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## **HYBRID MEETING OF THE CITY GROWTH AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet both remotely (via Microsoft Teams) and in person, in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Wednesday, 11th January, 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:**

#### **1. Routine Matters**

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes
- (c) Declarations of Interest

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

- (a) Future City Centre Programme: Vacant to Vibrant (Pages 1 - 16)
- (b) Business Cluster and Community Grant Programme (Pages 17 - 20)
- (c) Cathedral Buildings - Business Support (Pages 21 - 24)

3. **Positioning Belfast to Compete**

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4. **Strategic & Operational Issues**

- (a) Notices of Motion Quarterly Update (Pages 35 - 42)

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Subject:	Update on Dublin - Belfast Economic Corridor and Action Plan
Date:	11 January 2023
Reporting Officer:	John Greer, Director of Economic Development
Contact Officer:	Cathy Keenan, Enterprise and Business Growth Manager

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with a progress update on the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) and the draft action plan along with resourcing requirements for 2023.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the progress to date to develop the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve Belfast City Council's contribution of £21,000 to Newry Mourne and Down District Council to enable delivery of the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor Action plan in 2023.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	At its meeting on 10 August 2022, members received an update on progress to support the development of the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor including finalisation of the strategy and action plan. Since that meeting, the work has continued, and the strategy has now been completed and agreed by all DBEC partners. It aims to articulate a vision for the partnership to enable sustainable economic growth across the region and to provide an evidence base for action, identifying areas of focus for the partnership to address future opportunities and seeking to address any gaps in existing provision.
3.2	Members of the DBEC political advisory group met in Dundalk on 14 October 2022 to discuss the emerging findings and to consider the strategy and emerging action plan. The strategy has a vision of becoming a leading economic corridor in Europe, achieving sustainable growth through collaborative R&D, a highly skilled workforce and enabling infrastructure. This includes an ambition to be to be world-renowned as a major international centre in growth sectors like Professional Services, Advanced Manufacturing, ICT, Life Sciences and Advanced Agriculture.
3.3	<p>The strategy articulates a number of strategic objectives for the partnership, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase skills and training to meet the labour requirements of the region, building on and expanding the existing workforce</li> <li>• Advocate for cross-border infrastructure to strengthen connectivity and access to markets and labour</li> <li>• Enhance cross-border collaboration in R&amp;D and Innovation, targeting investment in high growth sectors and the green economy</li> <li>• Promote sustainable and climate conscious growth along the corridor, aligned with councils' development plans and wider policy objectives</li> <li>• Align with and support economic development partners to increase trade and investment along corridor.</li> <li>• Market the region and elevate the DBEC brand so that the region becomes globally renowned as an attractive place to live and do business.</li> </ul>

3.4	<p>The next steps for this work are to develop a detailed action plan in order to focus resources and bring forward priority interventions. The partnership recognises that this will require dedicated resources and have agreed in principle to the recruitment of two staff resources (as previously advised). The recruitment process for these posts is currently under way and staff will be housed within Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.</p>
3.5	<p>As with all elements of the work to date, the eight councils have been co-funding the research activities. The indicative budget for development work and resourcing in 2023 is €260k. In line with previous agreements, this will be resourced by the eight councils based on population share. The Belfast proportion is £35,805.83. At the 6 April 2022 meeting of this Committee, a budget of £15,000 had been agreed as an initial contribution. In order progress the action plan, the Committee is asked to approve a further allocation of £21,000. The budget will be held by Newry Mourne and Down District Council through their role as Chair and Secretariat of the DBEC partnership. Belfast City Council's contribution will be allocated from existing budgets.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Shared Island Fund update</u></p> <p>As noted above, strategic objectives for the DBEC work include enhancing cross-border collaboration in R&amp;D and Innovation, targeting investment in high growth sectors as well as infrastructure that strengthens connectivity and access to markets and labour. To progress this work, the partnership applied for funding through the Irish Government's Shared Island Initiative. They were successful in attracting funding of €150,000 in September 2022 to carry out a feasibility assessment to develop a network of regional innovation hubs within the corridor region. These locations would support current or emerging business clusters in particular locations, to the benefit of the entire region. The project will look at pairing up locations based on sectoral strengths and clusters, such as Fintech in Dublin and Belfast. The proposal also incorporates an ambition identified by the Innovation and Inclusive Growth Commission to support growth sectors such as Fintech and capitalise on linkages with cities such as Dublin.</p>
3.7	<p>A procurement exercise is underway to secure external expertise to carry out this work, aiming to commence in January 2023. This is being led by Fingal County Council and Belfast City Council officers will participate in a project steering group.</p>
3.8	<p>In addition, Dublin and Belfast City Council were awarded €250,000 to carry out feasibility research on capital projects to support the circular economy. There has been extensive work</p>

	with colleagues from both councils involved in preparing the terms of reference for a procurement exercise, with Dublin City Council as lead partner. This is expected to be finalised in January and Belfast City Council will work closely with Dublin officials at all stages.
3.9	Opportunities for funding from the Shared Island Fund as well as other interventions such as Peace Plus are being actively explored in order to bring forward some of the interventions identified through the DBEC strategy and emerging action plan.
3.10	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u> The activities outlined within this report will be resourced from the 2022/23 Enterprise and Business Growth budget.
3.11	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> Given the nature of this initiative as a multi-party, cross-border partnership, equality and good relation impacts will be assessed throughout delivery within the overall governance framework.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents attached</b>
	N/A





<b>Subject:</b>	Belfast Positioning – Tourism Ireland US City of Music Showcase & Fleadh Cheoil Showcase
<b>Date:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Greer, Director of Economic Development
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Erika Clark, Creative Programme Manager - Culture & Tourism

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the international cultural showcase Council is delivering in partnership with Tourism Ireland taking place in two major US Cities, Boston, and New York in February 2023. This showcasing opportunity will highlight Belfast’s music, as well as our city’s wider contemporary cultural offering to a range of influencers, major tour operators, media, and other travel operators. This activity is part off our UNESCO City of Music commitments and provides an opportunity to showcase Belfast artists on an international stage.
1.2	Elected Members will be aware that in September 2022, Committee approved permission for Council to proceed for a bid for the Fleadh Cheoil in 2024. In March 2023 a vote takes

	<p>place to confirm the location for the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann for 2024. Several voting members are resident in the United States being part of the executive committee for the United States Comhaltas. As part of the bidding process, it is normal that bidding towns and cities visit the US Comhaltas as well as the Great Britain Comhaltas in conjunction with their bidding partners to discuss their bid with the voting members. To benefit from efficiencies, we are seeking members approval for the attendance of Ards CCE members and Council officers to organise and attend an event in New York to discuss our bid with US Comhaltas vote holders as part of the US Tourism Ireland Showcase schedule.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>Provide permission to financially support accommodation, event, and travel costs for the 8 Members of Ards CCE relating to Belfast City Councils bid to host the Fleadh. This will be funded from existing departmental budgets up to a value of £20,000</p>
2.2	<p>Approve the attendance at the US Showcase by the Lord Mayor (TBC) and the following Council Officers/Chief Officers,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- John Walsh, Chief Executive (TBC)</li> <li>- John Greer, Director of Economic Development</li> <li>- Erika Clark, Creative Programme Manager 2024</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b><u>Main report</u></b>
3.1	<p><b>Purpose &amp; Context</b></p> <p>In May 2021 Council agreed for the submission of an application for Belfast to receive the UNESCO City of Music designation. This reflected our commitment within our 'A City Imagining' Cultural Strategy to bid for UNESCO City of Music status by 2021.</p>
3.2	<p>Our 'City Imagining' strategy commits to recognising the transformative power that music has to spark a new relationship with ourselves as individuals, within our communities and with the city</p>
3.3	<p>In developing our Music Strategy an economic impact assessment was completed by specialist consultancy, Sound Diplomacy. It found the Gross Value Added (GVA) for the cultural and creative industries in 2017 was £1,088 million in 2017, representing 2.7% of Northern Ireland's total GVA, accounting for 25,000 jobs, representing 3.1% of total employment. The jobs created by the sector in Belfast in 2019 reached 7,376, representing 3.22% of total employment in the city.</p>
3.4	<p>The music sector in Belfast generated a direct output of £180 million and an estimated</p>

	<p>direct GVA of £84.3 million and it was responsible for 1,781 direct jobs. When including the indirect and induced effects, music supported 3,130 total jobs, output of £346.8 million and a GVA of £171.4m.</p>
3.5	<p>Belfast’s music, cultural, hospitality and tourism organisations have been damaged by the restrictions stemming from COVID-19. There is a recognition that these sectors require ongoing support and investment to minimize the potential long-term damage to them.</p>
3.6	<p>After extensive engagement we have received an offer from Tourism Ireland to partner with Council to deliver a US sales mission and showcase Belfast music and culture in February 2023. The cultural showcase will be accompanied by a tourism sales mission to highlight the rich tourism offering in Belfast and will take place in Boston &amp; New York. This offer provides an opportunity for Belfast to benefit from Tourism Irelands extensive resources, international networks, organisational capacity and to share the costs for the showcase with Tourism Ireland.</p>
3.7	<p>The aim of the showcase is to celebrate Belfast’s cultural vibrancy, our up-and-coming year of culture in 2024, new and up and coming artists and the awarding of UNESCO City of Music Status to Belfast and highlight contemporary Belfast to an audience of media, VIPs, tour operators and selected guests. In addition, the showcase will also provide an opportunity to highlight upcoming tourism and civic projects such as Belfast Stories. The proposed artists attending will also benefit from a dedicated industry showcase where they will have an opportunity to meet with US agents, producers, distributors, and labels to promote their work</p> <p><b>Alignment to strategic objectives</b></p>
3.8	<p>Council launched their ambitious new strategic plans – <i>A City Imagining</i> Cultural Strategy and <i>Make Yourself at Home</i> Tourism plan – in 2020 and 2021 respectively. To coincide with this Council has undergone a staff restructure to create a new approach to delivering on Culture and Tourism for the city of Belfast, the new Culture and Tourism unit are working together to position Belfast as a culturally vibrant city, both nationally and internationally.</p>
3.9	<p><b><i>Make Yourself at Home – Positioning Belfast, Tourism Plan:</i></b> The Belfast Agenda sets out the belief that Belfast can be a city that people dream to visit. A place that is a vibrant, attractive, connected and environmentally sustainable. Our Tourism Plan sets out long-term goals to grow the value of tourism exponentially and to recognise that tourism plays a vital role in the city’s economy, its employment opportunities, especially for the young, and its support for small businesses and entrepreneurs.</p>

3.10	<p><b>A City Imagining – A City Exploring</b>, Cultural Strategy: <i>A City Exploring</i> is a core pillar of our cultural strategy and aims to strengthen our place in the world by building upon our cultural networks and partnerships locally, regionally, and internationally. Belfast will facilitate, support, and maintain international networks and collaborative partnerships on a range of levels to ensure our connected city welcomes inwards investment and visitors whilst also supporting our creative and cultural entrepreneurs to make their own global connections.</p>
3.11	<p><b>Belfast 2024</b> – our celebratory year of culture will be the manifestation of our strategic determination to showcase the cultural vibrancy and creative ambition of our city. It will focus on principles of co-design, public space, pushing creative boundaries as well as inclusivity and sustainability. This year will showcase to the world what Belfast has to offer, attracting a high number of out-of-state visitors.</p>
3.12	<p><b>UNESCO City of Music</b> – After 3yrs of co-design and development with the city and sector Belfast was granted membership of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network with our new City of Music Status in November 2021. A core ambition of our UNESCO bid was to celebrate our contemporary music offer internationally and raise our international profile, through music, via the UNESCO Creative Cities Network globally. This status carries significant acclaim and recognition internationally.</p>
3.13	<p><b>Concept &amp; Approach</b>  Tourism Ireland and Belfast City Council partnership will deliver a cultural showcase, via a contemporary and vibrant lens. As City of Music Patron for Belfast, Hannah Peel as agreed to act as our Curator for the showcase. Hannah Peel is Northern Ireland’s most successful contemporary musician and composer, having won an Emmy for her work on Game of Thrones and being nominated for the Mercury Music Prize in 2020.</p> <p>Hannah Peel’s approach to this showcase is to create a truly unique and contemporary experience for the attendees – showcasing the best we have to offer culturally by mixing stories, literature, food, and music into an immersive experience.</p>
3.14	<p><b>Us Showcase Line Up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Curator: Hannah Peel (Emmy Winner, Mercury Prize Nominee) Curator &amp; Headline Performer</li> <li>- Host: Tara Lynne O’Neill – Derry Girls/ award winning Belfast actress</li> <li>- Robocobra-Quartet (NI Music Prize winner 2022, represented NI at Glastonbury) Contemporary Jazz Performance</li> <li>- Winnie Ama (BBC Radio Ulster artist of the year/Presenter/ NI Ghanian DJ) Contemporary R&amp;B &amp; electronica</li> </ul>

- Joshua Burnside (NI Music Prize Winner 2018) Irish Folk Singer/Songwriter
- Kwame Daniels (BBC Radio Ulster DJ) Ambience DJ pre-post showcase

Date		Itinerary
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Fly out	Delegation fly to Boston – from Dublin or London
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Boston	Showcase at <b>Langham Hotel</b> Boston 6pm – 9pm
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Boston – NYC	Travel via coach from Boston to New York
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	NYC	Showcase at <b>Virgin Hotel Manhattan</b> New York 6pm – 9pm
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	NYC	Industry Networking Event at <b>Dead Rabbit</b> 5pm – 8pm
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Fly back	Delegation fly back to Dublin/London

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### Benefits

The showcase provides an opportunity to continue to re-position Belfast as a city synonymous with music, culture, food, and unique authentic experiences. In addition, it is envisaged that the showcase will support the recovery of the sectors by,

- Supporting our local tourism and hospitality organisations to return to pre-pandemic levels and eventually to grow beyond those levels
- Provide opportunities to grow jobs for those that are furthest from the labour market.
- Provide a showcasing opportunity for local musicians, artisans, and artists, and provide opportunities for them to develop their businesses

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### Fleadh Cheoil na Éireann partnership with TI US Showcase

Members will be aware that in September 2022, Committee approved permission for Council to proceed for a bid for the Fleadh Cheoil in 2024.

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On 3<sup>rd</sup> December, members of the Ulster Comhaltas visited Belfast to review proposed venues and performance locations. A visit of the Comhaltas Executive Committee is to be scheduled for early February, ahead of the final bid in March.

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A further event identified for attendance at September Committee was the North American Convention (New York) - April 2023. It has now become clear that this event will take place too late to garner support for the Belfast / Ards vote. Consequently, and ahead of the final vote, we are now seeking Member's permission to send a delegation of 8 from Ards CCE to the US as part of the Tourism Ireland showcase event planned for February to maximise use of resources.

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The proposed dates of the visit are Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

<p>3.20</p> <p>3.21</p> <p>3.22</p>	<p>The proposed itinerary is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Travel out to New York</li> <li>- Day 1 – Northern Ireland Bureau event</li> <li>- Day 2 - music event either ‘Dead Rabbit’ or Irish Cultural Centre with invitations to be extended to Fleadh Voting members</li> <li>- Day 3 –Irish Ambassador Event</li> </ul> <p>This visit will provide an opportunity for Ards CCE/BCC to meet and network with voting members of the Ardchomhairle who will travel to New York from across the US. This is critical to building support for the Belfast / Ards bid.</p> <p>At September Committee, permission was also granted to allow Council / Ards CCE to attend at a range of events key to the ongoing bid ahead of the vote. Council also agreed to provide a Letter of Offer of £7,500 to Ards CCE recognizing that the Ards Comhaltas is a voluntary organisation. This funding was to cover costs including travel and subsistence associated with our bid. However, this funding will not meet the costs of the US trip. Consequently, we are seeking Member’s permission to financially support accommodation, event, and travel costs for the 8 Members of Ards CCE. This will be funded from existing departmental budgets up to a value of £20,000.</p> <p>The Director of Economic Development will also be attending a meeting with members of the GB Comhaltas in Glasgow, Scotland on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> in advance of the deciding vote in March. This activity will also be attended by Ards CCE and funded via the previously agreed £7,500 of funding supplied by Council.</p>
<p>3.23</p>	<p><b><u>Finance &amp; Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>The allocation of up to £20,000 for the opportunity to showcase Ards CCE and network with US based members to support our Fleadh Cheoil bid will be drawn from existing departmental budgets approved by this committee in March 2022.</p> <p>Costs associated with the US showcase will be drawn from existing departmental budgets.</p>
<p>3.24</p>	<p><b>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</b></p> <p>The cultural strategy, A City Imagining has been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) and a Rural Needs Assessment (RNA). Specific initiatives as required will be subject to a further equality screening.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p><b>Appendices – Documents attached</b></p>
	<p>None</p>



Subject:	Notices of Motion – Quarterly Update
Date:	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Reporting Officer:	John Greer, Director of Economic Development Cathy Reynolds, Director of City Regeneration and Development
Contact Officer:	Jamie Uprichard, Business Research and Development Manager

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
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.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	It is recommended that the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes the updates to all Notices of Motion that this Committee is responsible for as referenced in Appendix 1; and</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agrees to the closure of 3 Notices of Motion, as referenced in Appendix 1 and noted in paragraph 3.4 below.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p>At the SP&amp;R Committee meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> 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"> <li><i>1. Date received</i></li> <li><i>2. Notice of motion title</i></li> <li><i>3. Submitted by which Councillor</i></li> <li><i>4. Council meeting date</i></li> <li><i>5. Committee motion is referred to</i></li> <li><i>6. Outcome of committee where Notice of Motion will be debated</i></li> <li><i>7. Month it will be reported back to committee</i></li> <li><i>8. Other action to be taken.”</i></li> </ol>
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&amp;R Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> 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"> <li><b>Category 1 – Notice of Motion contained an action that has been completed.</b> 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.</li> <li><b>Category 2 - Notice of Motion has become Council policy or absorbed into a strategic programme of work.</b> These Notices of Motion did not contain a specific task that could be complete but rather they are more strategic in nature and require changes in Council policy and/ or</li> </ul>



3.4	<p>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 through a Council strategy that is managed by a Standing Committee through the corporate planning process.</p> <p>There are presently 11 Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance for which the City Growth &amp; Regeneration (CG&amp;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 8 motions which remain open. Additional information is included at Appendix 1.</p> <p><b>Category 1 Recommended Closures:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cut in Student Places announced by Queen's University (ID = 252)</li> <li>• Presentation: Community Finance Ireland (ID = 263).</li> </ul> <p><b>Category 2 Recommended Closure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (ID = 293).</li> </ul>
3.5	<p><u>Financial &amp; 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><b>Appendices – Documents attached</b></p>
	<p><b>Appendix 1:</b> Notices of Motion Live Database – CG&amp;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	<a href="#">Review of the Belfast Bikes Scheme</a>	Cllr O'Hara	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	John Greer	A report was provided to committee in October 2022, outlining some of the issues around the motion and the potential for other types of discount schemes. Committee agreed to receive a further report which included more detailed proposals.
152	13/01/2021	<a href="#">Environmental Infrastructure in Council Car Parks</a>	Cllr Heading	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	John Tully	This issue is regulated by the Parking Order which has its limitations. This also links to a NoM (ID = 264) from Cllr Long which is being progressed by SP&R. The Climate team are commissioning consultants to develop an EV strategy work at the start of January 2023, with an estimated completion date of end of March 2023.
153	13/01/2021	<a href="#">Disabled Parking Accreditation Scheme</a>	Cllr McMullan	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	Cathy Reynolds	As reported in October, a visit from representatives of the Disability Motoring UK's Disabled Parking Accreditation scheme confirmed that all council off-street car parks meet their recommendations for blue badge parking bays. Council officers continue to review the recommendations, to see if further cost-effective improvements can be made. This will also be raised via the reconvened city Car Park Working Group.
208	04/10/2021	<a href="#">Belfast City Nightlife and Night-time Economy</a>	Cllr de Faoite	Notice of Motion – straight to CG&R	John Greer	A Night-Time Economy Framework is currently being developed with the City Centre All-Party Working Group. The London night-time Zsar is due to visit the city in late January and an engagement involving all relevant stakeholders is being planned during her visit.
211	04/10/2021	<a href="#">Community Wealth Building</a>	Cllr Murphy	Notice of Motion – straight to CG&R	John Greer	Following the recent publication of the DfC Ministerial established Independent Expert Advisory Panel's report, council officers have considered the recommendations and how these relate to work underway within Council. An update 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). A more detailed assessment and critique of the CWB pillars is being prepared for the SPWG, identifying the gaps and opportunities.

217	01/11/2021	<a href="#">Tourism Street Signage</a>	Cllr Long	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	John Greer	The current budget for tourism street signage is limited to the cleaning and maintenance of existing signage. This request for additional signage will be reviewed as part of our business planning for 2023/24.
291	07/12/2022	<a href="#">GP services in Belfast</a>	Cllr Heading	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	Cathy Reynolds	An invitation to present to the special meeting of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee in February 2023 has been issued to the Strategic Planning and Performance Group.

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
252	11/05/2022	<a href="#">Cut in Student Places announced by Queen's University</a>	Cllr Heading	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	John Greer	<b><u>Recommend to Close (Cat 1)</u></b> Ryan Feeney and Kara Bailie from QUB presented to the Special CG&R Committee on 26 October 2022.
263	10/08/2022	<a href="#">Request for Presentation: Community Finance Ireland</a>	Cllr Heading	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	John Greer	<b><u>Recommend to Close (Cat 1)</u></b> Phelim Sharvin of Community Finance Ireland delivered a presentation to the Special CG&R Committee on 26 October 2022.
293	24/11/2022	Low Traffic Neighbourhoods	Cllr McDonough-Brown	Notice of Motion – referred by S&B Committee	Cathy Reynolds	<b><u>Recommend to Close (Cat 2)</u></b> Officers are engaging with DfI and other external stakeholders through the established Community Planning structure under the CPP City Development Board “Connectivity, Active and Sustainable Travel Subgroup” in the context of the refresh of the Belfast Agenda and development of associated action plans. The current draft action plan for thematic area of Connectivity, Active and Sustainable Travel (which was part of the recent BA Phase 2 engagement and is subject to public consultation in Spring 2023) includes an action on “Pilot co-design projects and interventions e.g. low traffic neighbourhoods in identified areas of need”.

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