 & 39).	Change of use of from hotel, conference centre and offices (sui generis) to a 97-bed care home (Use Class C3(b)) and 1,559sqm diagnostic medical facility (Use Class D1(a)), associated access, car parking, landscaping and open space.	04-Apr-24	31-Oct-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
19	LA04/2024/0569/O	Major	Stormont Hotel, 587 Upper Newtownards Road BT4 3LP and adjacent properties at Castleview Road (nos. 2, 4, 6, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 & 30), Summerhill Parade (nos. 18, 20 & 22), and Summerhill Park (nos. 37 & 39).	Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for independent living and assisted living retirement apartments (Use Class C3), associated internal access roads, communal open space, revised access from Castleview Road, associated car parking, servicing, amenity space and landscaping.	04-Apr-24	31-Oct-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
20	LA04/2024/0714/F	Major	Units 2A and 2B at 38 Boucher Road, Belfast, BT12 6HR.	Proposed development to create a private medical facility (a hospital within Class C3) comprising of the change of use of part of retail warehouse and the extension of the building to create a private medical facility with a significant element of overnight residential care together with all associated ancillary development.	14-Jun-24	10-Jan-25	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED

21	LA04/2024/0626/F	Major	1 Havelock House Havelock Place, Ormeau, Belfast, BT7 1EB .	Proposed residential development of 104no. dwelling units providing General Needs Social Housing and Category 1 over 55's accommodation consisting of a varied housing mix including family maisonettes, apartments and wheelchair accessible units with all associated site works including; landscaping communal and private amenity space and ancillary cycle and car parking provision..	17-Apr-24	13-Nov-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
22	LA04/2024/0675/F	Major	The Arches Centre 11-13 Bloomfield Avenue, Belfast, BT5 5AA	Change of Use of first and second floor of The Arches building to provide 39 No. apartments; extension to second floor to provide a further 6 No. apartments and erection of new third floor to provide 19 No. apartments (all social housing dwellings, 64 No. in total), and ancillary/associated works.	13-May-24	09-Dec-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
23	LA04/2024/0664/F	Major	Lands comprising existing Fanum House, Norwood House and adjacent lands, No's 96-110 Great Victoria Street, Belfast, BT2 7BE	Demolition of the existing buildings on the site and construction of a new Purpose Built Managed Student Accommodation development across 4 blocks of 6 to 18 stories in height, comprising of 560 student rooms, including landscaped roof terraces, associated amenity, site and access works	19-Apr-24	15-Nov-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
24	LA04/2024/0910/F	Major	70 whitewell Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 7ES Site at Hazelwood Integrated College	Redevelopment of Hazelwood Integrated College to include demolition of existing building and development of new school campus, new sports pitch, outdoor play areas, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and retention and refurbishment of the Listed Building (Graymount House) and other associated site works including a temporary mobile village during the construction process.	23-May-24	19-Dec-24	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
25	LA04/2024/1138/F	Major	Lands including and to the rear of 24-54 Castle Street, 2-6 Queen Street, 1-7 & 21 Fountain Street, Belfast.	Demolition of existing buildings and construction of Purpose Built Multi Storey Managed Student Accommodation (821no. rooms) with heights of between 6-9 storeys and associated shared/ancillary spaces with ground floor retail/retail service units, resident's gym/cinema and ancillary development/uses	04-Jul-24	30-Jan-25	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
26	LA04/2024/1385/F	Major	Olympic House, Titanic Quarter, 5 Queens Road, Belfast, BT3 9DH	Amendment to planning permission Z/2013/0931/F to permit occupation for either Class B1(a) office or Class B1(c) research and development.	09-Aug-24	07-Mar-25	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
27	LA04/2024/1458/F	Major	Divis and The Black Mountain national Trust Site, Divis Road, Hannahstown, Belfast, BT17 0NG.	Alterations to the site include refurbishing and repurposing of 3no existing vernacular buildings and replacing 1 shed, a small garage and an agricultural structure with a new amenity building. Enhancements to the existing pond network, introduction of signage interpretation and a suite of site-appropriate furniture. Wider site improvement works are proposed including path enhancements and new routes, installation of site furniture and interpretation signage.	20-Sep-24	03-Jan-25	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
28	LA04/2024/1592/F	Major	Marlborough House, (no. 28-32 Victoria Street), and no. 8 Marlborough Street, Belfast BT1 3GG	residential development comprising the demolition of no. 8 Marlborough Street, partial demolition of existing Marlborough House, and the refurbishment of existing Listed Building (Princes Court), for the erection of 103 no. apartments (mix of 1-bed, 2-bed and 3 bed units), with provision of private amenity, and internal and external communal amenity spaces; and associated site and infrastructure works.	20-Sep-24	18-Apr-25	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED

29	LA04/2024/1635/F	Major	Lands at Nos. 176-184 and No. 202 Woodstock Road and Nos. 2-20 Beersbridge Road, Belfast.	Section 54 application to vary condition 13 of LA04/2022/0209/F regarding vapour protection measures prior to occupation of approved development and refer to the updated Remediation Strategy of September 2024. The removal of the wording of part c of condition 13, which is no longer required.	27-Sep-24	10-Jan-25	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED
30	LA04/2024/1761/RM	Major	Land forming Plot 9 of the Kings Hall development as approved by LA04/2020/0845/O.	Application for approval of reserved matters application for a medical facility in accordance with outline planning permission LA04/2020/0845/O, seeking approval of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping details			Awaiting information to validate
31	LA04/2024/1752/PAN	Major	Lands adjacent and south west of Monagh By-pass, north west of Nos. 17, 19 and 22 Black Ridge Gardens and c.150 metres south east of Nos. 38 to 70 (evens) Black Ridge View (part of the wider Glenmona mixed-use development), Belfast	Proposed mixed use development (in lieu of the previously approved employment zone under LA04/2020/0804/F) comprising 36 no. Category 1 (over 55's) social housing apartments and 7 no. Class B1/B2 Business/Light Industrial Units. Development includes 2 no. access points, car parking, landscaping and all associated site works			Validation Officer Allocated

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Planning Applications Discussed at Committee Between 01 Apr 2019 and 06 Nov 2024  
 (Red issued refusal decision - Amber to be issued - Green issued approval decision)

Decision Description	Totals
To be issued	33
Consent Granted	0
Consent Refused	0
Permission Granted	1
Permission Refused	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>

Application No.	Location	Proposal	Category	Date Valid	Delegated Committee	Committee Date	Weeks between Valid date and Comm date	Weeks Since Committee	Weeks between Comm Date and Issued Date 2	Decision	Issue date	Today's Date	Reason decision not issued
LA04/2021/0547/F	Lands at 124-126 Lisburn Road Belfast BT9 6AH	Demolition of the existing buildings and redevelopment of site for 2 no. commercial units on ground floor; 11 no. 1 & 2 bed apartments; landscaped communal courtyard; and all associated site works.	LOC	30-Mar-21	C	15/02/2022	46	142	No Issue Date	Permission Granted		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement
LA04/2022/2059/F	Lands south of 56 Highcairn Drive Belfast BT13 3RU Site located at junction between Highcairn Drive and Dunboyne Park Belfast.	Proposed Social Housing Development Comprising of 12 no. 3p/2b semi-detached dwelling houses with incurtilage parking and associated site works. (amended description and site location plan)	LOC	04-Nov-22	C	29/06/2023	33	70	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement
LA04/2022/1924/F	160-164 Kingsway Dunmurry BT17 9RZ.	Mixed-use proposal comprising 13 apartments (with 13 car parking spaces) and coffee shop.	LOC	19-Oct-22	C	29/06/2023	36	70	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement
LA04/2023/2324/F	MOUNTAIN VIEW CENTRE NORGLLEN GARDENS BALLYMURPHY BELFAST ANTRIM BT11 8EL	Proposed redevelopment comprising demolition of an extant building and development of two apartment blocks (12 units category 1 over 55s tenure) and change of use/alterations of existing retail unit to apartments (8 units private tenure), communal amenity, parking, site access alterations, landscaping and ancillary site works	LOC	13-Dec-22	C	17/10/2023	44	55	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement

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LA04/2023/2709/F	Lands at Apartment Blocks 1-3 Clonaver Drive Belfast BT4 2FB	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of social housing development comprising 30 no. apartments across 3 buildings with amenity space, landscaping, car parking and associated site works.	LOC	03-Feb-23	C	14/11/2023	40	51	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement
LA04/2022/1861/F	1-3 Arthur Street Belfast BT1 4GA.	Replacement facade to active facade to facilitate the display of internally illuminated moving images (Temporary Permission for 3 years)	LOC	04-Oct-22	C	14/11/2023	58	51	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Referred to DFI
LA04/2022/1867/DC A	1-3 Arthur Street Belfast BT1 4GA.	Part demolition of facade to facilitate replacement facade.	LOC	04-Oct-22	C	14/11/2023	58	51	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Referred to DFI
LA04/2019/0081/F	Lands at former Maple Leaf Club 41-43 Park Avenue Belfast.	Erection of 12No. apartments (social/affordable housing units comprising 3No. one bed & 9No. two bed) with provision of community pocket park, car parking, landscaping and all associated site and access works (Amended site location plan / site layout)	LOC	04-Oct-24	C	14/11/2023	-46	51	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement
LA04/2020/2325/F	Lands at Former Maple Leaf Club 41-43 Park Avenue Belfast.	Proposed erection 21no. dwellings (social/affordable housing units comprising 17no. townhouses and 4no. semi-detached), car parking, landscaping and all associated site and access works (Amended drawings, additional information)	LOC	06-Nov-20	C	14/11/2023	157	51	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement
LA04/2022/1860/A	1-3 Arthur Street Belfast BT1 4GA.	Active facade to facilitate the display of LED internally illuminated moving images (Temporary consent for 5 years)	LOC	04-Oct-22	C	14/11/2023	58	51	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Referred to DFI



LA04/2020/1858/F	Hillview Retail Park Crumlin Road Belfast.	Proposed residential development of 18 no. social housing units, comprising two terraces. Development includes associated car parking, gardens, landscaping, site access and all other site works. (amended plans uploaded to the Planning Portal on the 5th April 2023 that revise the proposed access and road layout, including the introduction of a traffic island).	LOC	08-Jan-21	C	14/11/2023	148	51	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement
LA04/2021/2687/F	3 Milner Street Belfast BT12 6GE.	Residential development for 87 no. apartments (1 no. and 2 no. bedroom) of which 18no. units are affordable housing, internal car park, landscaped gardens/terraces and all associated site works (amended description and plans).	MAJ	02-Nov-21	C	12/12/2023	110	47	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement
LA04/2023/2390/F	Lands West of Monagh By-Pass South of Upper Springfield Road & 30-34 Upper Springfield Road & West of Aitnamona Crescent & St Theresa's Primary School. North and East of 2-22 Old Brewery Lane Glanaulin 137-143a Glen Road & Airfield Heights & St Mary's CBG School Belfast	Section 54 application to vary a number of conditions to allow the removal of 21 lay-by parking spaces to facilitate the introduction of a new Vehicle Restraint System (VRS) to the southern side of the approved east-west spine road.	MAJ	22-Feb-23	C	12/12/2023	41	47	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement
LA04/2021/2016/F	21-29 Corporation Street & 18-24 Tomb Street Belfast.	Demolition of existing multi-storey car park and the erection of 298no. build for rent apartments (19 storey) including ground floor commercial unit (A1/A2), car/cycle parking provision along with associated development. (Further information received).	MAJ	26-Aug-21	C	16/01/2024	124	42	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement

LA04/2022/1219/F	177-183 Victoria Street 66-72 May Street and 4-8 Gloucester Street Belfast	Demolition of existing building and erection of 11 storey building (May Street/Victoria Street) and 4 storey building (Gloucester Street) comprising 77 apartments with communal areas, ground floor retail services (A2) unit, cycle and car parking, and vehicular access via Gloucester Street	MAJ	21-Jun-22	C	16/01/2024	82	42	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement
LA04/2022/0097/F	22-30 Hopefield Avenue Belfast BT15 5AP	Proposed three and a half storey residential development comprising of 18no. units (3no. wheelchair apartments and 15no. Category 1 - Social Housing) and associated access, bin storage, boundary treatments, bike stands, car parking and site and landscaping works (Amended Drawings)	LOC	04-Apr-22	C	13/02/2024	97	38	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement
LA04/2022/1384/F	Lands at 12 Inverary Avenue Sydenham Belfast BT4 1RN	Residential development of 10 no. apartments within a single building, including demolition of existing structures, car parking and relocation of existing access, and all other associated siteworks.	LOC	05-Aug-22	C	19/03/2024	84	33	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement
LA04/2020/2607/F	Former Belvoir Park Hospital Site Hospital Road Belfast BT8 8JP.	Residential development for the erection of 33 no dwellings (including 5 no affordable units) including public open space, equipped children's play area and associated development as enabling works to deliver the refurbishment of 3 no listed pavilions within the Belvoir Park Hospital complex (previously approved under Y/2014/0401/F and Y/2014/0390/LBC). [amended scheme]	MAJ	16-Dec-20	C	19/03/2024	169	33	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement
LA04/2017/1991/F	Land adjacent to Concourse Buildings Queens Road Belfast BT3 9DT.	Construction of a new 5 storey office development for science and I.T. based business and associated car parking and public realm works.	MAJ	20-Sep-17	C	19/03/2024	338	33	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement

LA04/2020/2105/F	1-5 Gaffikin Street Belfast BT12 5FH	Residential development comprising 55no. apartments comprising 12 no social, and 43 no private apartments and associated site works.	MAJ	21-Oct-20	C	19/03/2024	177	33	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement
LA04/2022/0612/F	Lands at the junction of Shankill Road, Lanark Way, and bound by Caledon Street, Belfast.	Residential scheme of 53 no. dwellings comprising 34 no. semi-detached and 4 no. detached) and 15 no. apartments (7 no. 2-bed and 8 no. 1-bed), amenity space, bin and bicycle storage, landscaping, access, car parking and all associated site works.(revised description & amended plans).	MAJ	15-Apr-22	C	18/06/2024	113	20	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement
LA04/2023/4607/F	Parkmore Building, 284A Ormeau Road, Ballynafoy, Belfast, BT7 2GB	Removal of existing temporary sectional buildings and construction of new three storey childcare building with external play area, associated landscaping and alterations to existing access.	LOC	20-Dec-23	C	27/06/2024	27	18	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	
LA04/2023/2557/F	Lands East of Meadowhill, North of Glencolin Court, North and East of Glencolin Rise, East of Glencolin Grove, North and West of Glen Road Rise, and North of Glen Road Grove. Belfast.	260 no. dwellings, children's play area and other ancillary and associated works.	MAJ	24-Feb-23	C	27/06/2024	69	18	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement

LA04/2024/0344/F	The Royal Belfast Academical Institution College Square East, Belfast, BT1 6DL	Construction of a new South Wing of the RBAI Campus to include multi-purpose dining hall, 15 general classrooms, a drama suite, a 25m swimming pool, a Board Room suite, living accommodation for the School Steward with PV panels on roof and new, small extension to the Soane Building, to provide improved accessibility and upgraded WC facilities, with associated refurbishment and re-modelling of first and second floor classrooms to the southern end of the Soane Building, the development of landscaped zones including the under-croft area at the Common Hall and new boundary treatment at Durham Street and demolition of the existing dining hall, swimming pool, school steward's house and W-Block.	MAJ	20-Feb-24	C	13/08/2024	25	12	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	
LA04/2024/0321/LBC	The Royal Belfast Academical Institution College Square East, Belfast, BT1 6DL	Construction of a new South Wing of the RBAI Campus to include multi-purpose dining hall, 15 general classrooms, a drama suite, a 25m swimming pool, a Board Room suite, living accommodation for the School Steward with PV panels on roof and new, small extension to the Soane Building, to provide improved accessibility and upgraded WC facilities, with associated refurbishment and re-modelling of first and second floor classrooms to the southern end of the Soane Building, the development of landscaped zones including the under-croft area at the Common Hall and new boundary treatment at Durham Street and demolition of the existing dining hall, swimming pool, school steward's house and W-Block.	LOC	20-Feb-24	C	13/08/2024	25	12	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	

LA04/2024/0432/DC A	The Royal Belfast Academical Institution College Square East, Belfast, BT1 6DL	Demolition of the dining hall, swimming pool, school steward's house and landscape planters. The proposed demolition forms part of the overall RBAI Campus Vision proposal which is the subject of a related planning application (ref. LA04/2024/0344/F) and listed building consent application (ref. LA04/2024/0321/LBC).	LOC	07-Mar-24	C	13/08/2024	22	12	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	
LA04/2024/1084/F	Henry Jones Playing Fields, Church Road, Belfast, BT6 9SB	2 no. (35m width x 16m height) ball stop fences. 1.2m height perimeter fencing with 2 no. gate access points. 2 no. (10m width x 4m depth) dugouts + hardstanding path and associated site works.	LOC	11-Jun-24	C	17/09/2024	14	7	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	
LA04/2023/4215/F	141-147 Upper Dunmurry Lane, Dunmurry, Belfast, BT17 0EY	Proposed 3no. residential apartment blocks (19no. Cat 1 Elderly apartments and 2no. Wheelchair apartments, 21 units in total) Associated car parking, site works and landscaping.	LOC	16-Oct-23	C	17/09/2024	48	7	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Deferred for Site Visit
LA04/2023/4153/F	44 Ponsonby Avenue, Belfast, BT15 2LS	Conversion of an existing dwelling house to a 5 bed HMO dwelling house. No works to the exterior or elevation of the property.	LOC	04-Oct-23	C	17/09/2024	49	7	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	Deferred for Site Visit
LA04/2024/0681/F	Lands to the northeast of Olympic House, east of Queen's Road and south of Belfast Metropolitan College, Belfast.	Erection of Purpose-Built Managed Student Accommodation development with additional use of accommodation by further or higher education institutions outside term time, comprising 4 no. blocks of accommodation with building heights ranging from 5 to 9 storeys and up to 35,850sqm gross external floorspace, café, associated communal facilities including landscaped courtyards, internal bin stores and cycle stores, pv array, disabled parking, public realm provision, associated site works and extension of Titanic Boulevard to form new junction	MAJ	18-Apr-24	C	17/09/2024	21	7	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	

LA04/2024/0483/F	34-44 Bedford Street and 6 Clarence Street, Belfast	Proposed change of use from Office (B1) and restaurant (Sui Generis) to Hotel comprising of 88 no. bedrooms, two storey rooftop extension, restaurant and bar offerings, gym facilities, including new dormer windows on roof, internal and external refurbishment and alterations, and all associated site works.	MAJ	19-Mar-24	C	15/10/2024	30	3	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	
LA04/2024/0480/DC A	34-44 Bedford Street and 6 Clarence Street, Belfast	Part demolition of existing buildings (stripping back of roof, shopfront and other external alterations to facilitate change of use and extension of buildings to hotel use.	LOC	29-Mar-24	C	15/10/2024	28	3	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	
LA04/2023/2861/F	1 MILLENNIUM WAY BALLYMAGARRY BELFAST ANTRIM BT12 7AL	Extension to Class B2 factory for storage/ loading purposes and associated works	LOC	09-Mar-23	C	15/10/2024	83	3	1	Permission Granted	28 Oct 2024	06/11/2024	
LA04/2023/3649/F	Royal Victoria Hospital 274 Grosvenor Road, Belfast, BT12 6BA	New 2 storey regional radiopharmaceutical facility, with associated single storey ancillary services accommodation, bin store, and emergency generator and oil tank storage. Amendment to existing car parking layout.	MAJ	08-Aug-23	C	15/10/2024	62	3	No Issue Date	Decision To Be Issued		06/11/2024	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek approval from members for tenders, contract modifications to contract term and Single Tender Actions (STA) over £30,000</li> </ul> <p>And to ask members to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note retrospective Single Tender Actions (STAs)</li> </ul>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve the public advertisement of tenders as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (<b>Table 1</b>)</li> <li>Approve the award of STAs in line with Standing Order 55 exceptions as detailed in Appendix 1 (<b>Table 2</b>)</li> <li>Approve the modification of the contract as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (<b>Table 3</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Competitive Tenders</b>
3.1	Section 2.5 of the Scheme of Delegation states Chief Officers have delegated authority to authorise a contract for the procurement of goods, services or works over the statutory limit of £30,000 following a tender exercise where the council has approved the invitation to tender
3.2	Standing Order 60(a) states any contract that exceeds the statutory amount (currently £30,000) shall be made under the Corporate Seal. Under Standing Order 51(b) the Corporate Seal can only be affixed when there is a resolution of the Council.
3.3	Standing Order 54 states that every contract shall comply with the relevant requirements of national and European legislation.
3.4	The Committee is asked to approve the public advertisement of tenders as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 ( <b>Table 1</b> )
	<b>Single Tender Actions (STAs)</b>
3.5	The Council's current Single Tender Action (STA) process, which has been in place since 2020, provides assurance that the Council continues to comply with its obligations under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 'PCRs' and internal governance arrangements including required controls and approvals. It mirrors the PCRs setting out the exceptional and specific circumstances when a STA can be used (see STA/ Direct Award Reasons Table in Appendix 1).
3.6	To support Officers understanding and to build capability CPS also offer STA Process training on a regular basis.
3.7	In line with Standing Order 55 the Committee is asked to approve the award of the following STAs:



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract for up to £75,749, for up to 2 years, awarded to East Suffolk Council, for Port Health Interactive Live Information System (PHILIS) (fully funded). For extending the utilisation of PHILIS which has become the industrial standard for Port Health. No other supplier exists for digitised food import system.</li> <li>• Contract for up to £51,750, for up to 3 years, awarded to CDR Group for support and maintenance for MapInfo mapping software. The platform has been extensively used to provide developed functionality and projects. It would be a major exercise to replace or change this product and the costs and risk would be prohibitive.</li> <li>• Contract for up to £115,000, for up to 3 months, awarded to Visit Belfast for enhanced key event marketing and promotion. Visit Belfast has an extensive knowledge, unique media partnerships and buying power for a greater out of state campaign and reach not achievable by Council.</li> </ul> <p>Further details on these STAs are set out in Appendix 1 (<b>Table 2</b>).</p>
	<p><b>Modification to Contract</b></p>
<p>3.8</p>	<p>The Committee is asked to approve the following modification of the contract as per Standing Order 37a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to an additional 1 month and £1,500 (income), awarded to USEL for T1998 (3) - provision of catering at the Stables Cafe (income based contract - approx £20,000 pa income). A one month contract extension is required for the current contract to align it with the proposed start date of the new contract which is being tendered.</li> <li>• Up to additional 4 months, awarded Féile an Phobail for T2544 Art of Reconciliation for Belfast 2024. Contract duration extended to include performance during Belfast International Arts Festival. No increase in value.</li> <li>• Up to additional 6 months, awarded to Value Cabs for T2138 Provision of Taxi Services. An extension is required to allow for a reassessment of the current specification to develop a more efficient method of invoicing and payment processes for both supplier and council staff and finance team.</li> </ul> <p>Further details on these contract modifications are set out in Appendix 1 (<b>Table 3</b>).</p>

	<b>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</b>
3.9	The financial resources for these contracts are within approved corporate or departmental budgets
	<b>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</b>
3.10	None
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Table 1 - Competitive Tenders</li> <li>• Table 2 - Single Tender Actions</li> <li>• Table 3 - Modification to Contract</li> </ul>

**Table 1: Competitive Tenders**

Title of Tender	Proposed Contract Duration	Est. Max Contract Value	SRO	Short description of goods / services
Framework Agreement for Goods for Resale at Belfast Zoo. Previously approved Feb 2024 for £520,000 but has now been reviewed.	Up to 4 years	£832,000 (Costs recouped via sales/income)	D Martin	Supply of a range of goods (i.e. toys, souvenirs etc) to sell in shops at Belfast Zoo.
Supply of mechanical sweeper brushes	Up to 3 years	£380,000	D Sales	To support vehicle maintenance for street cleaning and sweeping.
A new Folder inserter for NIHE, and internally for council departments. Previously approved SR&P Sept 2024 for up to 2 years at £110,000. Both duration and value now been reviewed.	Up to 5 years	£155,000	P Gribben	This project aims to enable Digital Services to continue to provide SLA mail processing service for NIHE, and internally for council departments.  All revenue costs are covered by DS budget.
Belfast City & Region Place Partnership (BCRPP) Framework	Up to 4 years	Framework value £4,000,000 BCC contribution 2024/25 £80,000	D Martin	This multi-supplier framework agreement will allow BCC, as the lead partner of the BCRPP, to engage a pre-qualified supplier on a needs led basis, ensuring that each call-off contract represents best value for the partnership.  The BCRPP Partnership is delivered as a public private sector sponsorship fund, which includes a BCC contribution of £80,000 for the 2024 / 2025 programme, as approved by CG&R Committee, June 2024. External funding will form the majority of this overall budget.
Collection, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste	Up to 4 years	£500,000	D Sales	This service ensures that dumped hazardous wastes and those brought to BCC recycling centres are

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				identified, collected, treated and disposed of by specialist and trained contractors in line with legislation.
Search tool for the Council external website	Up to 3 years	£50,000	P Gribben	Belfast City Council has emphasised their search function since the implementation of an updated website in 2020. This is well used, with an average of almost 119,000 searches a year on our website. These have resulted in an average of over 51,000 clicks (43.59% click through rate)

**Table 2: Single Tender Actions**

Title	Duration	Est. Max Contract Value	SRO	Description	Supplier	STA Reason Code
Port Health Interactive Live Information System (PHILIS) (Fully Funded)	Up to 2 years	£75,749	P Gribben	Extend the utilisation of the Port Health Interactive Live Information System (PHILIS) which has become the industrial standard for Port Health. No other supplier exists for digitised Food Import system. We currently use PHILIS system.	East Suffolk Council	3
Support and maintenance for MapInfo mapping software	Up to 3 years	£51,750	P Gribben	The platform has been extensively used to provide developed functionality and projects. It would be a major exercise to replace or change this product and the costs and risk would be prohibitive.	CDR Group	3
Visit Belfast enhanced key event marketing and promotion	Up to 5 months	£115,000	D Martin	Visit Belfast has an extensive knowledge, unique media partnerships and buying power for a greater out of state campaign and reach not achievable by Council.	Visit Belfast	3

**Table 3: Modification to Contract**

<b>Title of Contract</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Modification</b>	<b>SRO</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Supplier</b>
T1998 (3) - Provision of catering at the Stables Café.  Income based contract - approx £20,000 pa income	Up to 5 years	Additional 1 month and £1,500 (income)	S Leonard	A one month contract extension is required for the current contract to align it with the proposed start date of the new contract which is being tendered.	USEL
T2544 - Art of Reconciliation for Belfast 2024	Up to 4 months	Additional 3 months	D Martin	Contract duration extended to include performance during Belfast International Arts Festival. No increase in value.	Féile an Phobail
T2138 - Provision of Taxi Services	Up to 3 years	Additional 6 months	T Wallace	Extension required to allow for a reassessment of the current specification to develop a more efficient method of invoicing and payment processes for both supplier and council staff and finance team.	Value Cabs

**Direct Award Reasons**

<b>Reason Code</b>	<b>Reasons in line with Public Contract Regulations</b>
1	No response following advertised procurement exercise
2	Creation or acquisition of a unique work of art or artistic performance
3	Competition is absent for technical reasons (no reasonable substitute exists)
4	The protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights
5	Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by BCC, the time limits for a procurement cannot be complied with.
6	Products manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experimentation, study or development
7	Additional deliveries which are intended either as a partial or extended replacement of supplies or installations where a change of supplier would result in supplies of different technical characteristics causing incompatibility or disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance
8	Supplies quoted and purchased on a commodity market
9	Supplies or services on particularly time-limited advantageous terms e.g. supplier winding up its business activities
10	New works and services consisting of the repetition of similar works or services, provided that the possibility of a direct award is disclosed during the original tender process
11	Other – Reason not in line with Public Contract Regulations (PCR 2015)

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## Cost of Living Working Group

Tuesday, 12th November, 2024

### MEETING OF THE COST OF LIVING WORKING GROUP

HELD IN THE CONOR ROOM AND  
REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members present: Councillor Flynn (Chairperson);  
Alderman Copeland; and  
Councillors Doherty, McLaughlin and McAteer.

In attendance: Mr. J. Tully, Director of City and Organisational Strategy;  
Mr. J. Girvan, Director of Neighbourhood Services;  
Mr. K. Heaney, Head of Inclusive Growth and Anti-Poverty;  
Ms. N. Lane, Neighbourhood Services Manager;  
Ms. M. Higgins, Lead Officer, Community Provision;  
Mr. C. Tubridy, Hardship Programme Co-Ordinator;  
Mr. B. Carr, Portfolio Manager; and  
Mr. C. Mealey, Committee Services Officer.

#### **Apologies**

No apologies were reported.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 11th September were taken as read and signed as correct.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

#### **Hardship Programme 2024/25**

The Head of Inclusive Growth and Anti-Poverty presented an update report on the current budget position in respect of the development and delivery of a Hardship Programme for 2024/25 to support those vulnerable people most impacted by the cost-of-living crisis across the city. He also provided a detailed overview of the 2023/24 Hardship Programme, including a breakdown of the total funding allocated, themes supported and funding per District Electoral Area.

He reminded Members of the Council's Anti-Poverty Networking Event, held on 29th October, and the launch of its cost-of-living support guide. He informed the Members that the networking event had provided valuable engagement with key stakeholders and highlighted the positive feedback received.

The Working Group was advised that the current funding available to support a Hardship Programme in 2024/25 was £100,773, which was significantly lower than previous years, and that the Department for Communities was currently not allocating any hardship funding for this period. Members were reminded that, at its meeting in October, the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee had agreed that £1million of VAT receipts be ringfenced towards the Hardship Programme. Accordingly, the current budget position for the programme was £1,100,773.

In addition to the current budget for a 2024/25 Hardship Programme, it was reported that £785,744 had been secured through the Department for Communities, to support social supermarkets across the city.

The Working Group was advised that the proposed funding allocation for 2024/25 focused on the key themes and design principles, that had been previously agreed by the Working Group.

### **Thematic Focus**

- Support to children and young people and families;
- Support to individuals/families in emergency need; and
- Support for older people.

### **Design Principles**

- Dignity – delivered in a way that maintains the dignity of the person accessing support;
- Needs driven – targeted at those most in need and can demonstrate this;
- Wraparound – any individual accessing emergency support should be offered access to other wraparound services to help address need on an ongoing basis;
- Promote sustainability – not displace/ duplicate but add value to what is already in existence; and
- Delivery Infrastructure – proper infrastructure (internally within BCC and externally within other organisations) is in place to support the delivery of support.

The Working Group was provided with details of the proposed funding allocation and delivery model as set out below:



Theme	Proposed Delivery Partners	2023-24 Allocation	2024-25 Proposed Allocation
Support to children, young people, and families	Schools via Education Authority	£250,000	£250,000
	Sponsored/Community Day Care	£24,000	£25,000
	Family Support Hubs	£175,000	£200,000
	Save the Children	£100,000	£150,000
Support to individuals/families in emergency need	Society of St Vincent de Paul	£75,000	£100,000
	Trussell Trust	£30,000	£50,000
	Fareshare	£40,000	£50,000
Support for older people	National Energy Action	£75,000	£150,000
	Age NI	£50,000	£100,000
	Winter Wellbeing Programmes	£15,000	£25,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,100,000</b>

The Working Group was informed that officers would continue to engage with Age NI in relation to its capacity to deliver the proposed allocation of £100,000, and that an update in respect of that would be provided to the Members in due course.

During discussion, Members thanked officers for the work carried out to date in respect of the development of the programme and highlighted the benefit of the 2023/24 programme in supporting those vulnerable people across the city that were most impacted by the cost-of-living crisis.

Taking account of the planning and preparation required by officers and delivery partners in respect of a Hardship Programme for 2024/25, it was proposed that the delivery period for partners be extended to June 2025, subject to the approval of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

The Members agreed that the proposed extension would be of benefit to the delivery partners.

Members expressed concern in respect of the hardship faced by older people over the winter months that had been exacerbated by changes to winter fuel payment eligibility. Members highlighted the need to, should additional funding be obtained, provide further support to older people, and ensure it is spread equally across the city.

### **Next Steps**

The Head of Inclusive Growth and Anti-Poverty informed the Working Group that its discussions and recommendations would be collated and reported back to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

The Working Group agreed that the report be brought to the November meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The Working Group noted that the date and time of the next meeting would be agreed in conjunction with the Chairperson.

Chairperson