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MEETING OF THE CITY GROWTH AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room, City Hall on Wednesday, 10th April, 2024 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) Vacant to Vibrant Programme (Pages 1 - 8)
3. **Presentation**
 - (a) Translink - Belfast Grand Central Station (RESTRICTED)
4. **Regenerating Places and Improving Infrastructure**
 - (a) Belfast City Centre Regeneration Tracker (Pages 9 - 14)

5. **Positioning Belfast to Compete**

- (a) Update on Neighbourhood Tourism (Report to follow)
- (b) International Relations Activity - New York-New Belfast event (Pages 15 - 18)

6. **Strategic and Operational Issues**

- (a) City Growth and Regeneration Committee Plan 2024-2025- Update (Pages 19 - 22)
- (b) Notice of Motion Quarterly Update (Pages 23 - 30)

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Subject:	Belfast City Centre Regeneration Tracker
Date:	10 th April 2024
Reporting Officer:	Cathy Reynolds, Director of City Regeneration & Development
Contact Officer:	Sean Dolan, Senior Development Manager

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0 Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues

1.1	To provide Members with an update on the Belfast City Centre Regeneration Tracker which captures regeneration and development activity which took place in the City Centre during 2023, as aligned to the eight core policies of the Belfast City Centre Regeneration and Investment Strategy (BCCRIS). The detail of this report will be provided by way of a presentation at Committee.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>Members are asked to note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) An overview of regeneration and development activity which took place in Belfast City Centre and Titanic Quarter during 2023, as aligned to the eight core principles set out in the Belfast City Centre Regeneration and Investment Strategy, will be provided by way of a presentation to be made to this Committee on 10th April 2023. ii) This will include identifying challenges and proposed next steps to help unlock the next stage of the delivery of the Regeneration & Investment Strategy priorities for discussion with Members.
4.0	Main Report
4.1	<p>As members are aware the Belfast City Centre Regeneration and Investment Strategy (BCCRIS) sets out our collective ambition for the continued growth and regeneration of the city core and its surrounding areas for the period 2015 to 2030. It contains a road map of policies to guide city centre decision-making and key projects that translate those policies into action, aligned to our overarching ambitions outlined within the Belfast Agenda. BCCRIS seeks to address the universal elements of a thriving city centre as well as challenges and conditions that are unique to Belfast and is underpinned by the following eight core principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the Employment Population; • Increase the Residential Population; • Manage the Retail Offer; • Maximise the Tourism Opportunity; • Create Regional Learning and Innovation Centres; • Create a Green, Walkable, Cyclable Centre; • Connect to the City Around, and • Shared space and social impact. <p>4.2 To facilitate the implementation of the eight policies for the city centre, BCCRIS identified a series of projects aimed at creating a liveable and economically thriving city, alongside, identifying the following five Special Action Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inner North • Inner West

- North East Quarter
- Transport Hub and South Centre
- Oxford Street and the Eastern Bank

4.3 The city centre provides an important role for Belfast, the Council and the wider region given Belfast's role as the regional driver and the critical role the city centre in particular plays in terms of employment, investment, tourism, education and a place to live and to visit. , The city centre makes up 2.6% of Belfast's spatial area but represents the largest employment base employing over 86,000 workers across the various sectors, representing c37% of Belfast's workforce. Approx 80% of the Councils income comes from the district rate, with the city centre accounting for 42% of Belfast's non-domestic rates income equating to 27% of the Councils total rates income. The sectors contributing greatest to city centre rates are the office sector (60% of city centre non-domestic rate or 16% of Councils total rate income) and retail (22.5% of city centre non-domestic rate or 6% of Councils total rate income). From 2020/21 to 2022/23 the city centre non-domestic rate has increased year on year going from £42.19m to £46.52m over this 3-year period.

4.4 The purpose of the Regeneration Tracker is to provide Members with an overview of regeneration and development activity which has taken place in Belfast City Centre and Titanic Quarter during 2023 (1st January – 31st December), aligned to the eight core policies outlined within the Belfast City Centre Regeneration and Investment Strategy. An overview of the Future City Centre Performance Dashboard will also be included, providing an overview of footfall, jobs, vacancy, and cleanliness and safety among other indicators to provide a health check overview of the performance of the city centre.

4.5 A number of the core principles and projects and developments identified within BCCRIS have progressed well since 2015 to date (and in particular during 2023 which will be the focus of the presentation to Committee). This has included significant office development, hotel and tourism, purpose-built student accommodation and major developments identified in BCCRIS such as the relocation of the University Ulster, progression of the new Transport Hub and Weavers Cross development, progression of City Deal projects including the Belfast Stories tourist attraction, waterfront development etc. Whilst retail across the UK has remained challenging previous reports to this Committee have shown that city centre ground floor vacancy levels have decreased 23% to 21% and there have been a number of new first to Belfast /first to market brands who have recently located in the city centre. It is however recognised that challenges remain around city centre living, place-shaping and public realm, dereliction, and infrastructure investment. As reported to CGR in February 2024 the lack of regeneration related funding for Belfast (and the wider region) as compared to other UK city regions has put Belfast at a distinct disadvantage in terms of city competitiveness and addressing issues of viability, place making and progressing development and

regeneration including housing and increased city centre living. As highlighted to Committee there are a number of funding streams available in other UK cities that have helped accelerate development inc the Brownfield Infrastructure and Land Fund, Future High Streets Fund, Transforming Cities Fund etc. The experience from other cities has shown that these have been critical in order to realise the full regeneration potential of their city centres and to meet wider city region requirements.

4.6 Notwithstanding the lack of this external funding, the Regeneration Tracker presentation to be made to Committee will highlight positive development activity during the 2023 period across the private and public sectors. In order to deliver the growth ambitions as set out in the Belfast Agenda to 2035 it has been estimated that this will require c £5.5bn investment and clearly the role of the private sector is critical in this. The Regeneration Tracker details the extensive private sector development delivered in 2023 along with highlighting some of the projects where Belfast City Council are leading on the delivery of addressing some of our key sectors for growth. This includes the Housing Led Regeneration Programme, the Bolder Vision, Strategic Property Acquisitions, Belfast Region City Deal Projects inc Belfast Stories, Cathedral Gardens redevelopment, 2 Royal Avenue, potential acquisition /vesting of the Tribeca site, the Vacant to Vibrant Programme, Belfast 2024 cultural activities etc.

4.7 An update on these various areas of work have been brought to both CGR and SP&R Committees. In terms of city centre living specifically it is worth highlighting the update brought to the March CGR Committee in relation to the housing led regeneration programme. This included an update on the Development Partner process where Members had been advised of the progress on the competitive dialogue process with 3 bidders for a significant multi-site, residential led mixed use regeneration development opportunity (c £630m GDV). This followed the development of a number of Concept Regeneration Plans for Council and wider public and private sector lands and PADS for each of the cluster sites. Members were also updated on the reframed Inner North West Development Brief which had been forwarded to Housing Associations, which had followed the previous pause at the request of Members and liaison with DfC as landowners and with NIHE. An update was also provided in relation to the city-wide Strategic Site Assessments where planning appraisals and feasibility studies are underway and updates to be brought initially to the Area Working Groups from May onwards.

4.8 It is worth highlighting that there are a significant number of consented residential units / schemes that have come through the planning system in the city centre particularly, and that many of these have not progressed for various reasons including issues around policy, viability, infrastructure etc, most of which are outside Council's responsibility. Notwithstanding this however it is worth noting that there are currently over 1,000 homes under construction across 6 city centre sites, and over

	1,550 social homes under construction across the city. As agreed by Members it is also intended to hold an All-Party Roundtable on Housing Regeneration to consider the various housing regeneration issues in more detail.
4.9	The Regeneration Tracker will present an update on the progress of development and regeneration activity within the city centre in 2023 as well as identifying challenges and proposed next steps to unlocking the next stage of the delivery of the Regeneration & Investment Strategy for discussion with Members.
5.0	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> None associated with this report.
6.0	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None associated with this report.
7.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	None associated with this report.

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Subject:	International Relations Activity – New York-New Belfast event
Date:	10 April 2024
Reporting Officer:	John Greer, Director of Economic Development
Contact Officer:	Laura Leonard, International Relations Manager

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Call-in	
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to advise members of the planned New York-New Belfast event which takes place in early June 2024 and to seek approval for council engagement in and representation at the event.
2.0	Recommendation
	It is recommended that Members note and approve a financial contribution of £5,000 towards the 2024 New York New Belfast event and agree the attendance of the Lord Mayor and relevant senior officials, up to a to a maximum estimated cost of £8,000.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Members will be aware of the ongoing work to develop and deliver a range of activities to attract further FDI and capital investment in the city and support the growth and scaling of innovative Belfast companies in key growth sectors. This includes support for trade development and export support; engagement in showcasing and promotional activities in key markets and development of promotional collateral and materials setting out the sectoral and infrastructure offer in the city.
3.2	One of the key international opportunities to promote the business and investment opportunities in Belfast is the annual New York-New Belfast (NYNB) showcase event which has been running for more than a decade. For the last three years, the event has been streamlined to focus on seeking economic opportunity within New York City and the wider east coast. Over 150 business, civic and political leaders gather to hear the latest Belfast capital developments and trade and investment offer across our growth sectors. An added dimension to the showcase is an opportunity to promote the tourism and cultural offers within the city, including the 2024 Year of Culture programme.
3.3	This year presents an opportunity to update potential investors on the progress of the Belfast Region City Deal key assets. An increasingly important area of engagement with the US market is the growing number of scaling companies seeking investment and mentorship to launch into the US market. Finally, the event and associated meetings provide an opportunity to meet face to face with companies who are considering establishing a base in Europe, to encourage them to explore Belfast as an investment location – particularly given the unique investment proposition that the region now benefits from. As well as the business event, the council delegation will undertake a series of targeted business meetings in partnership with Invest NI's USA office.

3.4	<p>The 15th NYNB event will take place on 6 June 2024. Among key attendees and speakers are Comptroller Tom Di Napoli, who continues to invest US Pension Funds into NI businesses, as well as committed supporter of Belfast, Michael Flannery, who works with US-based tech businesses targeting global markets.</p>
3.5	<p>At an engagement session with the honorary chairs of the annual NYNB summit during the 2023 International Homecoming event in Belfast, they urged the city to hone their pitch to focus on projects which are transformative and likely to be delivered imminently, such as City Deal projects, or which have been delivered and require added value further investment such as Ulster University. They are keen that Belfast City Council presents investment opportunities and pipeline concepts with a special emphasis on innovation and leadership in green technology and AI.</p>
3.6	<p>Members are asked to contribute £5,000 towards the cost of the New York New Belfast economic showcase 2024 and the associated costs of the participation by Lord Mayor alongside relevant senior officers, up to a maximum estimated cost of £8,000.</p>
3.7	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Members are asked to contribute £5,000 towards the cost of the New York New Belfast economic showcase 2024 and the associated costs of the participation by Lord Mayor alongside relevant senior officers, up to a maximum estimated cost of £8,000. The above costs are set aside within the existing International Relations budget 2024/25.</p>
3.8	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no direct Equality or Good Relations implications associated with this report. No specific rural impact.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>

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Subject:	City Growth and Regeneration Committee Plan 2024-2025- Update
Date:	10 April 2024
Reporting Officer:	Damien Martin, Strategic Director, Place and Economy
Contact Officer:	Jamie Uprichard, Business Research and Development Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update members on the development of the City Growth and Reeneration (CG&R) Committee Plan for 2024-2025.
2.0	Recommendation
	Members are asked to note that the draft Committee Plan will be presented for consideration at the May meeting of the Committee, but may require updating when the four year Corporate Plan for the Council has been agreed.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Each year the Committee is tasked with agreeing a Committee Plan for the year ahead. A draft Committee Plan for 2024-2025 is currently being prepared for consideration at the May meeting of the CG&R Committee. The plan will take account of recommendations from the Committee Planning workshop held in October 2023 (see appendix 1) and decisions relevant to the Committee agreed through the rates setting process. Importantly it will also need to reflect the recently approved Belfast Agenda Update and the four year Corporate Plan which is also under development.
3.2	The four year Corporate Plan will not have been agreed before the May meeting of the CG&R Committee. However, in order to ensure that the Committee has an agreed plan for the year ahead early in the financial year, it is proposed to nevertheless bring the plan forward for consideration in May, recognising that there may be a need to update it following agreement of the Corporate Plan.
3.3	An end-of-year progress report for 2023-2024 will be brought forward for consideration in May alongside the draft Committee plan.
3.4	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> Decisions agreed during the rate setting process will be reflected in the draft Committee plan.
3.5	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no direct Equality or Good Relations implications associated with this report. There is no specific rural impact.
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	Appendix 1- Summary of recommendations (CG&R Planning Workshop 25 October 2023)

Summary of recommendations (CG&R Planning Workshop 25 October 2023)

- To continue to review and refine the Committee's priorities in line with the Corporate Planning process.
- Recognition of importance of city centre whilst ensuring there is appropriate balance between city centre and wider city investment, development and regeneration.
- To continue to prioritise housing-led regeneration and neighbourhood tourism.
- To address the large areas of derelict sites both within the city centre and surrounding neighbourhoods and the high levels of vacancy above the ground floors, in addition to those at ground level.
- To consider ways to increase the impact of Developer Contributions esp with employment opportunities across the city.
- To get a better understanding of rates income sources
- A continued focus on employment & skills and particularly the Skills Academies was considered important
- The importance of transport decisions, connectivity and large scale capital infrastructure projects in context of the Eastern Transport Plan and Bolder Vision and the timing of these
- Consider ways to support the development of local neighbourhood markets, such as making use of council assets, to compliment rather than displace the current markets.
- Recognised that many priorities need to be led via Community Planning and other partnership structures and importance of supporting these
- Consideration to be given as to how to measure progress and impact on agreed programmes and Committee work plan

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Subject:	Notices of Motion – Quarterly Update
Date:	10 th April 2024
Reporting Officer:	Damien Martin, Strategic Director of Place and Economy
Contact Officer:	Jamie Uprichard, Business Research and Development Manager

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

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 (CG&R) 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	<p>It is recommended that the Committee:</p> <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 seven 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. Date received 2. Notice of motion title 3. Submitted by which Councillor 4. Council meeting date 5. Committee motion is referred to 6. Outcome of committee where Notice of Motion will be debated 7. Month it will be reported back to committee 8. Other action to be taken.”
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 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.

3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category 2 - Notice of Motion has become Council policy or absorbed into a strategic programme of work. <p>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 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 CG&R Committee is responsible for. Members are asked to approve the recommendation to close seven motions (detailed below) and note status updates for the remaining four motions which remain open. Additional information is included at Appendix 1.</p> <p>Category 1 Recommended Closures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the Belfast Bikes Scheme (ID = 72). • Disabled Parking Accreditation Scheme (ID = 153). • Translink – Night-time provision of services (ID = 289). • Support the network of WW2-era Pillboxes (ID = 303). • Cathedral Quarter (ID = 318). • Late Night Public Transport (ID = 349). <p>Category 2 Recommended Closures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Art Walls (ID = 329).
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
152	13/01/2021	Environmental Infrastructure in Council Car Parks	Cllr Heading	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	John Tully	The Climate Team plan to present the draft Belfast EV Strategy to SP&R Committee for approval in April 2024 in advance of a public consultation in May. A Belfast EV City group will be established thereafter to support its implementation.
208	04/10/2021	Belfast City Nightlife and Night-time Economy	Cllr de Faoite	Notice of Motion – straight to CG&R	John Greer	Representatives of the Purple Flag Steering Group are being invited to a joint meeting with the City Centre All-Party Working Group to be held on 3 rd May, following the renewal of the Purple Flag accreditation in January 2024.
217	01/11/2021	Tourism Street Signage	Cllr Long	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	John Greer	A review has been conducted to identify potential locations, and ways of signposting visitors. Officers are still trying to determine how this can best be progressed to complement existing infrastructure such as the recently unveiled statue of Mary Ann McCracken.
309	22/02/2023	Rent Controls	Cllr Beattie	Issue Raised in Advance (Special CG&R)	Nora Largey	DfC previously advised that they were unable to make changes relating to rent controls without a sitting NI Assembly and the NI Executive in place. Now that the Assembly is in place again, a revised letter will be sent that will set out the issues raised in this NoM.

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
72	04/03/2020	Review of the Belfast Bikes Scheme	Cllr O'Hara	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	John Greer	<u>Recommend to close (Category 1)</u> At the completion of the 2024/25 rate setting process, no additional or partnership funding was available. As a result, the granting of free access to young people aged 25 and under to the scheme is not financially viable or sustainable.
153	13/01/2021	Disabled Parking Accreditation Scheme	Cllr McMullan	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	Siobhan Toland	<u>Recommend to close (Category 1)</u> As previously reported 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. The CNS Off-Street Car Parking team continue to address recommendations from the audit in order to make the city's car parks more accessible and inclusive for disabled people.
289	01/12/2022	Translink - Night-time provision of services	Cllr Lyons	Notice of Motion – debated at council	Cathy Reynolds	<u>Recommend to close (Category 1)</u> As part of the process to refresh the Belfast Agenda, officers engaged through Community Planning structures to advocate an extension of the night-time provision of its Metro and Glider bus services. The recently launched Belfast Agenda action plans include an action to: "Expand the timetable with a greater service in the 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>Recommend to close (Category 1)</u> Council officers have undertaken research which suggests there is only one surviving pillbox in Belfast out of 53 across the region. This was restored in 2019. The council continues to engage with EastSide Partnership regarding ongoing tourism product development in the area.
318	27/06/2023	Cathedral Quarter	Cllr Groogan	Notice of Motion – straight to CG&R	Cathy Reynolds	<u>Recommend to close (Category 1)</u> Correspondence was issued as per the NoM, and Castlebrooke met with Party Leaders and Party representatives on 22 nd February 2024. Members will also note the decision at SP&R Committee in January 2024 where approval was granted for Officers to carry out further work in relation to the possibility of

						vesting and/or acquisition of the site by agreement including seeking a valuation of the site. Cross departmental work is ongoing in respect of this. In addition, as agreed by council in February 2024, correspondence is being issued to the Ministers and Perm Secs of DfC, DfI and DfE.
329	29/08/2023	Street Art Walls	Cllr McKeown	Notice of Motion – straight to CG&R	John Greer	<u>Recommend to close (Category 2)</u> The Culture team have incorporated actions into its 24/25 programme including a legal walls pilot, a mentoring programme and a range of workshops for street artists as part of Hit the North.
349	28/11/2023	Regional Jobs and Investment Bill	Cllr Doherty	Notice of Motion – straight to CG&R	John Greer	<u>Recommend to close (Category 1)</u> This motion has been addressed with the proposing member.

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