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BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TO: THE LORD MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND THE COUNCILLORS OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the monthly meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, 2nd July, 2018 at 6.00 p.m., for the transaction of the following business:

1. Summons
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council of 4th June (Pages 1 - 12)
5. Official Announcements
6. Request to Address the Council

To consider a request for a representative of Northern Ireland Patient Voice and of the Dunmurry Manor families' group to address the Council in relation to the motion on Dunmurry Manor Care Home being proposed by Councillor Heading.

7. Positions of Responsibility and Committee Membership - Brexit Committee (Pages 13 - 16)
8. Minutes of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 20th and 22nd June (Pages 17 - 86)
 - a) Amendments to Standing Orders - Brexit Committee (Pages 87 - 88)
9. Minutes of People and Communities Committee of 5th June (Pages 89 - 114)
10. Minutes of City Growth and Regeneration Committee of 13th and 27th June (Pages 115 - 138)
11. Minutes of Licensing Committee of 20th June (Pages 139 - 166)
12. Minutes of Planning Committee of 6th and 12th June (Pages 167 - 180)
13. Notices of Motion

a) Brexit - Backstop Option

Proposed by Councillor Walsh,

Seconded by Councillor Carson,

"This Council supports paragraph 49 of the agreed Joint Report from the Negotiators of the European Union and the British Government of December 2017, which is an approach that will ensure there is no hardening of the border in Ireland.

The Council wishes to see the 'backstop' option, as defined in paragraph 49, included in the legally binding Withdrawal Agreement and agrees to lobby for retaining the 'backstop' in the Withdrawal Agreement unless and until something better emerges. In addition, the Council demands that the full EU rights of citizens are protected, as proposed in the current draft Withdrawal Agreement."

(To be referred, without discussion, to the Brexit Committee)

b) Personal Independence Payments

Proposed by Councillor McReynolds,

Seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McDonough-Brown),

"This Council:

- notes the importance of Personal Independence Payments to sustaining and maintaining the lives of many across Northern Ireland;
- notes with concern the many issues associated with undergoing assessments and the stress they can bring upon individuals;
- is concerned at the fall in figures of those receiving the benefit and the impact this is having on their lives;
- notes the link that exists between the drop in support provided and the '20m rule' for the highest rate of PIP mobility support as highlighted by 'PIP – a step too far' published by MS Society; and
- accordingly, agrees to write to the Minister for Work and Pensions calling for an urgent review of the 20m rule and to engage with key stakeholders to find a more appropriate alternative."

(To be debated by the Council)

c) Dunmurry Manor Care Home

Proposed by Councillor Heading,

Seconded by Councillor Attwood,

"This Council notes the Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland's investigation into the Dunmurry Manor Care Home and its findings in the report entitled 'Home Truths'.

The Council acknowledges and congratulates the Dunmurry Manor Relatives' Group and Patients Voice in their campaign to highlight the deplorable living conditions of older people at the care home. The Council further notes and welcomes the first use in Northern Ireland of the Commissioner's statutory investigative powers into a privately run Care Home.

The Council welcomes the 59 recommendations made by the Commissioner into the Safeguarding and Human Rights , Care and Treatment , Medicines Management , Environmental Cleanliness, Regulation and Inspection, Staff training , Management and Leadership, Complaints, and Accountability. In particular, the Council agrees to support the recommendation by the Commissioner of the introduction of an Adult Safeguarding Bill by the Northern Ireland Assembly when it next convenes by writing to each Party Leader calling for their support for the Commissioner's proposal."

(To be debated by the Council)

d) Graffiti

Proposed by Councillor Boyle,

Seconded by Councillor Dudgeon,

"This Council recognises the damage caused by and unsightliness of the growing amount of graffiti within our city centre and our neighbourhoods; on our shutters, our walls, our doors, our utility boxes etc.

As the Council has the power under Article 18 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 to remove or obliterate any graffiti which, in the opinion of Council, is detrimental to the amenity of any land in the district, pro-active policies and procedures for addressing the problem need to now be put in place, perhaps on the lines of those adopted in 2016 by Ards and North Down Borough Council.

Accordingly, this Council agrees to allocate the necessary funding and resources, or the reprioritisation of existing resources, to tackle the environmental scourge of graffiti in the city."

**(To be referred, without discussion, to the
People and Communities Committee)**

e) Perinatal Care Pathway Service

Proposed by Alderman Convery,

Seconded by Councillor Boyle,

"This Council believes that in a mum's pregnancy both lives matter, the mother and the unborn child. This commitment to the rights of both must be reflected in the support provided to mothers, the unborn child and their families throughout the pregnancy.

The Council calls for the immediate implementation of a Perinatal Care Pathway Service in Northern Ireland and, eventually, the provision of a Perinatal Hospice Care Facility to ensure the best medical, emotional and social support for those who are faced with the diagnosis of a severe life limiting condition."

(To be debated by the Council)

f) Rohingya Genocide

g)

Proposed by Councillor Attwood,

Seconded by Councillor Lyons,

"This Council notes that the UN Special Rapporteur has said the Government of Myanmar have been responsible for the pre-planned and violent deportation of about 800,000 men, women and children from Rohingya's ethnic minority since October 2016.

The Council supports the existential needs of the estimated one million Rohingyas violently deported to borders of Bangladesh and recognises that they will require international protection until such time as Myanmar is ready to accept them as full and equal citizens with basic human and minority rights.

The Council also supports the campaign to declare 25th August as 'Genocide Day', the day Myanmar Armed Forces began their violent and premeditated attacks on the Rohingya population and will support an event in Belfast City Hall on 25th August 2018 to show solidarity with the Rohingya population."

(To be debated by the Council)

(Report attached - Pages 181 - 182)

g) Gasworks Northern Fringe

Proposed by the Lord Mayor (Councillor Hargey),

Seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McDonough-Brown),

"This Council recognises and supports the right of homeless families in the Markets community and in the wider City to family homes on land zoned for social housing, as an integral part of any redevelopment on the Gasworks Northern Fringe.

Furthermore, the Council recognises the need for the sustainability, prosperity, and inclusive economic growth of the Markets community to be central to any redevelopment of said site and the Council will clearly demonstrate how it intends to implement these commitments"

**(To be referred, without discussion, to the
City Growth and Regeneration Committee)**

The Members of Belfast City Council are hereby summoned to attend.

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Chief Executive

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Council

ANNUAL MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall on Monday, 4th June, 2018
at 6.00 p.m., pursuant to notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor McAllister) (Chairperson); the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Copeland); the High Sheriff (Councillor Howard); Aldermen Browne, Convery, Haire, Kingston, McCoubrey, L. Patterson, Rodgers, Sandford and Spence; and Councillors Armitage, Attwood, Baker, Beattie, Boyle, Campbell, Canavan, Carson, Clarke, Collins, Corr, Corr Johnston, Craig, Dorrian, Dudgeon, Garrett, Graham, Groves, Hargey, Heading, Hussey, Hutchinson, Johnston, Kyle, Long, Lyons, Magee, Magennis, McAteer, McConville, McCusker, McDonough-Brown, Milne, Mullan, Murphy, Newton, Nic Biorna, Nicholl, O'Donnell, O'Hara, O'Neill, Pankhurst, Reynolds and Walsh.

Summons

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Alderman McGimpsey and Councillors Bunting and McReynolds.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Minutes of the Council

Moved by the Lord Mayor (Councillor McAllister),
Seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Copeland) and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Council of 1st May and the special meeting of the Council of 18th May be taken as read and signed as correct.

Official Announcements

The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the Council, welcomed Mr. Alistair Reid, Strategic Director of Place and Economy, and Mr. Aidan Thatcher, Director of Planning and Building Control, to their first meeting.

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Councillor Long welcomed the employment opportunities which would be created by the opening in the City of a renowned Canadian coffee chain.

Requests to Film Proceedings

The Chief Executive reported that requests had been received from a number of broadcasting companies to film the installation of the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor.

The Council approved the requests.

Appointment of Positions of Responsibility for 2018/2019

The Chief Executive drew the Council's attention to a report which identified the persons who had been selected by the Nominating Officer of each Political Party to hold the following Positions of Responsibility in Year 4 of the current Council term:

Position of Responsibility	Party	Nominated Member
Lord Mayor	SF	Councillor Hargey
Deputy Lord Mayor	Alliance	Councillor McDonough-Brown
Chairperson Strategic Policy and Resources Committee	UUP	Alderman Rodgers
Deputy Chairperson Strategic Policy and Resources Committee	SF	Councillor Campbell
Chairperson City Growth and Regeneration Committee	SDLP	Councillor Lyons
Deputy Chairperson City Growth and Regeneration Committee	DUP	Councillor Graham
Chairperson People and Communities Committee	Alliance	Councillor Nicholl
Deputy Chairperson People and Communities Committee	SDLP	Councillor McCusker
Chairperson Planning Committee	SF	Councillor Garrett
Deputy Chairperson Planning Committee	DUP	Councillor Hussey
Chairperson Licensing Committee	SF	Councillor O'Hara

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Position of Responsibility	Party	Nominated Member
Deputy Chairperson Licensing Committee	UUP	Councillor Dudgeon
Chairperson Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Shareholders' Committee	DUP	Alderman Haire
Deputy Chairperson Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Shareholders' Committee	SDLP	Councillor Attwood

The Council agreed to appoint the Members to the positions of responsibility for 2018/2019, as set out above, and noted the Chief Executive's comment that a pre-action protocol letter relating to a potential Judicial Review which had been received earlier that day, challenging the legal opinion relating to the Party Nominating Officer's decision to replace Councillor Boyle with Councillor Lyons on the City Growth and Regeneration Committee, was being reviewed and would be responded to in due course.

Expressions of Thanks

The Lord Mayor reviewed her year in office, which had focused upon the theme of 'Global Belfast', and highlighted a number of successful events in which she had participated. She thanked her Political Party, her family, the Deputy Lord Mayor, the High Sheriff, other Members and Council staff for their support and wished the incoming Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor every success over the forthcoming year.

The Deputy Lord Mayor referred to a number of memorable events which she had hosted or had attended during her year in office and paid tribute to the Lord Mayor, the High Sheriff, her Political Party, her family, other Members and Council staff for the valuable assistance which they had provided.

Tributes

Representatives of a number of Political Parties paid tribute to the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor for the way in which they had fulfilled their duties over the course of the past twelve months.

Installation of Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor

The Chief Executive reminded the Council that it had, earlier in the meeting, approved the Positions of Responsibility for 2018/2019 and that Councillor Hargey had been nominated to serve as Lord Mayor and Councillor McDonough-Brown as Deputy Lord Mayor for the period to end on the date of the annual meeting of the Council in 2019.

Accordingly, Councillors Hargey and McDonough-Brown were installed in Office and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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Councillor Hargey thanked her Political Party for nominating her to serve as Lord Mayor, outlined her main priorities for the forthcoming year and paid tribute to the previous Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor for the manner in which they had carried out their duties.

Councillor McDonough-Brown paid tribute also to the previous Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor, thanked his Political Party for nominating him to serve as Deputy Lord Mayor and outlined his main objectives for his term in office.

(The Lord Mayor, Councillor Hargey, in the Chair.)

Appointment of Alderman

The Chief Executive reminded the Council that, at its annual meeting on 24th March, 2015, it had agreed to appoint twelve Members to serve as Aldermen for the duration of the Council term.

She pointed out that, following the resignation in December, 2017 of Alderman McKee, there existed a vacancy in the office of Alderman and requested that the Council decide if it wished to fill that position.

Accordingly, it was

Moved by Alderman Rodgers,
Seconded by Councillor Johnston and

Resolved – That Councillor Copeland be appointed to the office of Alderman for the remainder of the Council term.

Change of Membership on Committees and Outside Bodies

The Chief Executive reported that notification had been received from a number of Political Parties of the following changes to Committees and Outside Bodies:

Alliance

- Councillor O'Neill to replace Councillor McDonough-Brown on the City Growth and Regeneration Committee;
- Councillor Nicholl to replace Councillor McDonough-Brown on the Planning Committee;
- Councillor McAllister to replace Councillor O'Neill on the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee; and
- Councillor Armitage to replace Councillor Howard on the George Best City Airport Forum.

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DUP

- Councillor Craig to replace Councillor Reynolds on the Board of Active Belfast Limited.

SDLP

- Councillor Lyons to replace Councillor Boyle on the City Growth and Regeneration Committee.

Sinn Féin

- Councillors Carson, Clarke, McConville and Nic Biorna to replace Councillors Campbell, Hargey, O'Donnell and Walsh on the Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Shareholders' Committee;
- Councillors Baker, Corr and Murphy to replace Councillors Hargey, Magee and McAteer on the City Growth and Regeneration Committee;
- Councillors Nic Biorna and Magennis to replace Councillors Campbell and Canavan on the Licensing Committee;
- Councillors Canavan, Magee and O'Donnell to replace Councillors Carson, Murphy and Nic Biorna on the People and Communities Committee; and
- Councillors McAteer and O'Donnell to replace Councillors Corr and Hargey on the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Boyle expressed his opposition to his replacement on the City Growth and Regeneration Committee with Councillor Lyons, as had been alluded to earlier in the meeting.

The Council approved the changes.

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Moved by Alderman Rodgers,
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic and Policy and Resources Committee of 18th May be approved and adopted.

Amendment

Area-Based Festivals

Moved by Councillor Long,
Seconded by Councillor Attwood,

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That the decision of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 18th May, under the heading “Area-Based Festivals”, be rejected and, accordingly, no funding be provided.

On a recorded vote, twenty Members voted for the amendment and thirty-four against and it was declared lost.

<u>For 20</u>	<u>Against 34</u>
The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McDonough-Brown); The High Sheriff (Councillor Howard); Aldermen Browne, Convery, Copeland and Rodgers; and Councillors Armitage, Attwood, Boyle, Dudgeon, Heading, Johnston, Long, Lyons, McAllister, McCusker, Milne, Mullan, Nicholl and O’Neill.	The Lord Mayor (Councillor Hargey); Aldermen Haire, Kingston, McCoubrey, L. Patterson, Sandford and Spence; and Councillors Baker, Beattie, Campbell, Canavan, Carson, Clarke, Corr, Corr Johnston, Craig, Dorrian, Garrett, Graham, Groves, Hussey, Hutchinson, Magee, Magennis, McAteer, McConville, Murphy, Newton, Nic Biorna, O’Donnell, O’Hara, Pankhurst, Reynolds and Walsh.

Amendment

Designation of Belfast District (or the City Centre) as a ‘Holiday Resort’

Moved by Councillor Nicholl,
Seconded by Councillor O’Neill,

That the decision of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 18th May, under the heading “Designation of Belfast District (or the City Centre) as a ‘Holiday Resort’” be rejected and, accordingly, the Council agrees to designate the City Centre as a ‘Holiday Resort’, under Article 6 of the Shops (Sunday Trading &c.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.

On a recorded vote, thirteen Members voted for the amendment and forty-two against and it was declared lost.

<u>For 13</u>	<u>Against 42</u>
The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McDonough-Brown); The High Sheriff (Councillor Howard); Aldermen Convery; and Councillors Armitage, Boyle, Corr Johnston, Hutchinson, Kyle, Long, McAllister, Mullan, Nicholl and O’Neill.	The Lord Mayor (Councillor Hargey); Aldermen Copeland, Haire, Kingston, McCoubrey, L. Patterson, Rodgers, Sandford and Spence; and Councillors Attwood, Baker, Beattie, Campbell, Canavan, Carson, Clarke, Collins, Corr, Craig, Dorrian, Dudgeon, Garrett, Graham, Groves, Heading, Hussey, Johnston, Lyons, Magee, Magennis, McAteer, McConville, McCusker,

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	Milne, Murphy, Newton, Nic Biorna, O'Donnell, O'Hara, Pankhurst, Reynolds and Walsh.
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Motion – Leisure Provision

At the request of Councillor Corr, the Chief Executive confirmed that the report to be submitted to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, in response to Councillor Collins' motion on Leisure Provision, would highlight the financial implications for the Council and rate payers, alongside the analysis of all the future options, including the implications of bringing leisure services back in house.

City Region Growth Deal

At the request of Councillor McAteer, the Council agreed that a report be submitted to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee examining the potential for including public housing provision within the City Region Growth Deal.

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing additions, the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 18th May were thereupon approved and adopted.

People and Communities Committee

Moved by Councillor Nicholl,
Seconded by Councillor Armitage and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the People and Communities Committee of 8th May be approved and adopted.

City Growth and Regeneration Committee

Moved by Councillor Lyons,
Seconded by Alderman Haire and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee of 25th April and 9th May be approved and adopted.

Licensing Committee

Moved by Councillor O'Hara,
Seconded by Alderman Spence and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Committee of 2nd and 16th May, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

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Planning Committee

Moved by Councillor Garrett,
Seconded by Councillor McAteer,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee of 15th and 17th May, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

Committee Site Visits

At the request of Councillor Armitage, the Council agreed to amend the minute of the meeting of 15th May, under the heading "Committee Site Visits", to the effect that two separate site visits to the former Sirocco Works would be organised, one for the Planning Committee and the other for Members representing the Titanic District Electoral Area and any other Member who wished to attend.

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing amendment, the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee of 15th and 17th May were thereupon approved and adopted.

(The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor McDonough-Brown, in the Chair.)

**Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd.
Shareholders' Committee**

Moved by Alderman Haire,
Seconded by Councillor Walsh and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd. Shareholders' Committee of 21st May, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

Notices of Motions

Remembering Srebrenica

In accordance with notice on the agenda, Councillor Armitage proposed:

"This Council:

- notes that 2018 is the twenty-third anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which saw over 8,000 Muslim men and boys killed in a matter of days;
- notes that in 2009 the European Parliament passed a resolution that 11th July should be recognised as the day of commemoration of the

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Srebrenica genocide all over the EU; and in 2015 urged the development of educational and cultural programmes that promote an understanding of the causes of such atrocities and raise awareness about the need to nurture peace and to promote human rights and inter-faith tolerance. All Northern Ireland political parties have supported the work of Remembering Srebrenica in this regard;

- applauds the work of those involved in the pursuit of justice for the victims and their surviving relatives, including the International Commission of Missing People (ICMP) and the Mothers of Srebrenica, whose courage and humility in the face of unthinkable horror is an inspiration to us all; and
- commends the work of the charity, Remembering Srebrenica, in raising awareness of this tragic and preventable genocide and working in communities across the UK and Ireland to help them learn the lessons of Srebrenica.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor Dorrian.

After discussion, the motion was put to the meeting and passed.

(The Lord Mayor, Councillor Hargey, in the Chair.)

Arts Matter NI Campaign

At the request of the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McDonough-Brown), in whose name the motion had been submitted, Councillor Long, with the consent of the Council proposed:

“This Council asserts the value of the arts in our everyday lives, including our wellbeing, education, inclusion as well as our creative and evening economy and our tourism offering.

Accordingly, the Council extends its formal support to the Arts Matter NI campaign for equal funding and agrees that an all Party delegation meet the Permanent Secretary at the Department for Communities to demand more funds for the arts.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor McAllister.

After discussion, the motion was put to the meeting and passed.

Attacks on Gaza

(The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor McDonough-Brown, replaced the Lord Mayor, Councillor Hargey, in the Chair whilst the following motion was being debated.)

In accordance with notice on the agenda, Councillor O’Hara proposed:

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“This Council condemns the recent attacks by Israeli forces on protestors, including women and children, in Gaza.

The Council calls upon the United Nations to investigate and place those responsible for genocide before the International Criminal Court and asks that the International Community and the people of Belfast stand in solidarity with the people of Gaza.

With Dáil Éireann having recognised Palestine as a state, the Council calls on the Irish Government to expel the Israeli Ambassador to Ireland.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor Nic Biorna.

The proposer agreed, with the consent of the Council, to the replacement of the second and third paragraphs of her motion with the following wording, as had been proposed by Councillor Long and seconded by Councillor O’Neill:

“The Council condemns also mortar and other attacks on Israel.

The Council calls for a de-escalation of tensions on all sides, for respect for human rights and the rule of law, a resumption of peace negotiations and a two-state solution, in line with the UN Security Council and international law.”

Amendment

Moved by Alderman Kingston,
Seconded by Councillor Craig,

That the motion, as amended, be replaced with the following wording:

“This Council deeply regrets the recent unrest in the vicinity of the Israel/Gaza border and reaffirms its support for collaboration and efforts to reach accommodation between Israel and Palestinian authorities which will promote mutual tolerance, respect and opportunity to thrive.”

On a vote by show of hands, nineteen Members voted for the amendment and thirty against and it was declared lost.

The original motion, as proposed by Councillor O’Hara and seconded by Councillor Nic Biorna, as amended and set out below, was thereupon put to the meeting and carried, with thirty Members voting for and eighteen against:

“This Council condemns the recent attacks by Israeli forces on protestors, including women and children, in Gaza.

The Council condemns also mortar and other attacks on Israel.

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The Council calls for a de-escalation of tensions on all sides, for respect for human rights and the rule of law, a resumption of peace negotiations and a two-state solution, in line with the UN Security Council and international law.”

City Deal

In accordance with notice on the agenda, Councillor Canavan proposed:

“This Council welcomes the progress being made to secure a Belfast Region City Deal which will deliver inclusive growth, create more and better jobs, have a positive impact on our most deprived communities, and provide a balanced spread of benefits across the region.

The city deal will strengthen Belfast’s role as the driver for the regional economy. In supporting the case for regional growth that will benefit us all, the Council urges the British Government to formally commit to a deal for the North West.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor McAteer.

After discussion, the motion was put to the meeting and passed.

Lord Mayor
Chairperson

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Subject:	Positions of Responsibility and Committee Membership – Brexit Committee
Date:	2 nd July, 2018
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager, Ext 6314
Contact Officer:	As Above

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of main Issues
	To note the allocation of Positions of Responsibility and Committee membership for the Brexit Committee.
2.0	Recommendation
	The Council is requested to note the allocation of Positions of Responsibility and Committee membership for the Brexit Committee.

3.0	Main Report
	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Council has agreed to establish an additional Standing Committee, the Brexit Committee, comprising 20 Members.</p> <p>In accordance with this decision, the Positions of Responsibility (Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson) for the year ending of the date of the Local Elections in 2019, were allocated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choice 1 – Chairperson (Sinn Fein) – Councillor Walsh • Choice 2 – Deputy Chairperson (DUP) – Alderman Spence <p>In addition, the Nominating Officers of the Parties entitled to nominate Members to the Committee have advised of the following selections:</p> <p><u>Brexit Committee – 20 Members</u></p> <p><u>Sinn Fein</u></p> <p>Councillor Beattie Councillor Campbell Councillor Canavan Councillor Carson Councillor O’Hara Councillor McAteer Councillor Walsh (Chairperson)</p> <p><u>DUP</u></p> <p>Alderman Kingston Alderman Spence (Deputy Chairperson) Councillor Dorrian Councillor Pankhurst Councillor Reynolds</p> <p><u>Alliance</u></p> <p>Councillor McAllister Councillor McDonough-Brown Councillor Nicholl</p> <p><u>SDLP</u></p> <p>Councillor Attwood Councillor Lyons</p> <p><u>UUP</u></p> <p>Alderman McGimpsey Councillor Johnston</p> <p><u>PUP</u></p> <p>Councillor Hutchinson</p>

Financial and Resource Implications

The reallocation of the Special Responsibility Allowances to take account of the addition of two extra Positions of Responsibility (as agreed by SP&R Committee in May, 2018) will take effect from 2nd July.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

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Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Wednesday, 20th June, 2018

SPECIAL MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Members present: Alderman Rodgers (Chairperson);
The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McDonough-Brown);
Aldermen Browne, Convery, Haire and Spence;
Councillors Attwood, Beattie, Campbell, Carson,
Craig, Garrett, Graham, Hutchinson, McAteer, O'Donnell,
Reynolds and Walsh.

In attendance: Mrs. S. Wylie, Chief Executive;
Mr. R. Cregan, Director of Finance and Resources;
Mr. J. Walsh, City Solicitor;
Mr. N. Grimshaw, Director of City and
Neighbourhood Services;
Ms. A. Allen, Safer City Manager ; and
Mr. J. Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

No apologies were reported.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Restricted Item

The information contained in the report associated with the following item is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Resolved – That the Committee agrees to exclude the members of the Press and public from the Committee meeting during discussion of this item as, due to the nature of the item, there would be a disclosure of exempt information as described in Section 42(4) and Section 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014.

THE COMMITTEE DEALT WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN PURSUANCE OF THE POWERS DELEGATED TO IT UNDER STANDING ORDER 37(a)

Bonfire Diversionary/Interventions

Area-Based Festivals Funding

The Committee was reminded that, at its meeting on 18th May, it had agreed to fund the following summer diversionary events and education programmes:

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- Féile an Phobail (Festival) - £100,000;
- Twaddell Woodvale Residents' Association (Woodvale Festival) - £100,000
- NI Alternatives (East Belfast Community Festival) - £50,000;
- New Lodge Arts (New Lodge Festival) - £40,000;
- Markets Development Association (Diversionary Activities) - £10,000;
- Belfast South Community Resources - £26,521; and
- Ulster-Scotch Heirskip Council/Ulster-Scots Community Network – community education programme, community visualisation programme and 3 year strategic planning process for new festival) - £80,000.

It had been agreed also that:

- the funding applications be subject to due diligence, appropriate legal agreements and to evaluations being undertaken;
- To ensure transparency in future years, to establish an open call diversionary programme with an agreed budget; and
- That Council officers engage with the groups that were not allocated support to discuss alternative funding opportunities.

It was reported, given the tight timescales in relation to a number of the projects, officers had been working closely with the groups to develop their project proposals and work through due diligence and appropriate legal agreements as agreed by the Members. That had involved officers from a number of Services within the Council.

To date, two of the proposals had reached a stage of due diligence where funding agreements could be prepared. Those were Féile An Phobail and Twaddell/Woodvale Residents' Association.

It was pointed out that both organisations had made representations indicating that a higher proportion of funding was needed to be paid up front to ensure successful delivery of the events.

After discussion, it was

Moved by Councillor Reynolds,
Seconded by Councillor Beattie,

That the Committee agrees to authorise the release of Funding Agreements to Feile An Phobail and Twaddell/ Woodvale Residents' Association for summer diversionary events in the sum of £100,000 for each of the organisations, with 90% of the funding to be paid up front and the remaining 10% to paid following satisfactory completion of monitoring and evaluation returns.

On a recorded vote, thirteen Members voted for the proposal and five against and it was declared carried.

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<u>For 13</u>	<u>Against 5</u>
Aldermen Haire and Spence; and Councillors Beattie, Campbell Carson, Craig, Garrett Graham, Hutchinson, McAteer, O'Donnell, Reynolds and Walsh.	Aldermen Rodgers, Browne and Convery and Councillors Attwood and McDonough-Brown.

Call-in

Moved by Councillor Beattie,
Seconded by Councillor Reynolds,

That the Committee agrees further, in accordance with Standing Order 47(a) 2(a), that the decision is not subject to call-in on the basis that an unreasonable delay could be prejudicial to the council's or the public's interest.

On a recorded vote thirteen Members voted for the proposal and five against and it was declared carried.

<u>For 13</u>	<u>Against 5</u>
Aldermen Haire and Spence; and Councillors Beattie, Campbell Carson, Craig, Garrett Graham, Hutchinson, McAteer, O'Donnell, Reynolds and Walsh.	Aldermen Rodgers, Browne and Convery and Councillors Attwood and McDonough-Brown.

Chairperson

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MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Members present: Alderman Rodgers (Chairperson);
Aldermen Browne, Convery, Haire, and Spence;
Councillors Attwood, Beattie, Campbell, Carson,
Craig, Garrett, Graham, Hutchinson, Long, McAllister,
McAteer, O'Donnell, Reynolds and Walsh

Also attended: Councillors Heading and McReynolds.

In attendance: Mrs. S. Wylie, Chief Executive;
Mr. R. Cregan, Director of Finance and Resources;
Mr. J. Walsh, City Solicitor;
Mr. N. Grimshaw, Director of City and
Neighbourhood Services;
Mr. A. Thatcher, Director of Planning and Building Control;
Mr. S. McCrory, Democratic Services Manager; and
Mr. J. Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

An apology for inability to attend was reported from the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McDonough-Brown).

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 18th May were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 4th June.

Declarations of Interest

Alderman Browne declared an interest in respect of item 4(c) Disposal of Land for Housing, insofar as he was deputy chairperson of the Grove Housing Association and he left the meeting whilst this item was under discussion.

Restricted Items

The information contained in the reports associated with the following 10 items is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Resolved – That the Committee agrees to exclude the members of the Press and public from the Committee meeting during discussion of these items as, due to the nature of the items, there would be a disclosure of

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exempt information as described in Section 42(4) and Section 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014.

**Draft Plan Strategy –
Belfast Local Development Plan**

The Committee was reminded that the Local Development Plan (LDP) would set out a clear vision for how the council area should evolve by setting out what form of development should be encouraged and where it could be located. It would provide residents, statutory authorities, developers and other interested bodies with a combined policy framework and land use proposals that would deliver the strategic objectives of the Regional Development Strategy (RDS) and other regional planning policies.

The full LDP would comprise of two development plan documents:

- The Plan Strategy - the strategic policy framework for the plan area encompassing a range of topics which would set out the ambitious vision for Belfast as well as the strategic and operational policies required to deliver that vision; and
- The Local Policies Plan - the final stage which would set out the Council's detailed policies and site specific proposals concerning the development and use of land in Belfast. It would consist of local policies, including the site specific proposals, designations and land use zonings to deliver the vision, objectives and strategic policies, as set out in the Plan Strategy.

Once adopted, the complete LDP would supersede the current Development Plans and Planning Policy Statements produced by the Department.

Accordingly, the Director of Planning and Building Control submitted for the Committee's consideration a report which provided details of the final draft of the Plan Strategy; the additional technical documents that would accompany the Draft Plan Strategy when it was formerly published; and the proposed approach to consultation.

After discussion, the Committee:

- endorsed the Draft Plan Strategy as a basis for the formal consultation document;
- noted the additional technical documents that were required to accompany the draft Plan Strategy when it was published for consultation; and
- noted the timescale/arrangements for the proposed consultation for Autumn 2018.

City Centre Development

The Committee noted a report which provided an update on the City Centre Investment Fund (CCIF) Grade A Office initiative and approved the increase to the Council's investment in Bel Tel LLP by £940k (from £3.75m to £4.69m) to part fund enabling works to 'The Sixth' property.

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City Centre Regeneration Opportunity

The Committee considered a report which summarised the proposal which had been made to the Council by a large institutional investor in relation to the potential regeneration development of a significant strategic city centre site.

The Committee:

- noted the initial structure of the investor proposal;
- agreed, in principle, that this arrangement was something which the Council would be minded to seriously consider entering into;
- delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Place and Economy, in consultation with the City Solicitor and Director of Finance and Resources, to negotiate the terms of a possible agreement; and
- noted that, should an arrangement be deemed supportable, draft terms would be submitted to the Committee for full approval before any legal documentation was entered into.

Publicising Planning Applications in the Press

The Committee was reminded that Article 8 of the Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 required the Council to notify the existence of planning applications in three ways:

- by publishing the Notice of the application in at least one newspaper circulating in the locality in which the land to which the application applied was situated;
- serve notice of the application on any identified occupier on neighbouring land; and
- publish the notice on the Planning Portal Website.

It was reported that the Planning Committee, at its meeting on 12th June, had considered a report in relation to an award of the tender for the provision of advertising services and considered the following two options:

- Option 1 – a single newspaper tender which could be significantly under the publicising applications budget of £200k, which would allow the Council to invest any savings back in the planning service to help support the Improvement Plan;
- Option 2 – to continue to publicise planning applications in two newspapers. Based on cost under the existing interim arrangement, this should be in the region of £210k.

It was pointed out that the Planning Committee had agreed to recommend Option 1 to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

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Moved by Councillor Garrett,
Seconded by councillor Attwood,

That the Committee agrees to reject the recommendation of the Planning Committee and adopt Option 2.

On a vote by show of hands, eight Members voted for the proposal and ten against and it was declared lost.

Moved by Councillor Long,
Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson,

That the Committee agrees to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Committee and approve Option 1.

On a vote by show of hands, ten members voted for the the proposal and eight against and it was declared carried.

Draft Developer Contributions Framework

The Committee endorsed the Draft Developer Contributions Framework, which was intended to set out the Council's approach to securing Developer Contributions through the planning process, and agreed that it be issued for a 12-week public consultation. The Committee noted that the Framework had also been endorsed by the Planning Committee on 12th June.

Replacement of the Northern Ireland Planning Portal

The Committee noted the contents of a report which provided an update in relation to the replacement of the Northern Ireland Planning Portal.

Discretionary Payments

The Committee deferred consideration of the above-mentioned report to enable Party briefings to take place.

Advice Sector Support for Welfare Reform

The Committee considered a report which provided an update on the Department for Communities implementation of the Evason Report recommendations relating to Advice and the Welfare Reform Support Project; and which provided details of that department's Letter of Variance to the Community Support Programme (CSP), 2018/19, specifically relating to additional funding for Advice Sector Support for Welfare Reform and Universal Credit Implementation.

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The Committee:

- (i) noted the contents of the report relating to Department's update on the Evason Report Recommendations;
- (ii) agreed the amendments and variations to the Contract for Funding detailed in the Letter of Variance and noted that the digital support package for West Belfast had been reduced to £15,000.

**Request for the Use of City Hall –
Red Bull Formula One Event**

The Committee considered a report in relation to a request by agents of the Red Bull Formula One team for use of the City Hall function rooms and grounds in regards to a Red Bull Formula One event, which was to be staged on Saturday, 3rd November, 2018.

The Committee approved the free use of the City Hall function rooms and grounds for the aforementioned event.

**Request for use of the City Hall grounds –
Paddy Barnes World Title Fight Promotional Event**

The Committee was advised that a request had recently been received from the Frank Warren boxing organisation to have a promotional and boxing demonstration event in the grounds of the City Hall on a date to be decided in either July or August 2018. The event, which was linked to the upcoming Paddy Barnes World title event taking place in Windsor Park on the 18th, would feature boxers such as Carl Frampton, Tyson Fury and Paddy Barnes. The main focus of the event would be interviews with boxing celebrities and sparring demonstrations.

The Committee was reminded that requests for the use of the City Hall grounds were normally dealt with under the authority delegated by the Committee to the City Solicitor, using criteria agreed for this purpose. Occasionally, however, it was necessary to place such requests directly before the Committee, and this request fell into that category.

The Committee approved the request to hold the boxing event in the City Hall grounds on a date to be decided in July or August 2018.

It agreed also to delegate authority to the City Solicitor to consider and approve a similar request which had been submitted in relation to a title fight involving Michael Conlon.

**THE COMMITTEE DEALT WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN PURSUANCE OF THE
POWERS DELEGATED TO IT UNDER STANDING ORDER 37(A)**

Area-Based Festivals Funding

The Committee was reminded that, at its meeting on 18th May, it had agreed to fund the following summer diversionary events and education programmes:

- Féile an Phobail (Festival) - £100,000;
- Twaddell Woodvale Residents' Association (Woodvale Festival) - £100,000
- NI Alternatives (East Belfast Community Festival) - £50,000;
- New Lodge Arts (New Lodge Festival) - £40,000;
- Markets Development Association (Diversionary Activities) - £10,000;
- Belfast South Community Resources - £26,521; and
- Ulster-Scotch Heirskip Council/Ulster-Scots Community Network – community education programme, community visualisation programme and 3 year strategic planning process for new festival) - £80,000.

It had been agreed also that:

- the funding applications be subject to due diligence, appropriate legal agreements and to evaluations being undertaken;
- To ensure transparency in future years, to establish an open call diversionary programme with an agreed budget; and
- That Council officers engage with the groups that were not allocated support to discuss alternative funding opportunities.

It was reported, given the tight timescales in relation to a number of the projects, that officers had been working closely with the groups to develop their project proposals and work through due diligence and appropriate legal agreements as agreed by the Members. That had involved officers from a number of Services within the Council.

The Committee was advised that, to date, two of the proposals had been approved and a further two had reached the stage of due diligence where funding agreements could be prepared. Those were New Lodge Arts (Ashton Trust) and the Markets Development Association.

After discussion, it was

Moved by Councillor Beattie,
Seconded by Councillor O'Donnell,

That the Committee agrees to authorise the release of Funding Agreements to the New Lodge Arts (Ashton Trust) and the Markets Development Association for summer diversionary events in the sum of £40,000 and £10,000, respectively, with 90% of the funding to be paid up front and the remaining 10% to be paid following satisfactory completion of monitoring and evaluation returns.

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On a recorded vote, thirteen members voted for the proposal and six against and it was declared carried:

<u>For 13</u>	<u>Against 6</u>
Aldermen Haire and Spence; Councillors Beattie, Campbell, Carson, Craig, Garrett, Graham, Hutchinson, McAteer, O'Donnell, Reynolds and Walsh.	Aldermen Rodgers, Browne and Convery; Councillors Attwood, Long and McAllister

Call-in

Moved by Councillor O'Donnell,
Seconded by Councillor Beattie,

That the Committee agrees further, in accordance with Standing Order 47(a) 2(a), that the decision is not subject to call-in on the basis that an unreasonable delay could be prejudicial to the Council's or the public's interest.

On a recorded vote, thirteen Members voted for the proposal and six against and it was declared carried:

<u>For 13</u>	<u>Against 6</u>
Alderman Haire and Spence; Councillors Beattie, Campbell, Carson, Craig, Garrett, Graham, Hutchinson, McAteer, O'Donnell, Reynolds and Walsh.	Aldermen Rodgers, Browne and Convery; Councillors Attwood, Long and McAllister

(End of restricted items.)

Belfast Agenda/Strategic Issues

**Corporate Plan 2017-21 Year 2 Update and
Improvement Plan 2018-19**

The Committee was reminded that the Corporate Plan was a key governance document, cited in the Council's constitution as the means by which the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee sets the strategic direction of the Council. It set out what the Council wanted to achieve for the city and the key priority actions to make that happen. A four year Corporate Plan (2017-21) had been approved by the Committee on 23rd June 2017, with the agreement that it would be updated annually.

It was reported that the Year 2 updates to the draft corporate plan reflected a range of organisational and city-wide planning led by the Members over the last year and

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built upon the four-year plan already agreed by the Committee. Since the original four year plan had been published, the Belfast Agenda had been finalised and many of the changes reflected the published version of the Belfast Agenda. A number of the programmes of work had progressed over the last year – the Year 2 update also reflected those developments.

In addition, the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 had introduced a duty on councils to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the exercise of its functions. The Council, therefore, had a statutory obligation to publish an Improvement Plan setting out the Council's Improvement Objectives. The Northern Ireland Audit Office was responsible for overseeing the implementation of that duty and would undertake an examination of the planning process the Council used to derive the improvement objectives and its progress against them.

The corporate plan therefore incorporated the Council's improvement plan, which explicitly laid out the Council's improvement objectives. Those objectives cascaded from the Council's priorities as informed by a wide body of evidence, including a far reaching consultation process which informed the development of the Belfast Agenda and Corporate Plan.

As part of the aforementioned Act, the Council was required to consult on its improvement objectives each year before publishing a final improvement plan by June. In order to meet this timeframe, the Committee, at its meeting on 22nd March, had approved an eight week consultation period on the six improvement objectives contained within the draft improvement plan for 2018/19.

The Committee approved the final draft of the Year Two Update of the 2017/21 Corporate plan and the 2018/19 Improvement Plan for online publication.

City Region Growth Deal – update

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 To update Committee on the ongoing development of a Belfast Region City Deal Proposition including engagement and negotiation with Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS), Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and Treasury on emerging projects and next steps.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to note;

- **The progress made in developing the Belfast Region City Deal (BRCD)**
- **The following draft documents prepared in support of the BRCD**

- Draft Proposition document
 - Industrial Strategic Framework
 - Digital Vision and Strategy
 - Initial Employability and Skills Proposition
 - Draft Belfast Region Infrastructure Investment Framework
- The plans for the next meeting of the Joint Council Forum on 25 June 2018
 - The next steps in the development of the deal leading to the development of a Heads of Term document during the month of September.

2.2 The Committee is also asked to approve:

- The commissioning of external expertise to support the further development of the BRCD proposition including specialist economic modelling and prioritisation, project development and proposition design at a cost of approximately £250,000 from within existing budgets.
- The commissioning of further work to take forward the BRCD Digital and Innovation Strategy including the development of specific projects, identification of additional funding and delivery mechanisms and engagement with key partners at a cost of £270,000 from within existing budgets.

2.3 Committee should note that the costs for both of these pieces of work will be allocated across the six councils in the BRCD, based on the EPP, meaning that the actual cost to Belfast City Council will be approximately £190,000, a third of the total contract costs outlined above.

3.0 Main report

Background

3.1 Members will be aware that a major programme to enable the development of the BRCD, in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, is now in full operation.

Programme Update

3.2 At the last SP&R committee meeting members were provided with an update on the progress made in working with partners to develop the strategic policy frameworks that are required

to underpin and support the BRCD and of the work completed to define the key strands of the BRCD in relation to Innovation, Digital, Infrastructure, Tourism and Employability and Skills. Members were also advised that a meeting was planned with senior officials from the lead UK and NI Government Departments to update them on the work completed, test emerging projects for possible inclusion in the deal, discuss financing and economic modelling and agree next steps in the negotiations to ensure the city region is on track to secure a deal by the autumn statement.

3.3 A number of draft documents were prepared for discussion at the meeting of senior officials and the following drafts are attached for information.

- The draft proposition document which summarises the progress to date in developing the BRCD, the business case for investment and the medium list of projects for potential inclusion in the deal.
- The draft industrial strategic framework for the region which seeks to establish a shared vision for sustainable and inclusive growth of the Belfast Region based on a robust analysis of the competitive strengths and the key economic challenges facing the Region and evaluate how to use our competitive advantages to respond to the key challenges for the Region in the context of UK and NI industrial policy
- The draft digital vision and strategy for the Belfast region, developed with the partners by Future Cities Catapult
- The draft Belfast Region Infrastructure Investment Framework, developed with partners by ARUP
- The initial employability and skills proposition proposing the development of a more integrated regional model for planning, resourcing and delivering employability and skills in the Region

3.4 At the meeting with senior officials, the progress made in developing the proposals for the BRCD, including preparation of the necessary strategic frameworks to ensure alignment with the draft NI and UK industrial strategies, was very much welcomed. Officials reiterated the commitment of the UK Government to the Belfast Region City Deal and the desire to now work directly with partner Councils and the NICS to put the Belfast Region in strongest position to achieve our ambitions for a City Deal.

3.5 There remains support at UK and NI level for the ambitions for inclusive growth in the BRCD and for the key pillars of

investment in relation to Innovation/Digital and Infrastructure. A critical message emerging from the meeting was that to achieve the aim of agreeing Heads of Terms for a BRCD in September there is a need to move rapidly into a new phase during which there is a need to focus intensively on developing sufficient detail on a smaller number of priority projects, their costs, benefits and deliverability to enable inclusion in the BRCD.

- 3.6 Based on the feedback from officials in the UK Government and the NICS in relation to the nature of projects likely to be supported by a City Deal, and issues of affordability and deliverability, BRCD partners are therefore working to identify a reduced number of 'primary' projects that will be the focus of intensive project development. 'Secondary' projects will not be removed from the City Deal process, and can be re-introduced at any point where there is a challenge for the overall Programme to meet its objectives, including geographic spread of projects and delivery of inclusive growth. In addition, alternative sources of funding may be sought for some of these projects.

Innovation/Digital

- 3.7 As in other recent City Deals, it is anticipated that the Innovation and Digital pillar will be major focus for the BRCD as it is likely to attract more funding from UK Government given the projects contribution to the UK Industrial Strategy. Therefore at this stage a number of significant innovation projects from the two universities, which are designed to support job growth and productivity gains in our key sectors continue to be included. In addition, the digital proposition led by Future Cities Catapult (FCC) has now identified significant digital innovation projects, which not only support the key objectives of inclusion and job growth but also have the potential to cut across the whole of the Belfast City Region supporting both businesses and local communities. The initial proposed list of Digital / Innovation projects are

- Global Innovation Institute
- Financial (and Legal) Technology Centre
- Academic Medical Research Institute
- Centre for Digital Health Care
- Creative Industries Centre of Excellence
- Pre Cog
- 5G Smart District
- Regional Connectivity Fund
- Digital Innovation Platform
- Makers Network

3.8 These are ambitious and challenging proposals which will require prioritisation and significant development and identification of new ways of working in a short space of time. However they have the potential to attract investment, additional sources of funding, create jobs, support skills development and make our region one of the most connected in the Europe. The City Deal is a one off opportunity to kick start this process and in order to maximise this it is recommended that further support is commissioned to develop the key projects to SOC level and the overall Innovation / Digital 'ask' in the deal. This will also include working in consultation with the universities and officials from the relevant UK and NI government departments to refine and prioritise the list of projects.

3.9 Tourism

Work is being progressed on the development of an OBC for the Belfast Story gallery and film Centre which is due to be completed by the end of June 2018. Work is also continuing on Tourism products in other areas such as the Gobbins II and Access to the Mourne. A Tourism Product Narrative and Development Framework and market testing of proposals have been commissioned and will be the basis for identifying primary projects for development. Members will also be aware that the City Growth and Regeneration Committee have commissioned a piece on Neighbourhood Tourism Development that will sit alongside any emerging tourism proposals from the City Deal. The initial phase of this work is almost complete and it is therefore recommended that the Tourism Product Narrative and Development Framework from the City Deal and the Neighbourhood Tourism Framework are presented to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee in August 2018.

3.10 Other Infrastructure and Regeneration

The number of projects included in this pillar is potentially 3 times more than the likely overall value of the BRCD . It would not be possible to work the large number of projects included in this pillar to the level of detail required by the NICS and UK Governments for inclusion in a City Deal in the Autumn. Based on city deal funding, deliverability/state of readiness and feedback from the NICS, the primary infrastructure projects being developed for Belfast include, Belfast Rapid Transit phase 2- linking the north & south of the city and York Street Interchange. Secondary projects include Lagan Bridges and Links (which potentially includes Lagan Bridges - Clarendon to Titanic, Gasworks to Ormeau Embankment and Corporation

Street to Odysseys Quays and Dunbar and Bankmore Links), Transport Hub phase 2 (Weavers Cross) and Living with Water. Initial work on the Lagan Bridges and Links has been done through the City Centre Regeneration Strategy and a number of the city's masterplans and it is therefore proposed to review this along with DfI to assess deliverability, scheduling and state of readiness to see if any of the bridges may move up to the primary list.

3.11 Employability and Skills

The key to the success of the employability and skills approach for BRCD is the development of a more integrated approach to prioritising and planning interventions across the region and respective Council areas in relation to skills for growth and skills for inclusion. Specific priority areas and programmes are being developed to support the key pillars for investments in areas such as;

- Careers Enhancement,
- Apprenticeship Hub,
- Graduate Development,
- Employability for All,
- Economic Activation,
- Business Productivity.

Programme Development and Delivery

3.12 An intensive programme of work for phase 3 of the BRCD has been agreed with the NICS and UK Government to enable the BRCD to progress towards agreement of Heads of Terms in September 2018. This will involve the creation of a virtual team of officials from the BRCD partners, the NICS, and the UK Government to ensure that the programme remains on track and to bring in expert advice from UK government departments to help inform and shape our final proposition. Steering Groups are now being established in relation to four key pillars of investment- Innovation/Digital, Infrastructure, Tourism and Employability and Skills- to direct the rapid development of the primary projects to Strategic Outline Case. The Steering Groups will comprise the council partners and key City Deal partners such as the NICS, Future Cities Catapult (FCC), key agencies, universities and colleges.

3.13 The steering groups will need to deliver initial outputs by July to allow economic appraisal of priority projects in line with the appraisal methodology employed by the relevant central government departments. The appraisal process will necessarily focus on assessing the benefits in terms of jobs

and productivity but will also seek to take account of the need for benefits in each of the partner Councils and for account to be taken of the need for the new jobs that are being created to be accessible by people living in deprived communities.

- 3.14 Steering Groups will also be established on finance and governance. These groups will be tasked with undertaking affordability assessments, developing the financing strategy and developing governance options for the delivery phase which are capable of providing the necessary assurance to the UK Government, the NI Government and the local authority partners that decisions will be made in accordance with the requirements and commitments detailed in the Head of Terms.

Resource for Programme Support

- 3.15 Given the intensity of the work required, a dedicated programme office is being established to support phase 3 of the BRCD programme. All partners have been asked to identify project sponsors/leads for each primary project, who will then represent their organisation in the relevant steering groups, and a programme liaison/coordinator who will ensure that partners are progressing their projects and commitments in accordance with the agreed quality standards and timescales.
- 3.16 However to meet the requirements for the BRCD and to enable progress on the BRCD by September 2018 further specialist support is required to develop the proposition in relation to project and programme development and economic appraisal. This will include; providing assurances on the affordability element of projects and ensuring any projects going forward to the deal will have robust costings from both a capital and revenue perspective; developing financing considerations at both a project and programme level including assessing affordability, borrowing requirements and alternative sources of funding; ensuring the approach being adopted is compliant with Northern Ireland Civil Service and HM Treasury requirements to help build a prioritised programme of schemes which will take account of economic benefits, impact, value for money and inclusivity considerations. The timeframe for the development of Heads of Term during September means that this work need to start immediately and subject to committee approval, officers will work with colleagues in legal services on the most appropriate procurement approach.

Next Steps

3.17 A Joint members Forum, hosted by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, will be held with members from all six councils on 25 June to discuss progress and to help shape the next phase of the BCRD. At this meeting Members will discuss the next phase, including the ask and potential prize, the challenges and how we work together to achieve the best deal for the Belfast City Region. Gordon Matheson, a former leader of Glasgow City Council will chair this session. As the timeframe for the Heads of Term is fast approaching it is recommended that further meetings are planned in August, October and December, with the focus of the August meeting being on progress made towards the Heads of Terms and programme development.

3.18 Financial & Resource Implications

Committee is being asked to approve:

- **external expertise to support the further development of the BCRD proposition including specialist economic modelling and prioritisation, project development and proposition design at a cost of approximately £250,000 and**
- **further work to take forward the BCRD Digital and Innovation Strategy including the development of specific projects, identification of additional funding and delivery mechanisms and engagement with key partners at a cost of £270,000 from within existing budgets.**

Committee should note that the costs for both of these pieces of work will be allocated across the six councils in the BCRD, based on the EPP, meaning that the actual cost to Belfast City Council will be approximately £190,000, a third of the total contract costs outlined above.

Finance for the development of the Belfast City Region Deal has been included in the revenue estimates.

3.19 Equality or Good Relations Implications

To be considered in preparation of Belfast City Region Deal.”

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

Age-friendly Belfast Plan 2018-2021

The Committee was reminded that the Belfast Agenda committed the Council to ensuring an Age-friendly Belfast. The Belfast Strategic Partnership led the age-friendly process, supported by the Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership (HASP). A draft Age-friendly Belfast Plan 2018 – 2021 had now been produced to be agreed by the partners, including the Council, for public consultation.

The Committee:

- agreed the draft Age-friendly Belfast Plan 2018-2021 and committed to deliver the actions attributable to the Council; and
- agreed that the draft plan be issued for public consultation from 3rd July til 25th September, 2018.

Gender Action Plan Year One 2018-2019

The Committee was advised that the Gender Action Plan (GAP) had been developed by the Women’s Steering Group (WSG) and set out how the Council would deliver its commitment to gender equality and diversity by delivering a number of agreed activities each year.

The Women’s Steering Group comprised female elected members and female senior managers and had been established in 2006 to address the under representation of female senior managers and female elected Members in the Council through the development of a gender action plan. In recent years, elected Members had been keen to widen the focus of the plan to include women in communities and across the city. The Group had successfully delivered a number of gender initiatives via its GAP, including the provision of a Family Room in City Hall, the hosting of a regional gender budgeting conference and most recently by attaining a bronze award in the Gender Diversity Chartermark NI. The Group had agreed a new three year Gender Action Plan for delivery between April 2018 and March 2021. The plan was divided into four key themes: women in the council; women in the community; women in the economy; and women in the city.

It was reported that many of the actions, in particular those with a focus on women in the community, the economy and the city, were aligned to the delivery of the Belfast Agenda. The year one actions and the resources required to deliver those were set out in the accompanying appendix. In addition to the financial resources required, the plan also identified the role that individual business units and departments had in the delivery of the plan.

The Women’s Steering Group had also recognised that, in terms of delivery of the Belfast Agenda, a “diversity lens” and specifically a “gender lens” should be developed to feed into future policy development and action planning, as well as associated capacity building for Council officers and community planning partners. That had been included in the year two action plan.

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The Committee agreed to the budget for the delivery of the Gender Action Plan for year one 2018/19.

Members' Poverty Workshop

The Committee considered a report in relation to a proposed Members' Poverty Workshop and agreed that:

- (i) The poverty workshop be arranged in early September, 2018;
- (ii) The Joseph Roundtree Foundation be appointed to facilitate the event;
- (iii) The Belfast Youth Forum be invited to present the findings of its poverty report; and
- (iv) Agreed the outlined approach for an agenda.

**Smart Belfast Programme update –
5G Connected Communities application**

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 In support of the objectives of the Smart Belfast programme, and within the context of the Belfast Region City Deal, an application has been made to the Department for Culture Media and Sport's 5G Urban Connected Communities project. The project will provide substantial funding to one large urban area to deploy a next generation 5G wireless network.

1.2 Members should note that a DCMS briefing session for this competition was held in Belfast in mid-May and that the closing date for applications was 12 June. Due to these compressed timescales for the preparation of an application, officers were unable to bring this proposal to Committee beforehand.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- 1. To retrospectively approve the submission of a Belfast application to the DCMS 5G urban Connected Communities project.**
- 2. To note the importance of 5G to the future digital innovation ambitions of the city.**

3.0 Main report

- 3.1** The UK Department for Culture Media and Sports (DCMS) are making substantial capital and revenue funding available to one large urban area to deploy a 5G network. The aim to establish one of the world's first large-scale urban 5G networks to trial and show-case wireless innovations, products and services (and to attract commercial investment from network operators and international investors.)
- 3.2** Why is 5G important to cities? 5G networks will provide ultra-fast (+100Gb) ubiquitous, wireless connectivity. Over time such networks are likely to replace existing technologies (eg, WiFi, Bluetooth, 4G mobile, Lorawan, and even wired broadband) and to become the backbone for most consumer, industrial and city products, services and processes.
- 3.3** The Government in its national 5G strategy has identified 5G as a key infrastructure for the economy over the next decade. With this in mind, cities need to be thinking now about how they will deploy such networks and how they can integrate 5G opportunities into forthcoming infrastructure projects (eg) street-scaping, street lighting renewal programmes, road, rail, electricity, water and bus-stop investments, public estate investments, new buildings, commercial development sites, etc.
- 3.4** At this point DCMS are engaging with local authorities in their search for a city. They will first choose their ideal urban location and only then will engage with Equipment Manufacturers and Mobile Networks Operators on deployment.
- 3.5** The successful city needs to show a commitment to a shared vision for digital innovation in which public, business and academic partners are committed to working together to test, trial, deploy and showcase how 5G can have an impact on their city. Following engagement with our two local universities, Invest NI, NI Government Depts, and others—an outline application has been made proposing that Belfast is an ideal innovation location for this investment.
- 3.6** Belfast's outline concept proposes a phased development focused initially on the Harbour, Titanic Quarter and city centre (with later phases incorporating the entire Belfast City Council area and then urban parts of surrounding local councils). The rationale for these initial locations is that there is a density of organisations, expertise, and physical

development opportunities that would support deployment and exploitation. (Members should note that 5G is at such an early stage of development and, as such, there are few consumer devices or handsets available. Therefore most initial projects are unlikely to focus on services for the individual resident and will concentrate more on business to business.)

- 3.7 Deployment of such a complex network will be challenging. If successful, it is likely that the city will utilise the new Full Fibre Network investment; but also build on opportunities offered other infrastructure investments, private developments and public transport projects. This will need substantial joint work and commitment between the Council, NI Government Departments and other.
- 3.8 Possible 5G-enabled project proposals for Belfast (developed with QUB's ECIT and Ulster University) include: industrial digitalisation with advanced manufacturers; freight management/supply chain tracking from the port and airport; enhanced immersive tourism experience including the new visitor attraction; city transport management; connected health; assisted living; city centre management; disaster resilience; providing network access at large events; support for film and television; etc.
- 3.9 The successful city will be notified by DCMS in July 2018. Work is expected to commence in the successful city before beginning of Q1 2019.

3.10 Financial & Resource Implications

In addition to funding from DCMS the successful city is likely to attract substantial co-investment from a wide range of national and international partners. DCMS will work with the successful city to develop such opportunities.

3.11 Equality or Good Relations Implications

Equality and good relations implications will be taken into consideration and it is proposed that we will take this through equality screening; however, it is anticipated that any collaborative efforts should have a positive effect on Section 75 groups."

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

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Belfast City Council Sports Development Strategy

The Committee considered a report which sought approval for the terms of reference for the development of a Belfast City Council Sports Development Strategy and the proposed timeline for completion. It was reported that these had both been considered at the meeting of the People and Communities Committee on 5th June and had been recommended for approval to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

The Committee was reminded that, at its meeting on 5th January, it had agreed that a Belfast City Council Sports Development Strategy and associated funding strategy be developed. This strategy was to provide a framework for future decision making on providing funding to National Governing Bodies of Sport delivering programmes in Belfast in support of existing funding streams and work programmes which enhance sporting opportunities for Belfast's sporting organisations and individuals.

Proposed Terms of Reference

Based on what had been agreed by the Committee previously, the following were the proposed Terms of Reference for the development of the strategy:

- Policy context – regional and city level
- Baseline audit of the support currently provided by Belfast City Council
- Key findings from research and benchmarking around best practice from elsewhere
- Summary of the findings of pre-consultation with key stakeholders on support already provided and the needs of the sector
- Guiding principles on how we support sports at the different levels – recreational, competitive, performance (elite)
- Guiding principles on how we support sports to different bodies – governing bodies, sports clubs, other bodies - this will include the issue of whether support should only be provided to governing bodies recognised by the Home Countries Sports Bodies
- An action plan and associated performance measures

Draft Timeline

Subject to Committee's approval of the draft terms of reference, the following was a proposed timeline for the development of the strategy:

Research and benchmarking of best practice	July 2018
Audit of support currently provided by BCC	July 2018
Draft aim and objectives	July 2018
Draft strategic and policy context and agreement on guiding principles – P&C and SP&R Committees.	August 2018

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Pre consultation with key stakeholders including DfC, Sport NI and key governing bodies to determine what is already available and key needs of the sector	August and September 2018
Draft strategy document	November 2018
Presentation of the draft strategy to P&C and SP&R Committees.	December 2018
Council ratification	January 2019
12 week public consultation	January to March 2019
Analyse consultation findings and amend strategy as required	April 2019
Finalise equality screening	April 2019
Present draft strategy and action plans to SP&R and P&C Committee	May 2019
Council ratification	June 2019

The Committee agreed to the the proposed Terms of Reference; and the draft timeline for the development of the strategy.

**New Local Government
Resilience Resourcing Model**

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to consider a proposed new regional resourcing model for the local government civil contingencies function. The proposed resourcing model was presented to the NI branch of the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) at its meeting in May. A paper outlining the proposal is attached to this report.**
- 1.2 Following local government reform and recent restructuring of the areas for local government civil contingencies there are now three sub-regions in Northern Ireland, North, South and Belfast. Each sub-region has a multi-agency Emergency Preparedness Group. The proposed regional resourcing model will provide civil contingencies programme management in the three new sub-regional areas.**
- 1.3 In brief, the proposed model is a regional service, fully funded by the Department for Communities (DfC), with a single employing authority and a service level agreement between it**

and the other ten councils. DfC funding will be drawn down via the host council, reducing duplication of financial and HR resources and enhancing accountability and governance arrangements. This concept has been successfully employed for other shared service functions, for example, animal welfare.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to

- Note the attached paper outlining the new local government resilience resourcing model and agree the proposed way forward. This will include agreement for a single employing authority and the need for the development of a service level agreement between the employer council and the other ten councils.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

3.1 The desired outcomes of this proposed new resourcing model are to:

- Provide confidence and assurance for Councils and their Chief Executives that multi-agency plans are in place which complement arrangements existing within councils;
- Have sufficient resilience to provide adequate cover, particularly during response to emergencies;
- Embed adequate governance arrangements to ensure consistency and performance management across all EPG areas;
- Align as best as possible with other organisations planning and response structures to allow for effective planning and response

3.2 Currently Belfast City Council employs a Programme Manager for the Belfast EPG; the Council also hosts the Regional Officer for local government civil contingencies and a regional support officer post. DfC funds these posts and the support costs for the Belfast EPG.

3.3 Under the proposed new arrangements, the Regional Officer will report to a director in the host council and to a regional steering group comprising Chief Executives from the three sub-regions and the SOLACE lead for the Civil Contingencies function.

- 3.4 For the Belfast area, the proposal is to increase resourcing from one existing Programme Manager and a 50% administration post to two full time posts. The new posts will be referred to as a Resilience Manager and a Resilience Officer. These posts will be 100% funded by DfC. The post of the Resilience Manager will be a permanent post and the Resilience Officer a fixed term post. These posts will continue to be located in Belfast City Council but will be employed by the host council.**
- 3.5 On Call Arrangements will be incorporated into the post of the Resilience Manager and because it will be a regional service, Belfast will be in a position to avail of regional on call capacity for multi-agency response.**
- 3.6 Financial & Resource Implications**
- A business plan was agreed in 2016 to fully fund this function until 2021. Liaison is ongoing with DfC and TEO (The Executive Office) to secure sustainable funding on a longer term.**
- 3.7 The complex staffing issues, legacy structures and associated costs referred to in the attached paper should not apply to Belfast City Council as it remains a single council in a sub-region.**
- 3.8 Equality or Good Relations Implications**
- None.”**

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

Update on Aquatic Strategy

The Committee was reminded that the Council, Active Belfast limited and Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) were partners in delivering the leisure service for Belfast. As partners, they had committed to developing a strategy for aquatics for the period 2018 – 2030. Following pre-consultation the previous summer with key stakeholders, including schools, swimming clubs and other water-based sports clubs which used the Council’s facilities, the partners had drafted a strategy. Throughout the development process of the draft strategy, it had been agreed at key stages by the Active Belfast Board and reported through the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

The next stage in the process was to undertake a public consultation on the draft strategy. Subject to the Council’s approval, it was proposed that the public consultation would take place from Monday 23rd July to Friday, 12th October. The public consultation would include the use of the Council’s online platform Citizen Space and public

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information sessions. The consultation would be publicised through the usual Council communication channels and information sessions would be held towards the end of the consultation period to ensure maximum participation.

It was anticipated that the findings from the public consultations and the final strategy, with any proposed amendments as a result of the consultation, would be submitted to the November meeting of the Committee for consideration and final approval.

The Committee agreed to the draft strategy and the proposed approach and timeline for public consultation.

Physical Programme and Asset Management

Capital Programme

The committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 The Council’s Physical Programme covers projects under a range of funding streams including the Capital Programme, the Leisure Transformation Programme, LIF, BIF, the Social Outcomes Fund and the projects which the Council is delivering on behalf of other agencies. This paper provides an update for Members on the Physical Programme.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to;

General

- **note the achievements under the physical programme over the last quarter as outlined in 3.1 and that, given the both the current scale of the programme and the number of new Members, that a tour of a number of physical projects (both completed or underway) is being scheduled for all Members. All Members are encouraged to take up this opportunity (see 3.2).**

Proposed movements on/additions to the Capital Programme

- **agree that the Navarra Place project is moved to Stage 3- Committed on the Capital Programme. It is recommended that this is held at ‘Tier 0 – Schemes at Risk’ pending confirmation of funding from the DoJ, agreement on the land transfer from NIHE and a satisfactory tender return. Members are further asked**

to agree that the necessary procurement processes (including the invitation of tenders and/or the use of appropriate 'framework' arrangements) be initiated with contracts to be awarded on the basis of most economically advantageous tenders received and full commitment to deliver.

- Physical Programme 2018/2019 and beyond
- note the challenges and implications for the Physical Programme moving forward and agree that a series of Party Group briefings are undertaken on the Physical Programme, its links to the Council's strategic agenda and the future financing strategy are undertaken.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

- 3.1 Members will be aware that the Council runs a substantial physical programme covering over 200 projects under a range of funding streams including the capital programme, BIF and LIF together with the projects that it is delivering on behalf of other agencies including the Executive Office and the Department for Communities. There are currently approx. 200 'live' projects on the physical programme worth in excess of £300m which makes it not only a significant programme from a Council perspective but also one of the biggest regeneration programmes in the city.
- 3.2 It is proposed that, given the both the current scale of the programme and the number of new Members, that a tour of a number of physical projects (both completed and underway) across the city is scheduled for all Members. It is likely that this will take place in August/September and ideally will be scheduled for a Saturday morning. Details will be communicated in due course and all Members are encouraged to take up this opportunity.
- 3.3 Members are asked to note that there have been significant achievements under the physical programme in the last couple of months –
- RICS Northern Ireland Project of the Year – the Council was awarded the prestigious RICS Project of the Year in Northern Ireland for the £3.7m redevelopment and upgrade of the Tropical Ravine. The highly acclaimed Project of the Year title is presented to the scheme which demonstrates

overall outstanding best practice and an exemplary commitment to adding value to its local area. In awarding this, the RICS judges noted that *“The Tropical Ravine was unanimously supported as Project of the Year. Its sensitive conservation approach was professional, and the partnership created of caring community groups and the Heritage Lottery Fund added strength and injected a variety of views, often conflicting, and aspirations which collectively have transformed this neglected overgrown corner of Botanic Gardens into a visitor attraction with an amazing story to be absorbed at leisure”*. In addition the judging panel highlighted that *“Many visitors to Botanic Gardens in past years would not have known this Victorian building had existed for 120 years. Belfast City Council, Friends of Botanic and the Heritage Lottery Fund have transformed this unique national treasure and propelled it into the 21st century. The story it now tells, and welcomes you to share in, is a model of best practice.”*

- Significantly Members are asked to note that this is the second year in a row that the Council has won RICS Project of the Year with Girdwood Community Hub winning the accolade in 2017. This is a huge acclamation of the Council and the key role that officers, from across all Departments in the Council, played in making these projects happen.
- Official opening of the new £21.75m Olympia - The new £21.75m Olympia was officially opened on 21st June. This followed the opening of the new leisure facility last year and marked the end of over three years work on the site. The new outdoor facilities opened yesterday include a 3G pitch, MUGA, playground, boulevard way leading in off Boucher Road and a new pedestrian entrance off Olympia Drive together with a new art pieces. The success of Olympia is evident in its usage figures which have seen a 78% increase in footfall, a 50% rise in adult gym memberships and a 250% rise in the number of children taking part in the swim school.
- Completion of the £15m Playing Pitches Strategy – Members will recall that in 2012 a Playing Pitches Strategy for the city was agreed. Under this the Council invested £14m in 10 new playing pitches and pavilions across the city while the GAA

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provided match funding of £1m. The new 3G pitch and pavilion at Falls Park has recently been completed with the final pitch at Cherryvale due to complete next month. This is the culmination of the programme which has seen facilities at –

Location	Investment
Ballysillan Playing Fields	New changing pavilion
Cherryvale Playing Fields	New pitch 3G, repositioning of existing turf pitch
Cliftonville Playing Fields	New 3G pitch and changing pavilion
Dixon Playing Fields	New changing pavilion
Falls Park	New 3G pitch and pavilion
Musgrave Park	New pavilion and existing pitch extension
Ormeau Park	New 3G pitch
Victoria Park	New changing pavilion
Waterworks	New Changing pavilion
Woodlands Playing Fields	New 3G pitch, existing pitch extension and changing pavilion

Proposed movements on/additions to the Capital Programme

- 3.4 Members have previously agreed that all capital projects must go through a 3 Stage process where decisions on which projects progress are taken by SP&R. Members are asked to agree to the following movements on the Capital Programme -**

Project	Overview	Stage
Navarra Place	Development of a new playground and MUGA	Move to Stage 3- Committed Recommended to be held as at Tier 0 - Scheme at Risk pending confirmation of funding from DoJ, completion of the land transfer from NIHE and a satisfactory tender return

Move to Stage 3 – Committed

- 3.5 Navarra Place – Navarra Place is a small area located off the Whitewell Road in the north at a community interface. This proposal is for the development of a new playground, MUGA and the removal of an interface structure at the boundary with Serpentine Road. Although owned by the NIHE, the Council built a playground on the site in 2006 and has operated the**

playground and maintained the land since this time. The Council is currently in the process of agreeing the land transfer from NIHE and the project is contingent on this land being transferred. Members are asked to note that DoJ have committed 50% match funding to this project and a letter of offer is currently awaited.

- 3.6** It is recommended that the Navarra Place project is moved to Stage 3 – Committed on the Capital Programme but that this is held at Tier 0 – Schemes at Risk pending confirmation of funding from the DoJ, agreement on the land transfer from NIHE and a satisfactory tender return. At this stage the final budget will be brought back to Committee for sign-off and confirmation that it is within the affordability limits of the Council. In addition, Members are asked to agree that the necessary procurement processes (including the invitation of tenders and/or the use of appropriate ‘framework’ arrangements) be initiated with contracts to be awarded on the basis of most economically advantageous tenders received and full commitment to deliver for the above projects as required.

Physical Programme 2018/2019 and beyond

- 3.7** Members will be aware that the Council runs a substantial physical programme under a range of funding streams. As at 18th June this comprised 197 live projects across 7 funding streams (Cap Prog, LTP, LIF, BIF, UV, BSC, SIF, etc) as well as the projects which the Council is delivering on behalf of other organisations. Members will be aware that the Council is increasingly becoming the agent of choice for a number of central government departments including the Executive Office. Delivering these projects, while a recognition of both the successful track record of the Council as a delivery agent for capital projects and also the uniquely placed role of the Council as a civic leader in the city, also bring with them their own risks and issues. The breakdown of the current physical programme is shown below –

Scale	Area	Funding Stream
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Transformational (over £5m gross) • 21 Landmark (over £1m gross) • 166 Local (below £1m gross) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North -55 • South – 24 • East – 36 • West – 43 • Citywide – 12 • Corporate – 17 • City Centre - 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cap Prog – 49 • LTP – 7 • LIF – 41 • BIF – 39 • Peace IV – 3 • Social Outcomes Fund – 9 • Urban Villages – 8

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Investment Fund – 15• Other – 26
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3.8 Members will appreciate that the Council’s physical programme is one of the most important programmes delivered by the Council and due to the nature of capital projects it is also one of the most visible and easily recognisable signs of the Council’s civic leadership role in the city. Moving forward the Council will face two key challenges in respect of the capital programme. These are:

- The capital financing budget will soon come under pressure if all the projects currently in the programme are to be delivered.
- The need to ensure that Investment decisions are taken within the context of strategic alignment with the Belfast Agenda and in full consideration of what assets already exist in an area and how these are being used

3.9 Given the implications of this, it is recommended a series of Party Group briefings are undertaken on the Physical Programme, its links to the Council’s strategic agenda and the future financing strategy are undertaken. In order to maximise the benefit of these Briefings it is recommended that all Members avail of the opportunity to undertake the tour of the projects which is being scheduled (see 3.2 above). This will help set the Programme in context for Members. This will take place before the Briefings.

3.10 Financial & Resource Implications

Financial – Navarra Place is being held at ‘Tier 0 -Scheme at risk’ pending confirmation of funding from DOJ, agreement on the transfer of NIHE site and satisfactory tender return.

Resources – Resources from Property & Projects and appropriate departments in working up proposals in conjunction with groups.

3.11 Equality or Good Relations Implications

All capital projects are screened as part of the stage approval process.”

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

Asset Management

The Committee agreed to grant approval to the following, subject to the detailed terms to be agreed by the Estates Manager and City Solicitor:

**Ravenscroft Avenue Car Park –
Land Disposal**

The disposal of a portion of land at Ravenscroft Avenue to the Department of Infrastructure for £2,000 in order to facilitate the construction of a bike shelter.

**Corporation Street Off Street Car Park –
Licence Renewal**

The renewal (at a nominal licence fee) of a one-year licence agreement with the Department for Infrastructure for the off street car park at Corporation Street.

**Duncrue Complex – North West Mountain
Rescue Licence**

The grant of a one-year licence to the North West Mountain Rescue Team for use of a vehicle parking space within Duncrue Complex on the terms as outlined in the report.

**Cregagh Youth and Community Centre –
New Licence to Ulster Rugby for occasional
use of overflow car park**

The grant of a 9-month Licence to Ulster Rugby for their occasional use of the overflow car park adjacent to Cregagh Youth and Community Centre.

Finlay Park –Licence for sewer connection

The grant of a licence and easement for Choice Housing Association to make a connection to the public sewer situated in Finlay Park.

**Brook Activity Centre and Playing Fields –
Lease to Northern Ireland Electricity (NIE)
for a substation and Cable Wayleave**

The grant of a 999-year lease and cable wayleave to NIE for a site at Summerhill Road for the purpose of providing electricity supply to the proposed Brook Leisure Centre.

**Giant's Park, North Foreshore –
Licences for Bird Surveys**

The grant of a Licence Agreement to the British Trust for Ornithology in respect of bird surveys to be undertaken at Giant's Park, North Foreshore, for a period of 5 years.

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In addition, the Committee approved the grant of licence agreements with prospective developers, as required, in respect of bird surveys to inform planning applications.

**Giant's Park, North Foreshore –
Variation of Electricity Power Purchase Agreement**

Authority for the Council to enter into a Deed of Amendment with Power NI to alter the current electricity Power Purchase Agreement between the Council and Power NI.

Grampian Avenue Playground – Acquisition of Land

The acquisition of two plots of land at Grampian Avenue Playground from the Department for Infrastructure and Radius Housing Association on the terms as set out in the report.

Disposal of Land for Housing

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek approval in principle to the disposal of Council owned land to two Housing Associations for the development of housing.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 1. Members approval is sought in principle to the disposal of land at:

- (i) the former Grove Primary School site to Grove Housing Association and**
- (ii) Upper Whiterock Rd (adjacent 265 Whiterock Rd) to Radius Housing Association.**

The disposal of these lands are subject to valuation by Land & Property Services and detailed terms to be agreed by the Estates Manger and City Solicitor.

2. Members are asked to note that there are other housing proposals in respect of various Council lands currently underway. Further reports will be brought back to Committee in the near future regarding these proposals. Members should also note that in recent years a number of surplus Council lands have been sold for social housing purposes.

3.0 Main report

- 3.1** The Council owns the former Grove Primary School Site at North Queen Street, which it acquired in December 2012. The site extends to approximately 2.5 acres and adjoins the Council owned Grove Playing Fields and is located opposite the Old Grove Leisure Centre site.
- 3.2** Members will be aware that, as part of the Belfast Investment Fund (BIF), there are proposals for the development of the former Grove Leisure Centre site as a community and youth facility. The Strategic Policy & Resources Committee, at their meeting on 24 November 2017, gave approval to move the project proposal to Stage 2 (Uncommitted) under BIF. An Economic Appraisal process is currently underway in respect of this project.
- 3.3** The former Grove Primary School site is held in the Councils Corporate Landbank as a surplus asset and a planning appraisal has been undertaken which indicates that it may be suitable for development of housing. Grove Housing Association, supported by NIHE, wish to acquire the site for the development of social housing. Their initial proposal is for 24 units, although there will be scope for some further development on the site at a later stage.
- 3.4** It should also be noted that the site adjoins lands owned by NIHE at Alexandra Park Avenue who have recently agreed the sale of their lands for private housing development. The development of these combined lands (all of which are currently lying vacant) for private and social housing, together with the BIF proposal for the community /youth facility, will significantly contribute to the regeneration of this area from a social and economic perspective.
- 3.5** The Council also owns an area of land, extending to 3.7 acres, at the upper end of Whiterock Road (adjacent 265 Whiterock Rd), to the rear of New Barnsley Crescent. This land is located within the development limit for Belfast and zoned for housing within the Belfast Urban Area Plan (BUAP) 2001. The Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan (BMAP) 2014 also zones it for social housing. The land is not currently used for any operational purposes.
- 3.6** Radius Housing Association have expressed an interest in acquiring the land for housing development and the NIHE have indicated their support. The initial proposal by Radius Housing Association indicates a potential development of 39

units although further feasibility work will be required to inform the development potential of the land.

- 3.7** The lands are located in close proximity to the Peace IV Shared Spaces Local Action Plan area. Members will be aware that the Shared Space capital project element includes the creation of a 'necklace' of 11 shared spaces. Members may also be aware that other lands at Ballygomartin Road, also located in close proximity to this Local Action Plan have recently been purchased by a private developer, for the purposes of a housing development. The development of the Council lands by Radius Housing, as well as the development of the privately owned lands, would integrate well into the overall Peace IV proposals.
- 3.8** On a more general note, Members will be aware that the Council has previously disposed of various surplus lands to Housing Associations. This includes lands at Glen Road, Colin Glen, Clara Street, Templemore Avenue and Stewart St / Raphael St (adjacent the Markets area) and agreement for land at McClure St. A total of over 300 social housing units have been built on the lands already disposed of by the Council. There are also ongoing discussions in relation to various other Council lands for the development of social housing, which will be brought back to Committee in due course. A further report is to be brought back into Committee in the near future in relation to the Masterplan for the Gasworks Northern Fringe lands which includes proposals for social housing, as well as the development of further lands for social housing at Glen Road in West Belfast.
- 3.9** In addition, following a decision of the City Growth & Regeneration Committee on 9 May 2018 a Strategic Site Assessment analysis is being undertaken to review the Council's city centre surface level car parks which will consider the potential for redevelopment, including locations best suited for development for housing, mixed use and car parking etc. This assessment is also considering opportunities for further land assembly including other adjoining lands in public sector ownership (including DfC and NIHE lands). This could result in more comprehensive development than simply considering the development of the Council's lands in isolation. This site assessment work will also consider planning, density, site constraints and opportunities for maximising development potential, whilst also taking into account city centre car parking requirements. Similar site appraisal reports were previously undertaken for the lands at Grove, Glen Road, Gasworks etc prior to recommendations on disposal.

3.10 The Belfast Agenda recognises that housing is key issue in creating sustainable communities and that affordable and safe housing is fundamental to the quality of life for our residents. The NIHE is identified as a key community planning partner and the Belfast Agenda highlights that social housing has an important role to play in creating the type of city we want Belfast to be in the future. One of the key priorities in the Belfast Agenda is to increase social and affordable housing in the city and a stretch goal for 2021 is to deliver 1800 social housing units and agree a city target for affordable housing. The development of the lands at Grove and Upper Whiterock Road will therefore contribute towards these goals. As referred to above, further proposals will also be brought forward in the near future in respect of other Council owned lands for the development of housing.

3.10 Finance & Resource Implications

The disposal of the land will result in a capital premium for the Council. Land and Property Services will value the land.

3.11 Equality or Good Relations Implications

None associated with this report.”

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

Area Working Update

The Committee:

Area Working Group Minutes

- Approved and adopted the minutes of the meetings of the Area Working Groups (AWG) as follows: (East – 16th May; East – 17th May; South – 21st May; West – 24th May; North - 29th May and East – 7th June).

Local Investment Fund (LIF)

- Agreed the recommended proposals as set out below from the North and West AWGs in relation to LIF

AWG	Project	Recommendation from AWG
West	WLIF2-17 - North Belfast Working Men's Club	To be withdrawn from LIF programme
West	WLIF2-24 - Paisley Park Sportsplex*	In principle funding of £24,000
North	NLIF2-03 - Ardoyne Shankill Health Partnership**	In principle funding of £15,000
North	NLIF2-21 - Somme Garden of Remembrance**	In principle funding of £21,667

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Belfast Investment Fund (BIF)

- Agreed the recommended proposals as set out below from the North and East AWGs in relation to BIF:

AWG	Project	Current Stage	Recommendation from AWG
North	Hillview Boxing Club	Stage 1 – Emerging	<i>To be withdrawn from BIF programme</i>
North	Marrowbone Park	N/A	Add as a Stage 1 - Emerging Project with a ring-fenced allocation of up to £500k. Will be required to go through the Council's agreed stage approval process and due diligence process
East	Lisnasharragh Community Schools project	Stage 2 – Uncommitted	Move to Stage 3 – Committed with a maximum allocation of £398,000 - Subject to the return of a satisfactory tender and confirmation of any match funding

Social Innovation Challenge Programme

- Agreed that the following projects receive funding from the Social Innovation Challenge Programme:

NORTH (NEW LODGE)

PROJECT	GROUP	AMOUNT
Community Ideas Platform	New Lodge CEP	£15,000
Innovative Youth Space	New Lodge Youth Centre	£15,000
Steps Regeneration	New Lodge CEP	£15,000

EAST (INNER EAST)

PROJECT	GROUP	AMOUNT
Holiday Hunger programme	Scaffolding Project (Eastside partnership)	£15,000

Finance, Resources and Procurement

Financial Reporting Quarter 4 2017-18

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report presents the financial outturn for the Council for the year ended 31 March 2018. It includes a reporting pack which contains a summary of the financial indicators and an**

executive summary. It also provides a more detailed explanation of each of the relevant indicators and covers the outturn for the year and implications for reserves and the year-end Treasury Management position (Appendix 2).

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- Note the year end outturn and reserves position.
- Note that the balance of department underspend of £28,993 will be allocated to General Reserves.

3.0 Main report

Financial Outturn 2017/18

3.1 The year-end departmental position for the Council is an under-spend of £435,514 (0.3%). The main reasons for the departmental net expenditure variance include employee under-spends due to staff turnover, vacancies and receipt of additional central grants income.

3.2 Members will recall that the Committee, on the 18 May 2018, agreed to allocate £226,521 from General Reserves and £180,000 from the Capital of Culture Specified Reserves to fund £406,521 of area-based festivals expenditure.

3.3 After the replenishment of reserves for the above allocations of £406,521 from the departmental underspend of £435,514 there remains a balance of £28,993 of departmental underspend which will be transferred to General Reserves.

LPS Rates Finalisation

3.3 The year-end outturn as reported by LPS is a surplus of £750k. This comprises a surplus rates income of £1.1m and reduction in the actual derating grant of £350k. This surplus was fully allocated by the Committee in November 2017.

Capital Financing

3.4 The year-end capital financing expenditure was fully applied at the year end, this includes the £2.2m of financing available due to slippage in the capital programme, which was reallocated by the Committee in November 2017.

Capital Expenditure

- 3.5 In the twelve months to 31 March 2018 the Council incurred net expenditure of £19.2m on capital schemes. In addition £3.2m of levered monies was also spent on capital schemes during the year bringing the gross capital expenditure to £22.4m for 2017/18. Non-recurring project expenditure was £0.9m against a budget of £1.2m.

Local Investment Funds (LIF 1 and LIF 2)

- 3.6 Committed expenditure on LIF 1 projects at the year-end was almost £5m, leaving a minimal balance of LIF 1 funding.
- 3.7 Committed expenditure on LIF 2 projects was £3.86m leaving a balance of £140k.

City Centre Social Outcomes Fund

- 3.8 The City Centre Social Outcomes Fund was fully financed and the full balance of £4m remains in the fund at the 31 March 2018.

Belfast Investment Fund

- 3.9 The Belfast Investment Fund balance was £4.25m at the end of 2017/18. From 2018/19, the recurrent rates contribution of £3.27m per annum will be allocated to the Belfast Investment Fund to finance £28.2m of Belfast investment Fund expenditure in future years.

City Centre Investment Fund (CCIF).

- 3.10 The balance of the City Centre Investment Fund at the year-end was £15.3m.

Reserves Position

- 3.11 The opening balance of Specified Reserves at the start of 2017/18 was £7.6m and General Reserves of £13.4m. After movements and allocations by the Committee during the year the Council has Specified Reserves of £10.7m and General Reserves of £13.7m at the year end.

Summary of Council Financial Position for 2018/19

- 3.12 Robust financial planning means that the Council will commence the 2018/19 year with access to the following

financial resources to ensure an adequate reserves position and fund the capital investment plans for the City.

- General Reserves £13.7m
- Specified Reserves £10.7m
- City Centre Social Outcomes Fund £4m
- City Centre Investment Fund £15.3m
- Belfast Investment Fund £28.2m (to be financed by £3.27m annually from 18/19)
- Capital Financing Budget Programme £20.7m
- Leisure Transformation Programme £105m

3.13 Financial and Resource Implications

The report sets out the 2017/18 year end position.

3.14 Equality Implications

There are no equality implications with this report.”

The Committee noted the year end outturn and reserves position and agreed that the balance of the departmental underspend of £28,993 be allocated to General Reserves.

Belfast City Council Assurance Framework and Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

The Director of Finance and Resources submitted for the Committee’s consideration the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 The purpose of this paper is twofold;

- to explain to Members the key elements of the ‘year-end’ process and the ‘assurance framework’ that the Council has developed over recent years to help ensure that the Council complies with statutory requirements and Members and senior officers can have effective, ongoing oversight of the Council’s governance and assurance arrangements.
- to present the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18, for consideration and inclusion in the unaudited statement of accounts which will be certified by the Chief Financial Officer by 30 June 2018 and then subject to NIAO audit. The Statement has been considered by the Audit & Risk Panel but must be approved by the Committee Chair, the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer.

1.2 The Annual Governance Statement is an important document and it is important that the Committee is fully aware of its contents. The disclosures in the statement are based upon the Council's corporate risk register and take into consideration the disclosures made by Chief Officers in their individual annual assurance statements. The Annual Governance Statement also incorporates a summary of the Head of Audit, Governance and Risk Service's annual assurance statement.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committees is asked to

- Note the Council's Assurance Framework.
- Review and approve the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18 and, in particular, the disclosure of the significant governance issues contained in the statement.
- Following review, the statement will be incorporated into the Council's unaudited financial statements for 2017/18 which will be certified by the Chief Financial Officer by 30 June 2018. It will be subject to review by the LGA (NIAO) as part of their annual audit.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

3.1 The Council's Assurance Framework shows how different sources of assurance and related key elements / control measures combine to enable the Council to monitor its governance arrangements and produce the evidence to support its Annual Governance Statement. The diagram shows how the Council's Audit & Risk Panel, the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee and Council provide oversight of these governance arrangements.

3.1 Preparation of Annual Governance Statement

The Council has a statutory responsibility to annually prepare and publish an Annual Governance Statement as part of the Financial Report. Many different processes inform the preparation of the Statement as can be seen from the Assurance Framework at Appendix 1. Specifically, the Annual Governance Statement sets out:

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- scope of the responsibility of the Council in relation to governance
 - the purpose of the governance framework
 - the governance framework that is actually in place
 - the review of effectiveness of the governance framework that has taken place
 - an update on the significant governance issues disclosed at year-end 2017
 - significant governance issues to be disclosed for year-end 2018 and action proposed to address them.
- 3.3 The Statement for 2017/18 is presented at Appendix 2 and should be approved by the Chair of Strategic Policy and Resources, the Chief Executive and the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Resources.
- 3.4 It will be incorporated into the unaudited statement of accounts which will be certified by the Chief Financial Officer by 30 June 2018. It is subject to review by the LGA (NIAO) as part of their annual audit.
- 3.5 **Financial & Resource Implications**
- None.
- 3.6 **Equality or Good Relations Implications**
- None.”

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

Audit and Risk Panel Annual Report and Minutes of the Meeting of 5th June 2018

The Committee:

- noted the summary of the work of the Panel during 2017/18; and
- approved and adopted the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Panel of 5th June, 2018.

Contracts for Award

The Committee:

- approved the public advertisement and acceptance of tenders as listed in Appendix 1, Table 1 through the Council’s electronic procurement system;
- granted delegated authority to the appropriate Director, using pre-agreed criteria, to accept the most economically advantageous tender;
- allowed month by month extensions where contracts were under review as outlined in Appendix 1, Table 2; and

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- agreed to accede to Standing Order 55 - (a) exceptions in relation to contracts by direction of the council acting on recommendations of a Chief Officer that the exception is justified in special circumstances - for the contracts laid out in Appendix 1, Table 3:

Appendix 1 - Schedule of tenders for consideration

Table 1 – New tenders

Title of tender	Senior Responsible Officer	Proposed contract duration
Rates Maximisation Tool	Ronan Cregan	1 year
Health & Safety	Ronan Cregan	4 year
Comvault	Ronan Cregan	3 year
Accessibility and Transport Modelling	Ronan Cregan	Up to 6 months
Economic, VFM and Inclusivity Modelling	Ronan Cregan	1 year
BRCD Digital and Innovation Strategy Technical Assistance	Ronan Cregan	1 year
IT system for Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs)	Ronan Cregan	5 year
Lone Workers Devices	John Walsh	1 year + 2
First Aid Training	John Walsh	2 year +1
Print Framework	John Tully	1 year + 2
Youth Outreach Programme	Nigel Grimshaw	1 year +1 +1
Youth Diversionary Service	Nigel Grimshaw	1 year +1 +1
Hydraulic Hoses	Nigel Grimshaw	3 year +1
Consultancy Change Programme	Nigel Grimshaw	3 year
Provision of Pest Control Services	Nigel Grimshaw	4 year

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Radiochemical Analysis and Interpretation of Data	Nigel Grimshaw	1 year +2
Managed Service for Energy	Gerry Millar	4 year
Care/ Childcare Employment academy	Alistair Reid	4 year
Go Social	Alistair Reid	4 year
Procurement Programme	Alistair Reid	4 year
Destination Hub - Development of a Business Case	Alistair Reid	1 year
Implementation of Masterplan	Alistair Reid	1 year
Retail Mitigation Programme	Alistair Reid	2 year +1
Development of Employment Academy Procurement Framework & Call off List	Alistair Reid	1 year
Kick Start	Alistair Reid	4 year
Construction of Employment Academy	Alistair Reid	4 year
City Pledge Intervention	Alistair Reid	2 year + 1
Destination Hub – Design Competition	Alistair Reid	1 year +1 +1
Destination Hub – Financial Assessment/Due Diligence	Alistair Reid	1 year

Table 2 – Contracts for extension of contract period

Title of Tender	Director Responsible	Proposed Extension
T1517 Medical Referee Service	Nigel Grimshaw	month by month until a new contract is in place

Table 3 Direct Award Contracts (Single Tender Action)

System / product	Supplier	Estimate
Lexis Nexis Licence	Lexis Nexus	£66K over 3 years

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Annual Property Asset Valuation	LPS	£50,000 over 5 years
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Equality and Good Relations

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Shared City Partnership**

The Committee approved and adopted the minutes of the meeting of the Shared City Partnership of 11th June.

Operational Issues

Pride of Place Awards 2018

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update Members in relation to the Pride of Place Awards in 2018 and to present options regarding BCC participation.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- i. Consider the options put forward for the Pride of Place Awards 2018 and agree their preferred option.**
- ii. Approve the entry costs of the proposed groups based on the preferred option.**
- iii. Approve the accommodation allowance for the Judges’ Assessment Visit to Belfast in August 2018.**
- iv. Approve the attendance of the Chair, or their nominee, and the project officer, together with a maximum of two persons per external project at the 2018 awards ceremony and approve the payment of corresponding entrant fees, travel, attendance and subsistence allowances.**

3.0 Main report

3.1 The Pride of Place competition has been supported by Belfast City Council for a number of years with Community Service Officers taking the organisational lead in the selection and preparation of entrant groups since 2009. It is run by Co-operation Ireland in partnership with the All Island Local Authority Steering forum, which encourages strategic and

sustainable approaches to cross-border co-operation by Local Authorities.

- 3.2 The competition recognises and celebrates the vital contributions that community partnerships make to society. The focus is on people coming together to shape, change and enjoy all that is good about their local area.
- 3.3 Each year, several categories are defined and entries invited: all entrants must be nominated by their local authority. Each Council can nominate up to 5 groups in for separate categories. The 2018 categories are;
- Urban Neighbourhoods under 1,000
 - Urban Neighbourhoods between 1,000-2,000
 - Urban neighbourhoods over 2,000
 - Creative Place Initiative
 - Community Wellbeing Initiative
 - Communities Reaching Out Initiative
- 3.4 Winners are announced at a high-profile awards ceremony which is hosted by a previous winning council. The 2017 Gala Event was hosted by Donegal County Council. This year the event will be held in Cork City Hall on 17th November.
- 3.5 In previous years, entrants nominated and sponsored by Belfast City Council have enjoyed considerable success. Since 2009, 38 Organisations have been nominated.
- 3.6 Last year Council nominated:
- The Hanwood Project in the *Urban Neighbourhood Over 2,000* category
 - Lower Oldpark Community Association in the *Urban Neighbourhood Under 3,000* category
 - College Park Avenue Residents' Association in the *Community Environmental Initiative* category
 - Upper Springfield Youth Team in the *Community Based Youth Initiative* category.
- 3.7 Both Lower Oldpark Community Association and the Upper Springfield Youth Team were the overall winners in their respective categories.
- 3.8 All the groups nominated to date have given positive feedback and have experienced tangible benefits from their association with the competition. These include an increased sense of pride, motivation to continue their commitment to provide

excellent community facilities and programmes and increased recognition for their interventions from their local community.

Key Issues

- 3.9 We received notification of the Pride Place Awards at the end of March with a closing date for applications in May 2018. Normally the process would be a month longer and this shortened time-frame has presented challenges in terms of our engagement, selection and nomination process. To support our participation, Co-operation have extended their deadline for nominations. We have approached organisations across the city which have not been proposed previously for the award, who have significant capacity to engage in the selection process and who have good governance, community involvement and level of service provision to ensure that they would have a reasonable chance of competing positively in the PoP assessment process.
- 3.10 The five groups we have initially approached and who have agreed in principle to participate in the Awards process are:
- **Bloomfield Community Association** - Urban Neighbourhoods under 1,000
 - **Markets Development Association**- Urban Neighbourhoods between 1,000-2,000
 - **Benview Community Centre**- Urban neighbourhoods over 2,000
 - **The Maureen Sheehan Centre**- Community Wellbeing Initiative-
 - **The Three Faiths Initiative**- Communities Reaching Out Initiative
- 3.11 If endorsed by committee, officers will work with these organisations to support their involvement, however, we are requesting authority to approach other similar organisations should any of the 5 nominees withdraw from the process.
- 3.12 The 2018 Awards Ceremony for Pride of Place will be held in Cork City Hall on the 17 November. Due to the distance, it is expected that this will require 3 days including travel, accommodation, additional meals and attendance at the gala event. In previous years only one night accommodation was required however it is proposed that in order to encourage participation this is extended to 2 overnights. Thus the costs for participation at the event this year exceeds the current service budget allocated.

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- 3.13** The normal budget allocation contained in the service estimate is £4,200. As noted, due to the location of this year's event, this will be inadequate. Given the profile of the awards, our historical participation which allows BCC to showcase vibrant community development in the city and the positive benefit to participating groups, officers have reviewed participation to reduce costs. Co-operation Ireland have also agreed to reduce entrance fees to support BCC attendance.
- 3.14** Members will be aware that consideration of attendance at the Pride of Place Awards is a matter for the People and Communities Committee. However, given the timeframe for nominations and the selection process, it was not possible to submit a report to that Committee on 5th June and the next meeting will not be held until August, which will be too late for the Council to submit nominations. Therefore, the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee is being asked to approve the Council's participation, with any decision being reported subsequently to the People and Communities Committee.
- 3.15** Options for Consideration- Financial

Option	Description	Cost
Option 1 Do not participate in this year's award	Council do not nominate organisations for this year's competition.	0
Option 2 Maximum participation in Award- 5 Nominated Groups plus Council representation	5 Nominated Groups x 2 Representatives P&C Chair (or nominated representative) Officer Bus Driver	£6,631

Financial & Resource Implications

Item	Unit Cost	Option 2
Award Entry Fee	£ 250.00	£ 1,250.00
3 Day Judges Visit		
Accommodation	£ 144.00	£ 576.00
Lunch	£ 20.00	£ 40.00

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Gala Presentation		
Transport	£ 1,330.00	£ 1,330.00
Accommodation (max of 2 nights)	£ 184.00	£ 2,392.00
Evening Meal	£ 31.00	£ 403.00
2 Lunches	£ 30.00	£ 390.00
Commemorative presentation brochure advert	£ 250.00	£ 250.00
Total		£ 6,631.00

3.16 The additional £2,400 required to support participation will be met from identified service underspend in 2018/19.

3.17 Equality or Good Relations Implications

Organisations nominated for the Pride of Place awards reflect the diversity of the city and will promote equality of opportunity and good relations amongst nominees.”

The Committee adopted the recommendations and agreed to Option 2, that is, maximum participation in the awards - five nominated groups plus Council representation.

Elected Member Development

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues

1.1 To propose an approach to commission future learning and development providers for elected member development.

1.2 To set out a draft proposed Governance Continuing Development Programme, with the aim of further supporting members in their governance role.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to :

- Agree that the selection and commissioning of all external learning and development providers for the purposes of elected member development is undertaken by Corporate HR, in line with corporate**

procurement guidelines and the associated financial thresholds.

- The roll-out of a Governance development programme up until February/March 2019, the proposed content of the programme, and suggest any other additional topics or activities which they consider would be beneficial to incorporate within the overall programme.

3.0 Main report

Approach to elected member learning and development provision

3.1 The current member development framework, approved by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, in March, 2017 includes:

- A PDP process for elected members (with an associated annual budget of £730 per member)
- Members' Assistance to Study Scheme
- Elected Member Role Profiles
- Members' Knowledge and Skills Framework
- Elected Member Capacity Building Plan

3.2 Internal expertise is used to design and deliver much of the capacity building for elected members. However, for some elements of member training, particularly in respect of the planning and licensing functions, it has been necessary to commission external expertise in particular fields.

3.3 Currently, commissioning of external expertise for corporately led member capacity building programmes is undertaken by HR in line with corporate guidelines. Where feasible HR uses the Local Government Training Group's call-off framework for learning and development provision, for the selection of appropriate providers and undertakes procurement exercises, where necessary.

3.4 In respect of Members' PDPs, there are occasions when members will have a preferred learning and development provider to deliver training either on an individual basis, or where PDP budgets are pooled by a party group to deliver capacity building collectively to the party. While it is recognised that on occasion members may have preferences regarding providers, it is proposed that the most appropriate approach is for Corporate HR to commission any necessary external provision in line with procurement guidance. This will ensure a more structured and robust approach to the

commissioning of learning and development providers, in particular for members' PDP activities.

Elected members role in good governance

- 3.5** Good corporate governance is an essential element in the efficient running of local government and is critical if the Council is to achieve the goals set out in the Belfast Agenda and meet the expectations of citizens and stakeholders.
- 3.6** The Council's governance arrangements are concerned with the structures and processes for decision-making, accountability and transparency. Collectively the governance arrangements facilitate the Council in having a clear direction, accountability and appropriate working arrangements, which help ensure we achieve what we set out to do. The internal governance, ethics, and relationships, which underpin good governance, are set out in the Council's Standing Orders and Elected Members' Role Profiles.

Continuing Development programme

- 3.7** Given the need for ongoing good corporate governance, a continuing development programme, covering key governance topics, has been developed. The programme, detailed at Appendix One, will support members in their role as elected representatives with responsibility for contributing to and overseeing the implementation of good governance across the Council.
- 3.8** The modular programme will be delivered, on a month by month basis, by means of interactive sessions facilitated, in the main, by senior council officers and where appropriate using external experts. To date two modules of the programme have been delivered; Code of Conduct training in March 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) training delivered by officers during May 2018.
- 3.9** The remaining modules of the programme, will focus on:
- Decision making in the legal and political context including the General Power of Competence;
 - Good governance and due diligence;
 - Managing our finances;
 - Regeneration and investment in the city;
 - Members' roles on outside bodies and external boards;
 - Training in the role of chair;
 - Fraud, bribery, corruption and whistleblowing; and
 - The election and count processes

3.10 Financial Implications

The proposed approach to commission all external providers will ensure value for money along with a high level of quality provision. Internal expertise will be used in the main to design and deliver the Governance development programme. Corporate Human Resources will work with key senior officers to co-ordinate its delivery. The costs of any external expertise required will be met from the 2018-2019 Organisational Development budget.

3.11 Equality or Good Relations Implications

None associated with this report as all elected members will be invited to attend each module.”

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

Affordable Warmth Scheme

The Committee considered a report which had been submitted by the Strategic Director of City and neighbourhood Services in relation to the Affordable Warmth scheme:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 At SP&R on 23rd March 2018 a report was presented to discuss the proposal tabled at the People and Communities committee around the issue of providing additional resourcing for the scheme. The recommendations were:

- **Members are reminded that the Committee agreed at its meeting on the 16 February 2018, that no further financial re-allocations would be made until the year end position was considered at the June meeting of the Committee, given that the uncommitted forecast represents less than 0.2% of departmental expenditure.**
- **Members are also asked to note, that the Department for Communities (DfC) workshop will take place on the 27 March 2018, when it is hoped that the Council will receive the detail of the DfC commitment for 2018/19.**
- **In view of the above, it is recommended that a further report on the additional resource requirements is provided to the Committee in April 2018, following the workshop.**

1.2 During the meeting it was agreed that officers would carry out a trawl to see if there is spare capacity within another section to assist in delivering the Affordable Warmth (AW) scheme.

The service is currently carrying out a trawl across the organisation for additional business support staff to support the customer contact and administration elements of the scheme.

- 1.3 The managers meeting of 27th March did not provide any commitment from DfC for 2018-2019. Following a further managers meeting on 25th May 2018 DfC confirmed that the target number of referrals would be reduced to a total of 220 in the year, compared to 405 last year. The budget provided for the year is £68,780 compared to £73,305 last year. This means 17 referrals per month can be sent to Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) from June 2018.
- 1.4 This new target number of referrals will not meet the number of self-referrals being made to the scheme, with over 950 people currently on an expression of interest list, and will further exacerbate the difficulty in managing the expectations of the public. It is essential that the DfC agree to a message that councils can deliver as the front face of the scheme to help manage this expectation. While during the managers meeting this issue was raised with the DfC, they have suggested that a further workshop is held to look at the prioritisation, public expectations and the wider issues of the scheme.
- 1.5 Written confirmation of the funding and referral targets was received from the DfC on 11th June (Appendix 2). They also provided an SLA for 2018-2019 (Appendix 3). The changes from the previous SLA are duties for councils and are highlighted in the document:

- ‘highlight urgent cases to the NIHE Grants Manager at the time of referral. An urgent case is defined as a household with no heating system, or central heating which is broken down beyond repair.’

Note that the service already has this arrangement with the NIHE.

- ‘Carry out additional duties such as handholding of householders and qualitative case studies of homes which have received assistance through the Scheme. (To be agreed following Workshop in June 2018)’.

The service already does significant handholding and will have no issue in delivering case studies as part of the scheme.

Officers will attend the workshops in June to discuss these items further.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and agree to:

- 1. The signing of the Service Level Agreement for 2018-19 (subject to final clearance of the Data Sharing agreement from Records Management) and**
- 2. Officers working with DfC to agree a uniform method of prioritisation of referrals and an appropriate communication on the current limitations of the scheme in order to manage the expectation of those engaging with it.**

3.0 Main report

Background

- 3.1 The Affordable Warmth team currently consists of 1 Project Co-ordinator and a Project Officer who is 0.5 FTE. Currently the team are dealing mainly with priority cases i.e. broken boilers, or more vulnerable households**
- 3.2 The number of referrals that the Affordable Warmth team can send is set by the DfC in conjunction with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE). In 2017-2018 the annual target number of referrals was 405, and 320 were provided to NIHE. This was due to the issues around resourcing and the number of self-referrals being made to the scheme.**
- 3.3 Following a meeting with the DfC on Friday 25th May, they confirmed the target number of referrals has reduced to 220 for 2018-2019, 17 per month from June, with allocated funding of £68,780 until March 2019.**
- 3.4 The Service is currently reviewing the best resourcing model based upon the funding allocated and the potential outcome from the trawl for business support staff. The team will be able to meet the target of 17 referrals on a monthly basis but will also have to consider the predicted seasonal influx of phone calls that is expected towards the end of the summer.**
- 3.5 With the reduction in both the funding and monthly referrals, the focus will be managing the expectation of applicants. The Service received over 1700 calls about the scheme**

between July 17 and February 18 and expect the same levels of contact in the forthcoming Autumn and Winter period.

- 3.6 The majority of applicants are vulnerable and during the colder weather, a high number of calls relate to applicants with no heating who meet the criteria. 17 referrals for Belfast is not enough to address the demand. Earlier this year members raised this issue with the Head of Fuel Poverty but the DfC have confirmed that there can be no changes to the eligibility criteria, measures provided or the scope of the scheme at this stage and that the budgets and therefore the targets have been set.
- 3.7 The Service also has over 950 applicants on an expression of interest list. This list ranges from home with intermittent heating systems, to those needing insulation and windows. However, given the current levels of funding and referrals BCC will be in a position where we will have households eligible for the scheme who in reality will never be referred through to the NIHE. NIHE have also confirmed that they are currently dealing with the referrals from 17-18 and any referrals received from 1st April 2018 will not be processed until confirmation is received from DfC.
- 3.8 DfC have also commissioned a consultant to review the different delivery models for the scheme. This will include the full end to end process, including the NIHE elements. It is likely that this review will not be completed until after the summer.
- 3.9 **Financial & Resource Implications**
- To deal with the significant number of phone calls the council will still be subsidising the business support elements of the scheme by at least ½ FTE scale 6 business support officer (£16,000)
- 3.10 **Equality and good relations issues**
- There are no equality of good relations issues.”

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

**Single-use Coffee Cups and
Plastic Items on Council Sites**

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 To report to Strategic Policy & Resources Committee regarding the use of single-use items for the Council, such as coffee cups and straws versus re-useable items of crockery and cutlery and to seek guidance on the next steps.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to;

- **Note the contents of this report and to consider next steps.**

3.0 Main report

Background

3.1 At the SP&R Committee meeting in January 2018, Councillor McReynolds referred to the recently published Environmental Audit Committee (EAC) report into the impact of disposable coffee cups in the UK and asked the Council to consider the following motion ‘*This Council welcomes the recent report by the Environmental Audit Committee into the impact of disposable coffee cups in the United Kingdom; acknowledges the impact they are having on the environment given that 2.5 billion are thrown away each year with many ending up in landfill; agrees to replace current coffee cups on council sites with compostable cups.*’

3.2 The Committee agreed that a report on the replacement of current coffee cups with compostable cups on Council sites be submitted to a future meeting. It also agreed that a report on the Council’s use of plastic materials be submitted to the future meeting.

3.3 Further to this Notice of Motion, in April a councillor sent a letter to the Chief Executive raising concerns around plastic polluting the seas and, in particular, the problem of plastic straws. In the letter, the councillor noted the Council’s success in tackling recycling and asked for the Council to give consideration to banning single-use plastic straws across Council properties.

Context

3.4 In recent months, there has been considerable public and media interest in plastics and their fate. As part of the Circular

Economy package (CEP), new recycling targets have been introduced for municipal waste (55% by 2025, 60% by 2030 and 65% by 2035) and are now awaiting transcription into local legislation. As part of this package, the EU announced proposals to restrict the use of single-use plastic products which would affect the sale of plastic plates, cutlery, stirrers and straws, sticks for balloons and cotton buds with plastic stalks. Some items (plastic bottles, food containers, wrappers/packaging, sanitary towels/wet wipes, balloons, lightweight plastic bags and cigarette filters) would not be banned, but subject to financial measures to encourage industry to reconsider their business model and/or pay for collection and clean-up costs of these items. The aim is to affect the design of these items and ask manufacturers to consider if there are sustainable alternatives. In terms of single-use plastic bottles, the CEP will mean Governments have to ensure that 90% of these are collected for recycling by 2025.

- 3.5 This plastic bottle target is in part a response to China's ban on importing plastics waste and the EU aim is to either cease production of these single-use items or to develop volumes which would support a plastic remanufacture industry. Similar plastic strategies have been drafted either within the context of the Circular Economy or as standalone items and, by way of example and in response to the EAC report, HM Treasury issued a call for evidence regarding the possible introduction of a tax on single-use plastic (SUP) waste in March. On behalf of the constituent councils, arc21 submitted a response.
- 3.6 This reply (which is included in full in Appendix 1) made several points, of which the most salient to Belfast are as follows:
- arc21 broadly agrees with the report's definition of single-use plastics but considers that there should be exclusions for compostable liners and other containers used in the collection of food waste – WRAP research has shown their use results in greater food waste capture
 - single-use plastics are often the only option for consumers as it is unusual for consumers to have a choice between buying products packaged in single-use plastic and the same product sold either loose or packaged in more sustainable materials, and
 - the plastic bag levy in NI demonstrated that consumers can be responsive to price changes allied to strong

environmental evidence, even if the price change is relatively minor.

The Council's Canteen

- 3.7 Returning to the Council, Facilities Management reports that one of the principal reasons for using single-use plastics and other disposables in the canteen and on the trolley services in the three city centre buildings is the significant costs which would be incurred if they had to replace crockery and cutlery on an ongoing basis as much of this previously went missing. This topic gets raised periodically through the Council's Question Time Forum and the following points have consistently been made:
- 'our customers, especially those on the lower end of the salary scales, are very much price sensitive and some will not be prepared to pay the additional cost for using compostable disposables
 - we priced these disposables out and the additional costs are significant
 - our waste at the back-end is reduced as most of our dishes are freshly made and we don't purchase a lot of processed foods, which normally have a lot of packaging
 - we also minimize food waste by not over producing and re-using food which is safe and of a high standard in other menu dishes'
- 3.8 Further to this, in 2017 the expenditure on single-use items which could be swapped with crockery was £4K, while £1K was spent of missing crockery. Standard practice from canteen staff is to ask customers if they are sitting-in or taking-out with a view to encouraging the use of crockery for those sitting-in and to minimize the cutlery being removed from the Atrium.
- 3.9 Crockery has further additional costs over single-use items including use of detergent, dishwasher repairs and maintenance and power. Moving to compostable cups and other items would incur additional cost for the Council as presently they are more expensive than single-use items.
- 3.10 The greatest number of single-use items purchased are the 12oz disposables cups for the bean-to-cup machine used in the Atrium which are not included in the above figures as it is considered that there would be H&S issues should customers choose to use their own cups which could prove to be incorrectly sized, plus keeping the single-use cups with this

machine assists in the control of payments from customers. The possibility of encouraging people to bring their own mugs or to purchase a branded reusable mug have been discussed within Facilities Management but to date it has been considered that it would be extremely difficult to control portion sizes, or for catering staff to challenge customers who brought coffee from the staff kitchens located elsewhere in the Cecil Ward Building (CWB) or 9 Adelaide Street.

'Sort it out' Materials & Educational Campaign:

- 3.11 The internal waste management arrangements for CWB were optimised in 2014-15, raising the recycling rate from 39% to 50% – and supported on the Council's homepage and by an educational campaign for all staff to 'Sort it out'. There may be some scope to increase this as the Council's facilities are served by the Commercial Waste collection service which has a new contract bringing commercial waste recycling in line with what is offered to households in Belfast (mixed dry recyclables include plastic pots and trays, as well as paper, cardboard, cans and plastic bottles which can now all be included in the blue recycling deskside bins).
- 3.12 This 2014-15 optimisation exercise did not include single-use plastics due to complications in terms of cost, and customer behaviours (disappearing cutlery and crockery). It is also obvious that the Atrium's customers' habits have deteriorated in recent years probably not helped by office moves and staff turnover, &c. In this regard, the recent report on Water Refill Points is also of relevance here (see Appendix 2).
- 3.13 This approach builds upon previous voluntary bans on single-use items on Council premises, such as balloons, which was approved by the Health & Environmental Services Committee meeting in November 2008 (see Appendix 3).

Approaches from Other Councils:

- 3.14 Other councils have been considering how to tackle single-use items and there are now several examples of good or best practice. For example, Cork City Council is introducing an office ban on the use of single-use coffee cups by ceasing to provide disposable cups within Council buildings. In their place, the Council is distributing free reusable cups to staff at Cork City Hall. If staff forget their 'keep cups', they will have to pay 20 cent extra to use one of the crockery cups available in the Council's canteen (see <https://greennews.ie/cork-city-council-ban-coffee-cups-offices/>).

- 3.15 **Similarly**, Oxford City Council is planning to take its first step towards stopping using single-use plastics, such as straws and cups with a complete ban on these items in Council buildings. This Council hopes that other businesses will follow their lead and cut back on the amount of plastic used and thrown away in the city (see [http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/15674949.Could Oxford City be about to ditch plastic for good /](http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/15674949.Could%20Oxford%20City%20be%20about%20to%20ditch%20plastic%20for%20good%20/)). It is thought that by adopting such an approach, Oxford will become the first UK city to ban non-recyclable food containers. Demonstrating how this is applied, all street vendors will be required to use recyclable or biodegradable food containers in order to reduce the amount of waste the city sends to landfill (see <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/oxford-becomes-first-uk-city-to-ban-non-recyclable-plastic-food-containers-10174601.html>).
- 3.16 In 2016, Bristol City Council proposed to itself '*single-use plastic-free*' and to develop a strategy to encourage and enable the city's institutions, businesses and citizens to adopt similar measures. The Council recognized that this would require changes in policy and Council leadership/championing to reduce their use of single-use plastics (SUP). Specifically, the Council would:
- end sales of SUP bottles in Council buildings and phase out their use at all events hosted in Council-owned buildings, both public and private
 - end the use of other SUP products in council buildings starting with, but not limited to, '*disposable*' cups, cutlery and drinking straws
 - ensure re-usable and affordable food containers are available for sale in public markets – to be piloted by the Council's city centre market
 - work with the Festivals Team and create policy in which single-use cups are replaced at all festivals with reusable or deposit scheme cups (this would ultimately be a licence condition for large events)
 - work with tenants in the Council's commercial properties to phase-out SUP glasses, bottles, cutlery and straws and help them to engage with '*Go Green's*' methodology
 - work with bars and cafes to phase-out single-use cups and to encourage the use of reusable and deposit scheme ones.
 - encourage, enable and aid all employees and councilors to engage with the Plastic Free July challenge.'

- 3.17 Many of these pledges were captured on the City-to-the-Sea website (see <https://www.citytosea.org.uk/getting-the-council-to-do-its-bit-in-cutting-single-use-plastics/#1>).
- 3.18 Councils are not the only public sector organisations addressing this issue. Last month, the Scottish Government banned single-use cups, and hot drinks will be served in reusable ceramic mugs in cafes and canteens at their offices instead. Staff have also been encouraged to bring in their own mugs for takeaways. The government said the move would prevent 450,000 plastic cups from being thrown away each year (see <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/plastic-coffee-cup-ban-single-use-scotland-government-buildings-roseanna-cunningham-a8375521.html>).
- 3.19 Elsewhere, Brisbane City Council has announced it's about to become one of Australia's most environmentally friendly councils after committing to ban plastic straws, helium balloons and single-use bottles (see <http://www.news.com.au/technology/environment/conservation/brisbane-city-council-announces-ban-on-plastic-straws-balloons-and-singleuse-bottles/news-story/99c8af5b049a9c30e5e761a0bf7003f5>).
- 3.20 In NI last November, Ards & [North Down](#) Borough Council adopted a Notice of Motion to recognise the importance to reduce waste, society's increasing reliance on plastic and the resultant rise in the amount of plastic which ends up in the oceans and on beaches. At the meeting, ANDBC councillors were also asked to support an '*end to use single use plastics*' and for the Council to promote eco-friendly alternatives. Currently, research is being done to consider the best way for this decision to be implemented and a report will be presented to the Council in shortly (see <https://www.sustainableni.org/blog/ards-and-north-down-council-bans-single-use-plastics>).
- 3.21 Returning to Belfast, Members should note that responsibility for managing internal waste does not rest with any one service. The provision of cups and crockery lies with Facilities Management's Catering Services, whereas the policy landscape and provision of public services rests with Waste Management. While my Service is keen to lead by example, most of its focus is externally driven on changing public attitudes and behaviours (there has been notable changes in these areas over the years). If Members wish to reduce single-use items within the Council, then resources

will need to be identified to work across the Council and develop viable proposals.

Next Steps

3.22 Committee is asked to consider each of the following options:

- implementation of a loyalty card or discount scheme for the reuse of standardised (for H&S) and branded reusable coffee mugs
- incentives for the use of reusable crockery and their return to the canteen
- a ban on Council premises of specific single-use plastic items.

3.23 It is recommended that the following steps are taken:

- research policies elsewhere regarding single-use plastics
- research single-use plastics throughout the Council
- establish a project team to explore implementation of bans on certain items/incentivising reuse
- the Council promote voluntary initiatives through existing communications channels
- that KPIs are developed to monitor performance and permit adjustment
- further report be submitted providing detailed costed options and analysis.

3.24 **Finance & Resources Implications**

Members should be aware that any subsequent changes of policy in the context of the above information will likely have a significant budget implication. No specific financial resources have been set aside within the current budgets for 2018/19.

3.25 **Equality Implications**

There are no equality implications contained in this report.”

The Committee agreed to the next steps as set out in paragraph 3.23 and that consideration be given during the rate-setting process to providing a dedicated resource to take this matter forward.

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Budget and Transformation Panel**

The Committee approved and adopted the minutes of the meeting of the Budget and Transformation Panel of 14th June, 2018.

**Minutes of the Meeting of North Foreshore
Members' Steering Group**

The Committee approved and adopted the minutes of the meeting of the North Foreshore Members' Steering Group of 13th June, 2018.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Active Belfast Ltd. Board**

The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting of the Active Belfast Limited Board of 11th June, 2018.

Request from New Irish Arts

The Committee considered a request from New Irish Arts to partner with the Council and bring the final performance of "*Greater Love*" to the City hall to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One.

The Committee was advised that New Irish Arts was a Christian organisation that produced high-quality events in concert halls, churches and community venues. Its Christmas choir and orchestra concerts had sold out at the Waterfront for several years. It produced regular broadcasts for the BBC and RTE, as well as albums that were sold around the world. New Irish Arts had approximately 500 local musicians and singers and was about to enter its 25th year.

During the last 4 years, New Irish Arts had been running an event called "*Greater Love*" - a production of music, stories and images from World War One. The script was designed to recognise the human face of those affected by the war, telling the stories of individuals from across Ireland who had made a positive difference, bringing hope and showing simple acts of love and friendship in the middle of the gruesome conflict. The music was performed by a small choir and orchestra, with soloists, and contained wartime favourites as well as more contemplative performed music.

The inaugural event had taken place in Parliament Buildings in May, 2014 to an invited audience. The following day New Irish Arts had received 16 expressions of interest for it to be performed in other community venues. Since then the production had been presented 13 times across Northern Ireland.

New Irish Arts was an apolitical organisation. Great care had been taken when scripting "*Greater Love*" to ensure that the contribution to the war made by both sides of the community was properly recognised. There were positive stories about reconciliation and the suspension of traditional unionist/nationalist divisions.

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As New Irish Arts approached the end of 4 years of touring the event, it was very keen to explore the possibility of working in partnership with the Council to bring the final performance of “*Greater Love*” to the City Hall, in the run up to the anniversary of the Armistice. It seemed particularly appropriate to consider the request given that the centenary of the ending of World War One would take place in November, 2018 and the event would provide an opportunity to reflect on the Great War in a subtle way and very much from a humanitarian perspective. The request for support for such an event would be in keeping with the events planned for the commemoration of the centenary of the end of World War One through the Decade Of Centenaries Programme and would adhere to the principles which had been agreed by the Council.

It was envisaged that the cost of producing the event in the Great Hall would be in the region of £4,000. That finance would cover the logistics required to deliver the production in terms of additional staging, lighting and sound and to allow for some hospitality post performance to allow guests to mingle and talk about the issues raised in the event in an informal way.

The Committee approved the request from New Irish Arts to bring the final performance of “*Greater Love*” to the City Hall to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One and to cover the associated costs as outlined.

**Requests for the use of the City Hall
and the Provision of Hospitality**

The Committee approved the recommendations made in respect of applications received up to 12th June, 2018 as set out below, subject to the fee for the room charge for the use of the City Hall by St. Joseph’s College being waived. It was agreed also that a report be submitted to a future meeting on the policy of charging of events being held in the City Hall:

JUNE 2018 CITY HALL FUNCTION APPLICATIONS

NAME OF ORGANISATION	FUNCTION DATE	FUNCTION DESCRIPTION	CRITERIA MET	ROOM CHARGE	HOSPITALITY OFFERED	CIVIC HQ RECOMMEND
2018 EVENTS						
St Josephs College, (Ravenhill Road)	23 June 2018	Silver Jubilee Dinner - Welcome reception and gala dinner & dance to celebrate the school being opened 25 years. Attending – 200+	C	£300.00	Wine reception, approved retrospectively by delegated authority	<i>Previously approved June 2018. Charge £300 Wine Reception, approved by Delegated Authority</i>

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Prince's Trust	5 th July 2018	The Prince's Trust Get into Retail Celebration – Celebration to mark achievements of participants of the Get into Retail programme with Marks & Spencer. Numbers attending – 100	C & D	No (Charity)	No	<i>Approved via Delegated authority from Director.</i> No Charge No hospitality
Queen's University Belfast	23 rd August 2018	VIP Dinner for Global Conflict: The Human Impact Conference – Formal dinner with speeches and welcome reception as part of two-day conference. Numbers attending 125	A & B	Yes - £300	Yes - Wine Reception	Approve, Room Charge, Wine Reception
Translink	31 st August 2018	Translink glider Stakeholder Launch – High level stakeholder event to celebrate the launch of the new Belfast Rapid Transport system, Glider. Numbers attending 120-150	B & C	Yes - £115	Yes - Tea Coffee and Biscuits, linked to BCC	Approve, Room Charge, Tea and Coffee Reception
Grosvenor Choir	October 2018	A Walk in Time through 25 Years – Celebration event with dinner and performance to mark 25 th anniversary of the choir	C & D	No, Community	Yes - Wine Reception	Approve, No Charge, Wine Reception

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		Numbers attending 150				
2019 EVENTS						
Titanic Society	12 th April 2019	Annual Titanic Society Gala Dinner – Gala Dinner as part of the annual Titanic Together event with speeches and welcome reception. Numbers attending 130	A, C & D	No, Community	No	Approve, No Charge, no hospitality
St Oliver Plunkett FC	7 th September 2019	Black & White Ball 50th Anniversary Celebration – event to honour 50 th year anniversary of the football club and its impact on the community. Numbers attending - 300	C	No, Charity	Yes, Wine Reception	Approve, No Charge, Wine Reception
British Society for Strain Measurement (BSSM)	10 th September 2019	14th International conference on Advances in Experimental Mechanics Welcome Reception – welcome reception as part of three day international conference taking place at Queen's University Belfast. Numbers attending - 100	A & B	No, linked to Visit Belfast <i>£300 charge waived</i>	Yes, Wine Reception - linked to Visit Belfast	Approve, No Charge, Wine Reception

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European conference on Mental Health	2 nd October 2019	8th European conference on Mental Health Welcome Reception – welcome reception as part of three-day international conference taking place in Belfast. Numbers attending - 600	A & B	No, linked to Visit Belfast <i>£300 charge waived</i>	Yes, Wine Reception - linked to Visit Belfast	Approve, No Charge, Wine Reception
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Request to Mark the 70th Anniversary of the National Health Service (NHS)

The Committee was advised that correspondence had been received from the Director of NI Confederation for Health and Social Services requesting the Council to help mark the 70th anniversary of the NHS on 5th July, 2018. The NHS was celebrating its 70th birthday this year and during the month of June the Health and Social Care Services would be highlighting some of the key issues facing the health and social care sector in the coming decades.

Activities in June would include a lecture, at Queens University Belfast, by Professor Rafael Bengoa on 12th June and a Slugger O’Toole panel event on 19th June. Trade union colleagues were holding a NHS march on 30th June at Belfast City Hall.

As a friend and partner, Belfast City Council had been invited to join the celebrations in a way which was appropriate for the organisation.

The Marketing and Corporate Communications team had considered the request and suggested the following proactive communications activities:

- Tweet a message from @belfastcc Twitter account using the #NHS70 #HSC70 hashtags on July 5 – link to nurses having been awarded the Freedom of the City using relevant content and collateral from the event.
- Lighting up Belfast City Hall in NHS blue on July 5 and highlighting via the #BelfastinLights hashtag.
- Using Interlink to encourage staff to find out more about joining the organ donation register – with some case studies as appropriate.
- Active employees – reflect the anniversary through our Chief Executive’s message in the July Team Brief that is issued organisation wide, linking our Active Travel strategy and other health and wellbeing initiatives.
- Explore the potential of a staff competition with a prize that reflects the ‘being active’ theme for the winner.

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- Promoting any 'give blood' sessions organised for Belfast (City Hall has hosted these in the past) online and offline.
- Internal/external messaging around looking after your mental health – promoting the 'Take 5' message.
- Promoting volunteering opportunities – signposting people to our website to find out more.
- Encouraging council staff to consider organising their own NHS 'Big 7Tea' cuppa/cake morning to raise money for HSC charities.
- Use the 'Happy Birthday NHS' banner on front page of Interlink on July 5.
- Promote health/well-being, Belfast Agenda/Healthy City messages – membership at leisure centres.
- Banners to mark anniversary on home page of website.

The Committee granted approval for the suggested communications activity.

Chairperson

SECTION 2 - STANDING COMMITTEES

36. *Standing Committees*

The following shall be the Standing Committees of the Council:

- (a) Strategic Policy and Resources
- (b) City Growth and Regeneration
- (c) People and Communities
- (d) Licensing
- (e) Planning
- (f) Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd Shareholders' Committee
- (g) Brexit**

37. *Duties of Committees*

The Standing Committees shall be responsible to the Council for the matters described hereunder and shall control the various Departments which carry out the functions of the Council, that is to say

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(g) Brexit Committee

The Brexit Committee will be responsible for researching, monitoring and reviewing the financial, resource or operational impact upon the Council and the district as a result of the UK's leaving the European Union and for making recommendations to Council on such issues (or to the relevant Standing Committee where appropriate).

Its specific functions include:

- Articulating the Belfast specific issues to be considered as part of the negotiation and transition arrangements;
- The continuous monitoring of progress and announcements around Brexit;
- Influencing and contributing to regional considerations of the implications of Brexit on both the work of the Council and on the district;
- Identifying any actions the Council may take to mitigate any adverse impacts arising and capitalising on any opportunities as a result of Brexit;
- Reviewing changes to legislation arising out of Brexit and analysing the likely impact which they may have upon the delivery of council services;
- Fostering and maintaining positive relations and cultural links with the EU;
- Maintaining and promoting social cohesion within the district, post Brexit;
- Monitoring the impact on migrant workers, skills gaps and issues arising with regard to various sectors in the labour market;

- Financial and budget assumptions and implications for the district arising out of Brexit;
- Identifying the implications for EU grant funding and alternative funding opportunities;
- Seeking to influence decisions with regard to continuing access to and distribution of EU funds (including Peace, Culture and Interreg programmes);
- Ensuring the ability of Belfast to achieve the objectives, as set out within the Belfast Agenda;
- Ensuring the ability of Belfast to continue to attract and retain investment and grow the rate base;
- Ensuring the ability of Belfast to increase trade with existing and potential trade partners (access to supply chains / import and export issues); and
- Hearing evidence from other parties.

People and Communities Committee

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MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Nicholl (Chairperson);
Aldermen Copeland, McCoubrey, Rodgers and Sandford; and
Councillors Armitage, Baker, Canavan, Corr, Corr Johnston,
Heading, Lyons, Magee, Magennis, Milne, McCusker,
Newton, O'Donnell and Pankhurst.

In attendance: Mr. N. Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City and
Neighbourhood Services;
Mrs. R. Crozier, Director of Neighbourhood Services;
Mrs. S. Toland, Director of City Services; and
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

No apologies were received.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 8th May were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 4th June

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Newton declared an interest in agenda item 5 (h), viz, Park Events Small Grants Scheme – Recommendations for Funding, in that he was associated with Lagan Village Youth and Community Group who had received funding.

Restricted Items

The information contained in the reports associated with the following four items is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Resolved – That the Committee agrees to exclude the members of the Press and public from the Committee meeting during discussion on these items as, due to the nature of the items, there would be a disclosure of exempt information as described in Section 42(4) and Section 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Temporary Structure at Alderman Tommy Patton Memorial Park

The Committee considered a report detailing a request from representatives of East Belfast Football Club seeking permission for the installation of temporary structure at an appropriate location at the Alderman Tommy Patton Memorial Park.

It was,

Moved by Councillor Armitage,
Seconded by Councillor Heading,

That the Committee agrees to defer consideration of the matter to enable a further report to be submitted to the August meeting of the People and Communities Committee, which would include further detail in respect of the Council's Policy on temporary structures.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Corr Johnston,
Seconded by Councillor Newton,

That the Committee agrees to accede to the request, subject to the terms and conditions as detailed in the report.

On a vote by show of hands, five Members voted for the amendment and ten against and it was declared lost.

The original proposal standing in the name of Councillor Armitage was then put to the meeting. On a vote by show of hands, 10 Members voted for the proposal and five against and it was declared carried.

Belfast Vital 2019 – 2023

The Committee considered a report which sought approval for the use of the playing fields at Boucher Road for a minimum of one and a maximum of four shows during a four-week period beginning in early August, 2019 until early September, 2019 and for the same period in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

The Committee granted approval for MCD to hold up to four concerts at Boucher Road Playing Fields during a four-week period between early August and early September 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, subject to satisfactory terms being agreed with the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services and on condition that:

- the event organisers resolve all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction;
- an appropriate legal agreement is completed, to be prepared by the City Solicitor; and

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- the promoter meets all statutory requirements, including the terms and conditions of the Parks Entertainments Licence and any subsequent decisions made by the Licensing Committee

**Use of Lower Crescent Open Space
for Music Festival**

The Committee considered a request seeking permission to hold a three-day music, food and drink festival in Lower Crescent Park.

The Committee approved the request for the use of Lower Crescent to hold a three day music, food and drink festival called Trebl on Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th September 2018, subject to satisfactory terms being agreed and on condition that:

- the promoter resolves all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction;
- an appropriate legal agreement is completed, to be prepared by the City Solicitor; and
- the promoter meets all statutory requirements, including the terms and conditions of the Parks Entertainments Licence and any subsequent decisions made by the Licensing Committee.

**Use of lower Crescent Open Space
for Focal Festival**

The Director of Neighbourhood Services advised that a request had been received from a number of young business owners who were seeking permission to hold an event called Focal, in Lower Crescent Open Space, which would showcase the best of young entrepreneurial talent in the food and drinks industry.

The Committee granted authority for Focal to hold an event on Thursday 30th, Friday 31st August and Saturday 1st September 2018 in Lower Crescent Open Space, subject to satisfactory terms being agreed with the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services and on condition that:

- the promoter resolves all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction;
- an appropriate legal agreement is completed, to be prepared by the City Solicitor; and
- the promoter meets all statutory requirements, including the terms and conditions of the Parks Entertainments Licence and any subsequent decisions made by the Licensing Committee.

Committee/Strategic Issues

**Minutes of Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium
Development Working Group**

The Director of City Services advised that, at the meeting of the Strategic Cemetery and Crematorium Working Group held on 2nd May, the following key issues had been considered:

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- a proposal to explore further the possible relocation of the Bereavement Services Office; and
- an update in respect of the Water Infrastructure at Roselawn Cemetery.

The Committee approved and adopted the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Working Group held on 2nd May 2018.

Plot Z1 Memorial at City Cemetery

The Director of City Services provided the Committee with an update in respect of the process to design, produce and install a permanent memorial at Plot Z1 in the City Cemetery.

The Director reminded the Committee that a Focus Group had been established, which was made up of representatives of families that had relatives buried in the plot. She reported that the Focus Group had met regularly over the past few months and had imputed into the brief for the sculptor. She then drew the Members' attention to the draft proposed design for the permanent memorial that had been agreed by the Focus Group and advised that it was proposed that a public consultation on the draft design be undertaken during July and August.

The Committee agreed to the proposals for a public consultation exercise in relation to draft proposed design for the permanent memorial for Plot Z1 in the City Cemetery.

Response to Department of Justice Anti-Social Behaviour Consultation

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to outline to Members the draft Council response to the current Department of Justice statutory consultation on Anti-Social Behaviour legislation in Northern Ireland due on 12 June 2018 and to seek Member approval for the draft response that will be submitted subject to final ratification by Council in July 2018.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to;

- **consider the consultation and key findings from the Member and Officer workshops and to agree the draft response.**

3.0 Main Report

3.1 Council received an invitation to respond in May 2018 to the Anti-social Behaviour Legislation in Northern Ireland consultation.

The consultation is a review of the current justice legislative framework to tackle anti-social behaviour (including on-street drinking). The main existing legislation included in the consultation is:

- The Anti-social Behaviour (NI) Order 2004
- Confiscation of Alcohol (Young Persons) Act 1997
- Public Processions (NI) Act 1998
- Part 5 of the Criminal Justice (NI) Order 2008, sections 68 to 72 – enacted but not commenced so cannot be enforced on the ground due to practical issues.

3.2 Given the significant levels of interest in the issue of anti-social behaviour, a consultation workshop was held with Members and a separate workshop with Officers. The purpose of these workshops was to facilitate practical and meaningful engagement of Members (including PCSP Members) and Officers to inform the corporate response.

3.3 The workshops considered the existing legislation and its effectiveness, suggested new powers in the consultation and had a broad conversation on ‘other’ legislation or legislative practice that would be relevant for referencing in the response.

3.4 The main messages gathered as consensus from all the workshops were:

- Council welcomes this consultation as a starting point, not a conclusion and recommends ongoing cross central government departmental conversation to create a robust and flexible framework to address the complex nature of ASB
- This consultation only focuses on the justice family of legal powers. Due to the complex nature of ASB and the diverse range of Council services that deal with ASB, there is a need for a more holistic framework. This framework should not only includes justice powers but other legal powers across central government departments e.g. housing and the environment and include council byelaws. It is recommended Council caveat the response with this.
- An inter-agency and multi-dimensional framework for action would incorporate joint powers for enforcement, education and empowerment regionally to reflect all types and properly take account of supporting individual, family and community resilience and support.
- Council welcomes the alignment of an inclusive framework to the Programme for Government outcome for a safer society.

- The existing legislation was not designed for the wide variety of purposes in which it is needed and is often retrofitted. Additionally, practice and legislation in addressing anti-social behaviour is not keeping up with the change in social culture. Therefore, any effective way forward should take in to account the wider family of legislation and associated management practices needed.
- Further information on the rationale and evidence on which the suggested powers in the consultation document were selected was needed, particularly on their appropriateness in the wider context of legislative options. In particular, many of the suggested powers had already been tried and tested in England and Wales and their effectiveness needed to be fully considered before implementation in Northern Ireland.
- There was a positive reflection that legal powers to deal with environmental ASB were effective and this may provide a lesson for applying powers to deal with other types of ASB.
- Additionally, the implementation of new HMO legislation may assist in addressing certain types of ASB.
- Any new powers need to be operationally deliverable, adequately resourced and sit with the best placed lead organisation.
- It was noted that although this is a regional consultation there is a need to recognise that cities often experience particular dynamics in relation to anti-social behaviour and that the needs of Belfast as a regional driver should be appropriately considered.
- Any new legislation should be appropriate, proportionate and able to be practically enforced.

3.5 In summary, Council believes this consultation should be a starting point to discuss the wider cross-departmental legislative framework and associated management approaches aimed at addressing ASB. Additionally, the consultation response is reflective of Elected Members and PCSP Members views on supporting the Belfast Agenda to deliver a 'welcoming, safe, fair and inclusive city for all'.

3.6 Financial & Resource Implications

None

3.7 Equality or Good Relations Implications

There are no implications noted with this response to the consultation."

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The Committee endorsed the draft response to the Department of Justice, available on the [Council's website](#), relating to the consultation to review the current criminal framework to tackle anti-social behaviour (Including on-street drinking) and agreed that it be submitted by the required deadline of 12th June, on the basis that it was subject to Council ratification in July.

2017-2018 Year End Committee Plan Update

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a year-end update on the People and Communities Committee Plan 2017/18 outlining key achievements and progress on key actions and milestones.

1.2 The People and Communities Committee Plan 2017/18 was approved by Committee on the 13 June 2017 and a follow up mid-year progress update was agreed by Committee on the 7 November 2017. The People and Communities Committee Plan 2018/19 was recently approved by Committee on the 8 May 2018 and a final designed version will be circulated to Members following ratification at the June Council meeting.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to;

- Note the year-end progress against the agreed actions within the Committee Plan.**

3.0 Main report

3.1 Committee Plan Update

Over the last year, a range of strategies, policies, programmes and projects have been developed and implemented, aimed at improving the quality of life at the local level, working with partner organisations and communities to realise the City's full potential. Members will be aware that due to the nature of these key pieces of work, they are delivered over a medium to long-term timescale and will continue to feature on the plan until fully implemented. Lead officers provided progress updates against Committee Plan projects, programmes and activities.

3.2 All our business as usual services are essential for creating 'clean, safe and well-resourced communities', we have over 1400 staff doing the day job picking up bins, sweeping the

streets, burying the dead, helping to ensure food hygiene is maintained, helping tenants deal with housing problems, opening up and operating community centres and parks. All of these services contribute to the wellbeing and success of our city making Belfast a great place to live, work, study, visit and do business in. Members can access an update on some of the key statistics achieved by these services in Section 4.0 of the People and Communities Committee Plan 2018/19.

3.3 Some key achievements for 2017/18 include:

- Successfully delivered the (D) PCSP Strategic Plan 2017/18 using an outcomes-based monitoring approach.
- Achieved 17 Green Flag Awards – by successfully retaining 15 and 2 additional at Tullycarnet Park and Dunmurry Village.
- Finalised the final section of the transformative Connswater Community Greenway (CCG), developed and delivered an animation plan to animate the space. The Greenway has developed a Management Plan and has applied for Green Flag accreditation.
- Finalised, tested and delivered the social innovation programme framework, across four areas in the city and further pitching workshops are organised for New Lodge and Inner East.
- As part of the Amateur Boxing Strategy, the 2017/18 action plan was delivered, monitored on a quarterly basis and a new action plan and budget agreed for 2018/19.
- As part of the Playing Pitches Strategy, 9 out of 10 projects are now complete and when the work at Cherryvale is completed at the end of summer 2018, the £15m investment and 10 projects will be finalised.
- Delivered the good relations integrated action plan, including interface work.
- Worked collaboratively with our partners to pilot crisis de-escalations (C&V and Statutory Sectors) and street triage services (NIAS and PSNI services)
- Delivered a range of sports development initiatives, including the:
 - Clubmark scheme, with six clubs newly accredited or progressed higher;
 - Everybody Active 2020 Programme, which has exceeded all year-end targets;
 - Support for Sport funding programme; and
 - Belfast Sports Award, with nominations for all categories.

- Secured the first round of Peace IV funding, the launch event took place in January 2018 and a bid for remaining allocation was submitted in February 2018.
- Successfully piloted the 10 - stage volunteer management process.
- Continuing to develop our council-wide area-based approach and planning framework, with multiple strands of work to be taken forward as part of this work. In 2018/19 we plan to phase this work by considering integrating service delivery and in 2019/20 we will agree and deliver area plans.
- Work on the Departmental Change Programme is well underway – in relation to service integration, structural change and efficiency. JDs for Tier-4 management structure are in draft form and we are working with HR/OD on the recruitment process. An outline business case for the delivery of a corporate approach to customer focus has also been developed.
- Together with Property and Projects, we officially opened the £3.8m upgrade of the Tropical Ravine on Wednesday 11 April 2018. The opening was extensively covered by local media and the reaction to the new building has been overwhelmingly positive.

3.4 Financial & Resource Implications

The Committee Plan 2017-18 has been developed and delivered in the context of the resources available to Committee.

3.5 Equality or Good Relations Implications

Where necessary all projects, programmes and activities contained within the Committee Plan have been subject to equality screening in line with Council's processes."

The Committee noted the update which had been provided.

Belfast City Council Sports Development Strategy

The Committee was advised that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting held on 5th January 2018, had agreed that a Belfast City Council Sports Development Strategy and associated funding strategy would be developed. The aim of the strategy was to provide a framework for future decision making on providing funding to National Governing Bodies of Sport delivering programmes in Belfast in support of existing funding streams and work programmes that would enhance sporting opportunities for Belfast's sporting organisations and individuals.

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The Director of Neighbourhood Services drew the Members' attention to the proposed terms of reference and draft timeline for the development of the strategy which would be for a period of ten years.

Following a query from a Member regarding the Council's Boxing Strategy, the Director of Neighbourhood Services confirmed that a report would be submitted to the August meeting of the Committee to agree strategic principles.

Following a number of other queries, the Director of Neighbourhood Services also confirmed that the NI Amateur Boxing Association and disabled sports would be given consideration when drafting the strategy.

In response to a query regarding rugby facilities, the Director advised that the strategy would focus on revenue support for sports development through programming, whilst facilities requirements would be considered separately under capital.

In response to a query regarding multi-use pitches, the Director undertook to forward the required specifications for a multi-use pitch directly to the Member.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee the proposed terms of reference and the draft timeline for development of the Sports Development Strategy.

Physical Programme and Asset Management

Partner Agreements - Quarterly Update

The Director of Neighbourhood Services reminded the Committee that the Council had previously agreed to enter into Partner Agreements at seven sites and she then provided an update on the progress in relation to the Agreements for January – March 2018.

She explained that, in line with the Council's objectives, regular checks on the necessary Insurance, Health and Safety and Governance had been completed monthly and that six of the seven Partners had been compliant with the Partner Agreement.

She explained that, in line with the Council's objectives, the diversification of use and improved sports development impact were priorities at the partner agreement sites and she advised that so far the programme delivery had led to significant positive achievements across the sites. She then drew the Members' attention to a table which indicated the outputs at the sites as reported by six of the seven partners up to the end of March 2018.

Following a query, the Director of Neighbourhood Services confirmed that officers from the Council had met with representatives from Sirocco Works Football Club to highlight the Council's concern over its continued non-compliance. She reported that, at this meeting, an agreed plan of action had been drawn up in an attempt to address the ongoing issues within a reasonable timeframe. She undertook to keep the Committee apprised of the situation.

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The Committee noted the quarterly progress update report regarding the Partner Agreement sites.

Asset Management

The Committee was advised of the key issues regarding asset related disposals, easement and licence matters at the Ravenscroft Avenue Car Park, Finlay Park and the Henry Jones Playing Field.

The Committee approved the following, subject to the approval of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee and the terms being agreed by the Estates Manager and City Solicitor:

- **Ravenscroft Avenue Car Park (Land Disposal)** – to dispose of a portion of land at Ravenscroft Avenue to the Department of Infrastructure for £2,000.00, to facilitate the construction of a bike shelter as part of the Belfast Rapid Transit Project;
- **Finlay Park (Licence)** - to grant a licence and easement for Choice Housing Association to make a connection to the public sewer situated in Finlay Park; and
- **Henry Jones Playing Field (Licence)** - to grant a new licence agreement with Hillfoot Homing Pigeon Society.

Operational Issues

Proposal for naming new streets and the realignment of existing streets

The Committee approved:

- the naming in respect of Stirling Way, off Tudor Drive, BT6 and Stirling Green, off Stirling Avenue, BT6; and
- the realignment of existing roads namely, Kitchener Street, off Frenchpark Street Broadway and Kitchener Drive, BT12 and Broadway Parade, off Frenchpark Street and Broadway, BT12.

Naming of Path at Olympia

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 Background

The second phase of the development of the new Olympia Leisure Centre is nearing completion and includes a new entrance road leading from Boucher Road. As part of the project, Officers began a process to name the new entrance

road, following a similar processes as that applied to name various elements of the Connswater Community Greenway.

- 1.2 Stage 1 was an open call for suggestions. There were 170 suggested names collated from 531 entries. 40 suggestions (87 entries) were immediately deemed ineligible for consideration (people suggested are still alive, names were derogatory/nonsensical e.g. 'the path to the devil's belly', or no reason for suggestion given). The 130 remaining suggestions were categorised into a long, available on the Council's website.
- 1.3
 - Of the 130 eligible suggestions:
 - 9 related to Windsor (288 entries)
 - 17 related to Olympia (21 entries)
 - 1 related to George Best (21 entries).
- 1.4 All remaining 93 suggestions (114 entries) were suggested by one or two people each, although there were other clusters of similar suggestions.
- 1.5 The shortlisting process (stage 1) was carried out by officers from Parks, Leisure Development, Property & Projects and Building Control. The criteria were applied to the long list. The naming guidelines in the Council's Street Naming and Numbering Policy were also applied. This policy is available on the Council's website and advises against similar sounding names to ensure clarity particularly for the emergency services), no duplication of existing names, appropriate suffixes etc.
- 1.6 The following three names were shortlisted by the panel:
 - Olympia Boulevard
 - Boucher Boulevard
 - Legends Way.
- 1.7 The next stage of the process was to ask the public to vote on the shortlisted names with the final decision on the outcome of voting to be agreed by the People and Communities Committee.
- 2.0 **Recommendations**
- 2.1 The Committee is asked to;
 - note the process undertaken for naming the new road at Olympia and the issues raised.
 - consider the options outlined and to give direction on the way forward.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Key Issues

The shortlisted names were presented at the March meeting of the South Area Working Group prior to opening the public vote.

3.2 Elected members for the area raised concerns about the proposed names, promoted a specific name on the list, and made additional suggestions, Elisha Scott and Grace Bannister. Several queries were received from others asking why 'Windsor Way' wasn't selected as it had received the most suggestions.

3.3 The public vote did not commence as officers considered it appropriate to advise Members of these issues and to seek direction on the way forward.

3.4 Members may wish to consider the following options in determining a way forward:

1. Continue with the public vote on the three shortlisted names with the winner to be recommended to People and Communities Committee.
2. Add 'Windsor Way' to the shortlisted names and proceed to public vote as above.
3. Extend the short list to include 'Windsor Way', 'Elisha Scott' and 'Grace Bannister'; and proceed to public vote as above.
4. Consider the number of suggestions made at Stage 1 and the clear preference for 'Windsor Way' and agree to name the new road accordingly.

3.5 Financial & Resource Implications

None

3.6 Equality or Good Relations Implications

None."

Moved by Councillor Corr Johnson,
Seconded by Councillor Newton,

That the Committee agrees that having considered the number of suggestions made at Stage 1 and the clear preference for 'Windsor Way' that it agrees to name the new road 'Windsor Way'.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Lyons,
Seconded by Councillor Heading,

That the Committee agrees to extend the shortlist to include 'Windsor Way', 'Elisha Scott' and 'Grace Bannister' and to proceed to a public vote.

On a vote by show of hands twelve Members voted for the amendment and six against and it was declared carried.

The amendment was thereupon put as the substantive motion, when twelve members voted for and six against and it was declared carried.

Water Refill Points

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 To report to People & Communities Committee on the feasibility of implementing a bottle refill initiative in Belfast.

2.0 Recommendations

The People & Communities Committee is asked to consider

- **Whether they wish to join a water refill scheme for Belfast.**

2.2 If Committee agrees to join a water refill scheme for Belfast, they are asked to

- **Approve the next steps outlined in paragraph 3.13 below.**

3.0 Main Report

3.1 Background

3.1 At the meeting of the Council on 1st February, the following motion, which had been proposed by Councillor Milne and seconded by Councillor Kyle, was referred to the Committee for consideration:

3.2 *“This Council notes that many cities in the UK and Ireland are taking action against plastic waste by implementing free water refill points. Notably, Bristol has been implementing a very successful refill scheme since 2015, and London has recently*

pledged to increase the availability of water refill points to help limit the amount of recyclable waste sent to landfill.

3.3 *Not only will increasing the provision of free water refill points help reduce plastic waste, but increased access to water can contribute towards people living a healthier lifestyle.*

34 *The Council, therefore, agrees to assess the feasibility of implementing a bottle refill initiative. Additionally, it will write to the Belfast Chamber of Commerce seeking to determine whether local shops and businesses can work together to provide access to public drinking water. This could potentially increase footfall within local businesses and even further improve the public relations impact of our business community.”*

3.5 The People & Communities Committee of 6th February 2018 agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting.

3.6 Current Context

Plastic pollution has become an increasingly prevalent issue through the additional media scrutiny on the harmful effects of plastic on the marine environment. China has recently imposed quality restrictions on the import of recyclable materials, in an attempt to address domestic concerns about pollution and public health. This in effect closes down the export of recyclable plastics and other materials from the world’s richest countries. The need to reduce the amount of plastic used has become more urgent.

3.7 Plastic bottles are one of the main sources of plastic pollution within Northern Ireland. It is estimated that 12,000 tonnes of plastic bottles are collected every year in NI, equating to 181 million plastic bottles per year. Although there are no specific estimates for Belfast, an extrapolation of the NI average suggests that 33.3 million plastic bottles are collected every year within Belfast.

3.8 Refill Schemes

In relation to refill schemes, there are two main schemes – Refill Ireland and City to Sea. Both schemes follow the same concept – premises/organisations voluntarily join the scheme, offering the public to get their bottles refilled for free, get a sticker advertising this placed on the front door or window and get mapped onto the website or app.

3.9 City to Sea is the original campaign group (established in 2015) and is more established. Starting in Bristol, it now has over 1,600 refill sites across the UK, including 22 in Belfast (3 of which are Belfast City Council sites – Ormeau Park, CS Lewis Square and Sir Thomas & Lady Dixon Park). Premier Inn and Starbucks are currently signed up to this scheme and mapped in Belfast. They have a smart phone app, making it easy to find refill points when you are in the city. There is also a rewards system for refilling at the signed up sites with a certain amount of points entitling you to a free refillable bottle.

3.10 Refill Ireland is primarily based in the Republic of Ireland, though do have a presence in Northern Ireland – Mount Stewart has six refill points mapped. They do not currently have a presence in Belfast and their map is web based rather than a smart phone app that can easily be accessed when in the city to find the nearest water refill point.

3.11 Given that City to Sea has already established a presence in Belfast (including three BCC sites), draws a lot of national attention and is attracting large scale multi-national companies who have a presence in Belfast to join the scheme nationally, City to Sea is recommended as the preferred scheme for Belfast.

3.12 Current Water Refill Sites in Belfast City Council Premises

Currently, within Belfast City Council sites there are eight drinking water fountains:

- Ormeau Park (two water fountains);
- Connswater Community Greenway (at CS Lewis Square);
- Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park;
- Woodvale Park; and
- City Hall (two water fountains)
- The Adventurous Playground, Cavehill Country Park.

3.13 Next Steps

Should Committee wish to join a water refill scheme, it is recommended that the following steps are undertaken:

- The eight BCC sites be immediately added to the City to Sea refill scheme;
- Officers will approach our operating partners (GLL and Amadeus) and representative bodies (for example Chamber of Commerce and Retail NI) to ascertain if they are also willing to operate and/or promote the scheme;

- **Begin to promote the initiative through existing communications channels;**
- **Monitor the uptake of the campaign in Belfast; and**
- **Report to Committee on the success of the campaign in relation to take up by other premises.**

3.14 Resources Implications

There are no additional resource implications contained within this report.

3.15 Equality Implications

There are no equality implications contained in this report.”

The Committee agreed to join a water refill scheme for Belfast and approved the next steps as outlined in paragraph 3.13 of the main report.

Food Service Delivery Plan 2018 - 19

The Director of City Services outlined the principal aspects of the Food Service Delivery Plan for 2018-2019, which set out the activities, techniques and approaches to be taken during the year to support businesses in ensuring food safety and to promote informed healthy choices. She explained that the Plan provided the basis on which the Council's regulatory activities would be monitored and audited by the Food Standards Agency.

The Members noted that BREXIT posed a major challenge for the import and export of foods and that the Council would be reviewing developments closely with a view to supporting export and import food businesses to meet additional food safety requirements.

The Committee approved the Food Service Delivery Plan 2018-2019, a copy of which was available on the internet on the [Council's website](#).

**Use of Ormeau Park - Subway Helping Hearts
5K Family Race**

The Committee was advised that a request had been received from Create Productions Ltd to host a 'Subway Helping Hearts 5k Family Race' at Ormeau Park on Sunday 12th August from 6.30 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

The Committee noted that the Subway Helping Hearts Series had been successfully held at Ormeau Park annually since 2014 and it was estimated that there would be 3500 entries. All money collected through registration and sponsorship helped to fund the Heart Research UK Subway Healthy Heart Grants Programme and was allocated and spent in the area where it had been raised.

The Committee granted permission to hold the 'Subway Helping Hearts 5k Family Race' at Ormeau Park on Sunday, 12th August from 6.30 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. It agreed further

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to all subsequent annual 'Subway Helping Hearts 5k Family Race' events at this location, subject to the completion of the appropriate Event Management Plans and satisfactory terms being agreed by the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services and on the condition that the Event Organisers would be required to:

- resolve all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction;
- meet all statutory requirements, including Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety and Licensing responsibilities; and
- consult with adjoining public bodies and local communities as necessary.

Request for Use of CS Lewis Square

The Committee was advised that a request had been received from Charter NI to host a 'Youth Event with Gertrude Star Band' at C.S. Lewis Square on Saturday, 7th July from 4.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

The Committee noted that Charter NI had received £3,500.00 in funding from Belfast City Council's Policing and Community Safety Small Grants for elements of the event. The event would include a Memorial Parade on the Newtownards Road, a Youth Event at C.S. Lewis Square and the unveiling of the Gertrude Memorial Star Plinth on the Newtownards Road.

The Committee granted permission for the use of C. S Lewis Square on Saturday, 7th July to hold a 'Youth Event with Gertrude Star Band', subject to the completion of the appropriate Event Management Plans and satisfactory terms being agreed by the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services and on the condition that the Event Organisers would be required to:

- resolve all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction;
- meet all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety and Licensing responsibilities; and
- consult with adjoining public bodies and local communities as necessary.

Request for the use of Dundonald Cemetery

The Committee authorised the use of Dundonald Cemetery for the following two events, subject to the Event Organisers resolving all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction:

- Dundonald Apprentice Boys of Derry – to conduct a wreath laying ceremony on Thursday, 28th June from 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. to commemorate the Battle of the Somme. It was noted that this event would take place before Council ratification; and
- Laganville Somme Society – to conduct a wreath laying ceremony on Saturday, 4th August from 1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. to commemorate the outbreak of hostilities in World War.

**Parks Events Small Grants Scheme –
Recommendations for Funding**

The Committee considered a report which outlined the decisions taken by the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services, under delegated authority, regarding the Parks Events Small Grants applications received in Tranche 1 for events taking place in parks between 1st April and 30th September, 2018.

The Director advised that a total of 42 applications had been received for the grant and reported that these had been assessed by the Open Spaces and Active Living Unit, 34 applications had met the criteria for an award to be made and 8 had been unsuccessful.

The Committee noted that an Independent Assessment Panel had reviewed a sample (20%) of the applications and had been satisfied with the scoring and application of the criteria for the grants and had approved the recommendations for awards.

The Director outlined that, in line with the ongoing strategic review of grant-aid within the Council, it was being suggested that officers would review the essential criteria for these grants to ensure that they were fit for purpose. He advised that the overarching aim was to enable application groups to contribute to the achievement of the Council's objective to provide attractive, animated, shared and safe parks and open spaces in the City as well as to align with the wider objectives of the Belfast Agenda. He undertook to update the committee accordingly if any further amendments were considered necessary.

The Committee noted the decision taken by the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services Department, under delegated authority, regarding the applications received in Tranche 1 for events taking place in Parks between 1st April 2018 and 30th September 2018.

**Donations to Societies and Hospitality for
Events and Meetings**

The Committee was reminded that the Council had previously authorised the payment of a £100 donation to Societies involved in the organisation of the Spring Fair and Autumn Fair to assist with the provision of hospitality.

The Committee noted that it was proposed that the donation be increased to £200 per organisation, in recognition of the valuable role and the significant level of voluntary involvement made by the various organisations.

The Committee approved a donation of £200.00 per annum to the following Societies, for the period 2018 – 2021, to assist with the provision of hospitality at the Societies' annual events, awards ceremonies and stakeholder meetings:

- Northern Ireland Daffodil Group;
- Belfast and District Beekeepers' Association;
- Belfast Winemakers' Circle;
- British Cactus and Succulent Society;

- Federation of Women's Institutes of Northern Ireland;
- Irish Fuchsia and Pelargonium Society;
- North of Ireland Dahlia Society;
- Northern Ireland Bonsai Society;
- Northern Ireland Group of Flower Arrangement Societies;
- Northern Ireland Vegetable Association; and
- The Rose Society of Northern Ireland.

Review of the Local Government operational arrangements for the Animal Welfare Service

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members of a need to further review the current operational arrangements of the Animal Welfare Service across the five Regional lead Councils with a view to future-proofing service delivery within anticipated future budgetary constraints.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- Note the contents of the report, in particular the themes to be covered in the review and the advice from the Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA) around future budget uncertainty.

3.0 Main Report

The Welfare of Animals Act 2011

3.1 The arrangements for enforcement of the Welfare of Animals Act 2011 by Councils was approved by the NI district council Chief Executives, at a SOLACE meeting on 4th November 2011, where it was determined that the most appropriate means to deliver the new animal welfare duties placed upon local government would be by the adoption of a regional collaborative 'cluster' approach. The principle of collaboration across councils was enshrined in the arrangements for animal welfare with shared staff in the form of animal welfare officers being authorised by all councils to act on their behalf whilst recognising the individual responsibility of the council to give consideration to relevant issues should there be a need for prosecution. The service is fully funded by DAERA and, as agreed at implementation, is cost neutral to Councils.

- 3.2 Since the operative date of The Welfare of Animals Act on 2 April 2012, the Animal Welfare service in Councils has been reviewed by the Project Board in March 2013 and March 2015 with recommendations endorsed by SOLACE resulting in increases in staffing levels due to the increasing demands on the service.
- 3.3 Committee was informed of the outcome of the review that was undertaken by DAERA following the Motion that was debated in March 2014 at the Northern Ireland Assembly calling for a review of the implementation of the Welfare of Animals Act (NI) 2011, particularly in relation to sentencing guidelines and practices, to ensure that the maximum effectiveness was being brought to bear to combat animal welfare offences.
- 3.4 The Final Report of the Review of the Implementation of the Welfare of Animals Act 2011 included 68 recommendations with the purpose of improving the implementation of the Act to better protect the welfare of animals. An Action plan in relation to the final report was published in November 2016 and the actions are updated quarterly.
- 3.5 Since the implementation of the animal welfare legislation, the service has been delivered on a sub-regional basis with a staffing complement of nine Animal Welfare Officers employed to deliver the function across the region.
- 3.6 The delivery of the Service is overseen by a regional Project Board which provides governance arrangements and financial oversight. Belfast City Council has one Animal Welfare Officer and one dedicated administrative officer. The Animal Welfare service in the City Council area accounts for 17% of the cases in the region. Due to increasing demand for the service, we rely on Animal Welfare Officers from the adjoining area (Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council) to assist with workload in the City Council area.
- 3.7 The Service has been fully funded by DAERA since the start of the service in 2012 and this year the Councils have been allocated a budget resource of £1.25 million to deliver the service across the region. DAERA have advised that they as a Department face ongoing budget uncertainty and there is a prospect of further constraints on public sector finances in future years.
- 3.8 In light of concerns around the future funding of this Service, it is necessary to review the current operational arrangements of the Animal Welfare Service across the five regional lead Councils.

- 3.9 The review is considered necessary following a period of sustained increases in demands on and expectations of the service, which has put the operating model including the budget under significant strain.
- 3.10 In addition to service delivery issues the review offers an opportunity to consider the effectiveness of the Project Board arrangement and the impact of Central Government austerity measures.
- 3.11 The Review will be overseen by the Project Board in conjunction with an independent facilitator to provide direction for the review, commission work in a number of work-streams, prepare an interim and final report, and provide advice to Project Board. The Review will consider the Animal Welfare service under the following themes.
1. The role of the Project Board
 2. Delivery Structures/Model
 3. Workload including on call/ prioritisation of calls
 4. Enforcement Outcomes
 5. Resilience
 6. Administrative support
- 3.12 The Animal Welfare service continues to be a high profile service, which attracts the interest of the public and media coverage. It is important that current service delivery is sufficiently funded to address the on-going demands for the service and to ensure that it can be delivered effectively.
- 3.13 Financial & Resource Implications
- DAERA has now confirmed that a maximum of £1.25m resource funding will be made available to Councils for the 2018/19 financial year to fulfil the statutory enforcement obligations arising from the Welfare of Animals (Northern Ireland) Act 2011.
- 3.14 In allocating this year's budget, DAERA have also advised that they as a Department face ongoing budget uncertainty and there is a prospect of further constraints on public sector finances in future years.
- 3.15 Equality or Good Relations Implications
- None.”

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The Committee noted the contents of the report and the themes to be considered within the context of the review and advice from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs around future budget uncertainty.

Anti-Social Behaviour in Parks and Open Spaces

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues

1.1 Members will recall previous agreements at People and Communities Committee providing Officers with authority to develop integrated animation/programming and operations with partners to address anti-social behaviour around Falls Park/City Cemetery and Orangefield Park/Avoniel Park.

1.2 Members will further recall that discussion took place about including other parks/open spaces in this integrated working approach at an appropriate time in the future.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to;

- **agree the inclusion of Marrowbone Park, Ballysillan Park and Dunville Park in the integrated working approach as outlined above.**

3.0 Main Report

3.1 As outlined at People and Communities Committee in April 2018, Officers regular review the following information as a way to identify emerging priority parks/opens spaces:

- **Number of complaints**
- **Cost of repairs due to vandalism**
- **Elected Member queries**

3.2 Recent trends have identified significant ongoing issues at Marrowbone Park with increasing levels of Elected Member concern. Additionally, based on previous issues at similar times of the year it is anticipated Ballysillan Park and Dunville Park will experience issues in the coming weeks.

As such, Members are asked to agree the following for Marrowbone Park, Ballysillan Park and Dunville Park:

- **Development of a 6 week programme of animation activities in partnership with all local youth and community organisations**
- **All Elected Members for the relevant DEA's to be invited to participate in the development of the programme**
- **Animation programme to be delivered by Parks Outreach Service at a time of most benefit based on feedback from local youth and community organisations**
- **Education Authority Youth Workers requested to support these activities with staff resources**

3.3 Financial & Resource Implications

Staff Resources

The above approach continues to support the values and principles of the City and Neighbourhood Services and wider Corporate Change Programme of customer focus, service integration and neighbourhood working. Learning from this work will continue to inform the ongoing transformation of the organisation.

3.4 Financial Resources

All of the above work continues to be accommodated from within existing Council and (D) PCSP revenue budgets. The work is intended to maximise existing resources, reduce duplication and facilitate joined up decision making and resource allocation in the identified parks/open spaces.

3.5 Equality or Good Relations Implications

There are no equality or Good Relations implication at present, however, this will monitored on an ongoing basis.”

The Members discussed other parks and open spaces that were also affected by incidents of anti-social behaviour and also the transient nature of the problem.

Following a request from a Member, the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services undertook to supply the Members with up-to-date information on the number and levels of fines in relation to incidents of anti-social behaviour.

The Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services confirmed that, as the Members were already aware, the situation was fluid and was continuously being monitored and reviewed as and when problems arose. The Council, in conjunction with other partner agencies, were continuously monitoring these areas and were keen to explore other areas where animation programmes could be introduced which might help to encourage 'normal usage' of the affected parks/open spaces. He referred specifically to the interagency approach being adopted to attempt to identify and tackle problems before they arose and suggested that an update report on the Community Safety Tasking Process would be submitted to the August meeting.

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Following a query, the Democratic Services Officer confirmed that, as previously agreed at the May meeting, a letter had been issued to the Education Authority seeking an all-party deputation to meet with the Education Authority to discuss youth service provision.

The Committee:

- granted authority for officers to include Marrowbone Park, Ballysillan Park and Dunville Park as part of the integrated working approach, whereby the Council would work with partner agencies to try and address anti-social behavior through integrated animations/programming and operations;
- agreed that an update report on the Community Safety Tasking Process would be submitted to the August meeting; and
- noted that officers would furnish the Members with up-to-date information on the number and levels of fines in relation to incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Request for the use of Falls Park for Feile an Phobail

The Committee considered a request from Feile an Phobail for the use of the facilities in Falls Park during the West Belfast Festival and also for use of the City Cemetery.

The Committee approved the use and hire of the facilities at Falls Park for Feile an Phobail from Friday, 3rd - Friday, 10th August and also for the use of the City Cemetery for guided tours with an appropriate charge, on condition that:

- the Event Organisers resolve all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction;
- an appropriate legal agreement is prepared by the City Solicitor;
- the Event Organisers meet all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance cover, Health and Safety, Food Safety and Licensing responsibilities;
- the Event Organisers obtain licences for the sale of alcohol, in a timely manner through the appropriate channels;
- the agreed charges and bonds are paid, as required in the legal agreements; and
- the Event Organisers consult with adjoining public bodies and local communities as necessary.

Issue to be Raised in Advance by a Member

Request for an update report in respect of Ligoniel Park

At the request of Councillor McCusker, the Committee agreed that an update report in respect of Ligoniel Park would be submitted to the next meeting of the North Area Working Group.

Chairperson

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MEETING OF CITY GROWTH AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Lyons (Chairperson);
Aldermen Haire and Kingston; and
Councillors Baker, Beattie, Corr, Dorrian,
Dudgeon, Graham, Hussey, Johnston,
Kyle, Murphy, O'Donnell,
O'Hara, O'Neill, and Walsh.

In attendance: Mrs. S. Wylie, Chief Executive;
Mr. A. Reid, Strategic Director of Place and Economy;
Mr. J. Greer, Director of Economic Development; and
Mrs. L. McLornan, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported from the High Sheriff of Belfast, Councillor Howard, Alderman McGimpsey and Councillor Mullan.

Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of 25th April and 9th May were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 4th June.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were recorded.

Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed Mr. A. Reid, Strategic Director of Place and Economy, to his first meeting of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee and wished him well in his role.

Presentation

Destination Hub: Outline Business Case

The Chairperson reminded the Committee that it had agreed, at its meeting on 9th May, to receive a presentation from the consultants which had been commissioned to undertake the feasibility work on a new visitor destination in the city centre at a future meeting.

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The Strategic Director of Place and Economy advised the Members that the presentation contained commercially sensitive information and, as such, the Committee agreed that all Members of the public and press were required to leave the room for the duration of the discussion and that it would not be audio recorded.

He welcomed Mr. C. Mounstephen, Deloitte, and Mr. M. Counahan, CHL, to the meeting.

He advised the Committee that the consultants would present their ideas on the Emerging Concept, the Governance and Organisational Structure of the project and an Outline Business Case. He pointed out that the Council hoped to submit the project as part of the Belfast Region City Deal submission.

The Chairperson advised the Members that Ms. Rosemarie McHugh, Director of Product Development in Tourism NI, was in attendance and she was also welcomed to the meeting.

The Strategic Director reminded the Committee that a Strategic Outline Case (SOC) had been completed in June 2016 based on the Belfast City Centre and Regeneration Strategy. He explained that it had recommended that serious consideration should be given to developing an international visitor destination in the city centre to complement Titanic Belfast. He explained that Deloitte and CHL had been selected to take forward the recommendations from the SOC and to progress a number of work streams.

Mr. Mounstephen explained to the Committee that the new world-class facility had the potential to make a real and lasting impact for Belfast through increasing visitor trips, as well as by increasing footfall in the city centre, and thereby supporting retail and the wider daytime and evening economy.

Mr. Counahan provided the Members with an overview of the work streams and the progress which had been made to date. He emphasised that the design of the new building should be flexible in terms of its internal layout and visually iconic externally.

A number of Members expressed their support for the work which had been carried out on the proposals to date.

In response to a Member's question in relation to how the new attraction would fare alongside the City's existing attractions, the consultants advised the Committee that the new attraction would act as a complementary asset within the city centre and that it would direct visitors to other key sites across the City in order to enhance the experience of visitors to Belfast and Northern Ireland as a whole.

In response to a Member's query regarding the work which was ongoing in relation to the community tourism infrastructure, the Chief Executive confirmed that a separate report on neighbourhood tourism changes would be submitted to a future meeting.

Ms. McHugh advised the Committee that market testing had shown that the wider story of Northern Ireland was not currently being presented to visitors in an easily

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accessible format. Additionally, she advised that the proposals had been well received at a recent meeting of the Tourism NI board.

In response to a further Member's question regarding a potential standalone art gallery in Belfast, Mr. Mounstephen advised the Committee that there was little appetite to take on a National Gallery given the high running costs associated with them. He pointed out, however, that the proposed attraction would have the space and the ability to exhibit collections on both a permanent and temporary basis.

The Committee:

- noted the work undertaken to date by the expert advisory team producing the Destination Hub Outline Business Case, including extensive engagement with key statutory and cultural stakeholders, and the intention to include this project within the Belfast Region City Deal;
- noted that an update on Community Tourism Infrastructure would be provided to the Committee at a future meeting; and
- agreed to receive a further report which sets out details of the outline business case, recommendations and a future work programme.

Requests to Present to Committee

Ulster University Economic Policy Centre (UUEPC)

The Director of Economic Development advised the Committee that, as part of its ongoing commitment to receive regular strategic briefings, an annual economic briefing from the Ulster University Economic Policy Centre (UUEPC) was held and it was proposed that this would take place at its meeting in September.

He reminded the Members that the UUEPC acted as a critical friend for the Council, which had been central to the development of the Belfast Agenda and the key priority of growing the economy.

The Members were advised that the briefing from the UUEPC would provide them with an opportunity to consider the economic conditions and forecasts to inform the future direction and priority setting around key inter-related programmes of work for the Council, namely, growing the economy, employability and skills and city development.

In response to a Member's request, the Committee agreed that the presentation from the UUEPC would be circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting and that presentations from other economic perspectives would also be provided throughout the year.

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The Committee agreed:

- to receive a presentation from the Ulster University Economic Policy Centre at its September Committee meeting;
- that a copy of the UUEPC presentation be circulated to the Members in advance of the meeting; and
- that additional economic perspectives be invited to present to the Committee throughout the year.

Folktown Regeneration Initiative

The Committee was advised that the West Area Working Group had received an update on the proposals for the Folktown Regeneration Initiative, which had requested support for the promotion of the area as an emerging cultural quarter, the development of meanwhile activity and a proposal for a permanent event space and community hub.

The West AWG had recommended that Folktown presented their work to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee, so that their proposals could be considered within the context of the Committee's work on meanwhile use/city animation, business support and promotional activity.

The Committee agreed to receive a presentation from Folktown Regenerative Initiative at a future Committee meeting.

Belfast Marathon

The Director of Economic Development advised the Committee that representatives from the Belfast City Marathon had requested to present to the Committee once again, in order to follow up on their previous presentation on 21st February, where they had outlined a number of proposed changes to the City's marathon.

The Committee agreed to receive a presentation from Belfast City Marathon at a future Committee meeting.

Growing Businesses and the Economy

Working and Learning

The Director of Economic Development reminded the Committee that, at its meeting on 11th April, it had requested legal advice in relation to whether the Council could ring-fence jobs and training opportunities to the residents of Belfast, given that the programmes were paid for by Belfast ratepayers.

He confirmed to the Members that legal advice had since confirmed that the Council could do so.

Noted.

Positioning Belfast to Compete

Events and Festivals Strategy Update

The Director of Economic Development advised the Committee that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

Noted.

International Relations- Nashville Invitation

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Members’ approval for an outward business-focussed visit to Nashville from 26 – 30 August 2018.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- **Approve the attendance of the Chair of Committee or nominee and one officer to engage in the outward business visit to Nashville with key stakeholders and Belfast businesses, from 26 - 30 August 2018. This is subject to confirmation of stakeholder commitment and programme value.**

3.0 Main Report

3.1 Members will recall the November 2016 approval of a new International Relations Framework for the period 2016 - 2021.

3.2 The aim of this Framework is to continue to promote Belfast on the international stage with other stakeholders as a place to invest, work, visit and study. The Framework will deliver primarily on the formal relationships already in existence through our Sister City Agreements with Shenyang, Boston and Nashville, the Memorandum of Understanding with Dublin, and developing relationships with the City of London. New areas of opportunity will be considered on their merits and relevance to Belfast.

3.3 Members will be aware that, at the 8 March 2018 meeting of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee, an update report on International Relations activity for the previous six months

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was presented and the outline plans for the coming period were agreed.

- 3.4 As part of the agreed programme of activity for 2018/19, Belfast City Council hosted a *Nashville in Belfast Week* (28 April - 6 May 2018), showcasing joint activity across a range of sectors including music, food creative industries, education study abroad opportunities, doing business in Nashville and pursuing tourism opportunities. A detailed report on this highly successful week will be presented to members in due course, once all outputs have been measured.**
- 3.5 As part of the Nashville programme, a series of focussed business meetings were held with Belfast City Council, Invest NI, Catalyst Inc., CSIT, Venture Capitalists and both Universities. The Nashville delegation included a leading entrepreneur in the field of healthcare, who is also a venture capitalist with interest in investing in business start-ups in Belfast. Since the visit, a proposal has been presented to Belfast City Council by the Nashville Sister Cities Board to invite Belfast City Council, economic agencies and a number of Belfast businesses in the healthcare/life health sciences sector to attend a conference in August 2018, and follow a wider but focused economic programme.**
- 3.6 The conference entitled 'Health: Further' is being held during the week of 26 August 2018 as part of a wider series of events happening in Nashville that week called '*Nashville Is... Week*', a week of entrepreneurial celebration in the city. The Nashville Board and this leading entrepreneur have invited a delegation to attend the week free of charge, but to focus specifically on opportunities for Belfast businesses in health and healthcare, as Nashville is an economic driver for the USA in this field. The proposal asks that a Belfast delegation is made up of 1 Belfast City Council elected member and official, 4 healthcare entrepreneurs, 1 Venture Capitalist in this field, 1 representative from the Department of Health in Northern Ireland, 1 representative from Invest NI in this sector and 2 other representatives in the sector recommended by Belfast City Council and partners. There will be a maximum number of 14 delegates.**
- 3.7 The Sister Cities Nashville Board and Nashville City Council are fully supportive of this invitation and are encouraging Belfast to attend to drill down into real cooperation and business opportunities. This is the outcome of 2 years of developing relationships and targeting the right people in**

business, government and academia and may lead to direct financial investment in Belfast companies.

3.8 With regard to the key International Relations activities for 2018/2019, all activity will be driven by a number of the priority outcomes set out in the Belfast Agenda. This proposal from Nashville will contribute to the 'Growing the Economy' theme of the Belfast Agenda. These focus on:

- Building the City's position as a magnet for FDI
- Maximising the City's connections worldwide to drive growth
- Positioning the City internationally as a key tourism, education and business destination
- Helping local companies to internationalise their business.

3.9 Financial and Resource Implications

It is proposed that Members approve and agree to provide financial support to the Nashville outward visit for BCC related participation at a maximum cost of £3500. This resource will be covered within the agreed 2018/19 International Relation's Unit budget allocation, included in the budget estimates which were approved by the Council in February 2018.

3.10 Equality and Good Relations Implications

The International Relations Framework was equality screened."

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

Five Year Cultural Programme

(Ms. E. Henry, Cultural Regeneration Manager, attended in connection with this item)

The Committee considered the undernoted report and the accompanying Programme Plan:

"1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide further detail to Members on the planned programme of activity to support the development of a significant 5-year cultural initiative of international profile, that seeks to build on the work undertaken as part of the European Capital of Culture competition.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- Note the contents of this report and the support of the cultural sector and agree to receive further updates including a detailed options appraisal in December 2018.
- Agree for officers to further scope options for Belfast to participate in the Culture in Sustainable Cities programme (Culture 21) and delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Economy and Place to progress if appropriate at a maximum cost of £20,000.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Background

In April 2018, Members agreed that in light of the European Commission's decision on the ineligibility of a UK competition that officers would build on the work undertaken to date and develop alternative options for a 5 year cultural programme of scale. These options will be taken back to Committee for consideration in December 2018. In parallel, negotiations will continue with governments on funding and support including the potential to reconsider the position of Belfast City Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council.

3.2 Options Development

The process of developing these options will involve extensive engagement and will adopt a co-design model working closely with citizens and the cultural sector. A panel of international experts will assess the creative projects and signature events included in the programme. The programme plan for the development of these options is included in Appendix 1 (available on modern.gov). Options will also integrate work on:

- A signature event in partnership with Galway 2020
- UNESCO City of Music
- Options for collaboration with other international cities including potential partnerships with the UK cities that had been bidding for 2023 designation
- Delivery of major events as set out in the Events and Festivals Strategy
- A year-long cultural programme of scale to be delivered in 2023

- **The opening of the new visitor attraction**

3.3 These options will be developed in the context of long-term cultural development and investment and how to best support the priorities set out in the Belfast Agenda. The process of developing options for a 5-year programme will also consider how it should connect with the further development and implementation of the recent Events and Festivals Strategy as well as the future development of a new Cultural Framework and Tourism Strategy. This wider context helps position the five-year programme as the catalyst for sustainable growth and investment in the cultural sector.

3.4 **Long term cultural development and investment**

To support a long-term approach to cultural development the stage one bid had recommended that Belfast considers participation in a suitable global programme such as Culture 21. This programme includes support from international cultural experts, extensive local engagement and critical assessment of the city's current position resulting in clear recommendations for future cultural policy. This work would also address cuts to public sector funding for the arts and inform the most effective long-term response from local government.

3.5 The objectives of the programme are as follows:

- To foster increased local and European understanding of the connection between culture and local sustainable development in the participating cities, on the basis of the issues raised by the Agenda 21 for culture and Culture 21 Actions, as well as other issues relevant to the European and local agendas.
- To enable the design, implementation and evaluation of innovative pilot measures in areas relevant to culture and sustainable cities, through collaboration between public, private and civil society actors.
- To facilitate exchanges, evaluation, peer learning and capacity building among European cities concerned with culture and sustainable development, based on the thematic areas identified in Culture 21 Actions.
- To provide wide visibility to the participating cities and their policies and programmes in the European

3.6 Completion of the two year programme includes a four step methodology:

- 1. Analysis of the local context and first assessment**
- 2. Design of the work programme**
- 3. Implementation of the work programme**
 - 3.1 Pilot Measures**
 - 3.2 Peer Learning (visit to another city)**
 - 3.3 Peer Learning (visit from another city)**
 - 3.4 Local civic engagement**
 - 3.5 Monitoring**
- 4. Final conference and assessment report**

3.7 Recommendations have been received from independent experts and other participating cities. It is proposed that a workshop is held with the organisers of the programme to scope out potential participation by Belfast before making a final decision.

Participation in this programme aligns with the recent Notice of Motion that pledged support to Arts Matter and the need to address ongoing issues of sustainability in the sector.

3.8 Financial Strategy

The development of options for a 5-year programme will involve a financing strategy that will enhance and re-prioritise the level of long-term investment in culture. This will include an effective approach to securing contributions from the private sector. Members will be aware that Belfast recently participated in the Core Cities Cultural Enquiry. The official report and recommendations are due to be published in September 2018 and will be incorporated into the funding strategy. The sessions held in Belfast highlighted the potential for new approaches to cultural investment and the opportunities for public and private finance.

3.9 Recent engagement with the cultural sector has demonstrated support for a major 5 year programme and how it can act as a catalyst for change and present an opportunity to address long term structural and sustainability issues.

3.10 Financial & Resource Implications

The Committee agreed that the budget for this development phase would be allocated from resources set aside for the stage 2 bid for European Capital of Culture. Appendix 1

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(available on modern.gov) sets out the programme plan with a total maximum expenditure of £295,000.

3.11 Options will then be presented to Committee in December 2018 for consideration in advance of the 2019/20 rate setting.

3.12 Equality or Good Relations Implications

As part of the programme, an engagement plan will be developed and will be equality screened with any gaps addressed. The final programme and associated strategies will also be equality screened.”

In response to a Member’s query, the Cultural Regeneration Manager confirmed to the Committee that community groups and those working in the arts, music, sport and food sectors would all be included within the Council’s extensive engagement plan.

The Committee adopted the recommendations within the report.

Strategic and Operational Issues

Belfast Cycling Strategy

European Cycle-Friendly Employer Accreditation Scheme

The Director of Economic Development advised the Committee that a new cycle-friendly accreditation scheme for employers had been launched in Belfast on 19th April, 2018. He explained that the scheme was aimed at encouraging staff to commute to work by bike and had been developed to provide a European standard for cycle-friendly companies. He advised the Members that it was being run by the European Cyclists’ Federation (ECF) across Europe and that it would be delivered in the UK by Cycling UK and supported by Sustrans.

He outlined to the Members that the scheme recognised that encouraging staff to cycle for business journeys helped to improve staff health and could help boost productivity. He also pointed out that the outline detail of the scheme indicated a contribution towards delivering a number of the outcomes of the Belfast Agenda in particular ‘Belfast is a vibrant, attractive, connected and environmentally sustainable city’.

The Committee was advised that officers from across the Council were liaising with Sustrans and Cycling UK regarding further detail of the Cycle-Friendly Accreditation Scheme and a that follow up report would be submitted for its consideration at a later date.

Belfast Bicycle Network Plan

The Director reminded the Members that the Council had responded to the public consultation on the Draft Belfast Bicycle Network Plan in January 2017, and he suggested

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that the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) be invited to a future meeting to discuss the plans for its implementation, in order that the Council could highlight any potential areas for consideration.

During discussion, the Committee agreed that NI Greenways also be invited to attend that meeting.

The Director reported that, while the DfI had made progress on developing the cycling network in the city centre, there was a lack of progress on a coherent bicycle network city wide.

In response to a number of Members' queries, the Strategic Director of Place and Economy undertook to clarify the detail of the Council's formal submission to the consultation on the Draft Belfast Bicycle Network Plan, ensuring that it had a city wide focus based on previous council reports and submissions.

Active Belfast Initiative

The Director outlined to the Committee that the Council had committed to work at a strategic level to promote physical activity, including cycling, through the work of the Belfast Strategic Partnership (BSP) and the Active Belfast initiative. He explained that the Active Belfast Partnership had developed and agreed a new overarching strategy for physical activity called 'Get Active Belfast'.

He provided the Members with an overview of the strategy and explained that the first of seven pledges in the strategy was to 'create an integrated active travel network'.

The Committee was advised that a 'Task and finish' subgroup had been established, with key stakeholders having been asked to commit to three meetings, with a view to producing a collective action plan by mid-2018.

After discussion, the Committee:

- noted the emerging detail of the Cycle-Friendly accreditation scheme;
- agreed to invite the Department for Infrastructure and NI Greenways to a future meeting to discuss the plans for the implementation of the Bicycle Network Plan and agreed Council priorities;
- noted that the Strategic Director of Place and Economy would clarify the detail of the Council's formal submission to the consultation on the Draft Belfast Bicycle Network Plan, ensuring it had a city wide focus based on previous council reports and submissions; and
- noted the ongoing partnership work of the Active Belfast initiative and the work of the 'Task And Finish' subgroup.

Year End Committee Plan

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 The purpose of this report is to close-off the 2017-18 City Growth & Regeneration Committee Plan. This provides an update on progress with the key actions, in particular highlighting the work undertaken in terms of jobs growth, skills development, cultural investment and physical regeneration. The headline figure is that, during 2017-18, over 1,700 residents have entered employment/self-employment as a direct result of the Council’s investment.

1.2 The Plan drew together several annual delivery plans; such as city centre development, support for businesses, Employability & Skills, tourism and the cultural framework. It set out the main priorities and programmes of work that the Committee oversaw during 2017-18 to maximise the Council’s contribution to delivering the Belfast Agenda that, at its core, has a commitment to inclusive growth.

1.3 The Belfast Agenda sets out an ambition for growth and opportunity that includes four headline goals to focus on the economic and social growth of Belfast so that by 2035:

- Our city is home to an additional 66,000 new residents
- Our urban economy supports 46,000 more jobs
- There will be a 33% reduction in the life expectancy gap between the most and least deprived neighbourhoods
- Every young person leaving school has a destination that fulfils their potential.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- Note the content of the report and that officers are continuing to progress the actions within the City Growth and Regeneration Committee Plan 2018-19 as agreed by the Committee in April 2018.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Key Issues

The 2017-18 Committee Plan was developed in line with the Council’s Corporate Plan and the Belfast Agenda. The Belfast

Agenda has at its core a commitment to inclusive growth and the importance of growing the local economy to improve the quality of life. While the Committee contributes to the delivery of all 4 work-streams, Growing the Economy, City Development and Working & Learning are the focus of this Committee, therefore the Committee continues to take the lead in ensuring that there is connectivity between the need for economic growth and the purpose of this growth – to connect people to opportunity and reduce inequality.

3.2 The Committee has received regular reports throughout the year outlining the progress with the key programmes of work. Building on this work, the Committee approved the 2018-19 Committee Plan in April 2018 in order to continue the Council's investment and commitment to delivering on the Belfast Agenda ambitions.

3.3 Appendix 1 (available on modern.gov) provides an update against each of the main action areas in the Committee plan. Members are also aware that a number of detailed reports on key programmes of work have recently been considered and these will continue to feature regularly on the Committee agenda.

3.4 Overview of Progress:

Particular highlights for the 2017-2018 Committee Plan include:

Growing the Economy

- Through our enterprise outreach activities, we have engaged with 361 individuals across the city, plus 30 student entrepreneurs, 33 social enterprises and co-operatives (via the 'Go-Social' programme), and 24 high growth start-ups to help them start a business.
- 249 jobs were created through out 'Go For It' programme in 2017/18 which helped individuals to develop new business plans.
- Launched the new 'Think Do Be' business growth programme in September 2017 - 130 companies have accessed support to date with each company having the potential to create at least one new job.
- Business and Conference tourism this year delivered 79,300 bed nights, which contributed over £45million to the City's economy
- Working with the Smart Cities team, three collaborative networks have been appointed to take forward the Tourism Challenge focusing on building a more

accurate understanding of visitor behaviour and gather real time data.

- The City Events annual event programme attracted an audience of almost 318,000 people into the city. This helped to create an economic benefit of £16.8 million.
- Successfully supported the third annual Friendship Four Ice Hockey Tournament in partnership with the SSE Arena that reached a worldwide TV audience of 20M households and over 100M viewers.
- Secured the Council's invitation to the Shenyang Winter Cities Summit for 2018 as a result of the visit from our Sister City Shenyang and successfully programmed the 'Nashville in Belfast' week which took place in April 2018
- Secured approval to launch the pilot phase of the Belfast City for Investment; Soft Landing Service. (Since launching in April 2018, 13 enquires have been dealt with).

3.5 City Development

- Launch of the new Belfast Brand, which has integrated the new Belfast Brand into BCC corporate communications and advertising campaigns.
- Launched the new website to promote Belfast to the investment and development communities, both domestically and internationally in March 2018 (www.investinbelfast.com).
- A delegation of over 80 people attended MIPIM as part of the Belfast delegation (35 supporting private and public sector organisations). In total, £269,825 private sector sponsorship was raised for Belfast at MIPIM 2018.
- Expanded the VUCITY model to cover 52km² of Belfast and incorporated into the Belfast at MIPIM 2018 stand to showcase development and investment opportunities in the city.
- Launch of the City Centre Investment Fund seeking applications for commercial development.
- East Bank and Inner North West draft Masterplans produced for consultation, and extensive engagement undertaken
- Commissioned Belfast Region Infrastructure Investment Plan to support City Region Deal application.
- Business case for second major visitor attraction (Destination Hub/Belfast Story) underway.

- Secured approval to allocate £240k per annum for two years to provide animation in Castle Street & North Street, with roll-out planned for summer 2018.

3.6 Working & Learning

- Across the various Employability & Skills programmes offered by the Council, over 4,300 residents have accessed employability interventions. Of these, over 1,300 have entered employment/self-employment.
- Launched and delivered the new Employment Academy sectoral model. Employment Academies in 2017-18 focused on the hospitality, construction, healthcare, retail and public transportation sectors.
- In total, 5,328 young people have participated in employability and skills development activities in schools across the City.
- Additionally, over 3,100 training accreditations have been supported, with 490 progressing onto further education or training.

3.7 Living Here

- The work on the European Capital of Culture bid engaged over 15,000 citizens as well as 300 artists and practitioners with 125 project proposals received. Since the announcement that Belfast was no longer eligible associated work programmes have continued. This includes securing Committee approval in March 2018 to progress plans to apply for UNESCO City of Music.
- Ten organisations benefitted from one-to-one mentoring through our capacity building support to strengthen the cultural sector.
- The first 'BelFeast Food & Drink' festival showcased our local food and drinks industry in the city centre, attracting approximately 11,000 visitors at the market and various events. Visitor surveys generated 100% positive response to the question of BelFeast becoming an annual/ regular event.

3.8 Financial & Resource Implications

Progress is in line with the previous agreed Departmental budgets.

3.9 Equality or Good Relations Implications

Programmes and actions within the Committee Plan are developed and delivered in consultation with the Council's Equality & Diversity Officers."

A Member thanked the officers for the work which had been completed on the numerous work streams throughout the year.

The Committee noted the contents of the report and that officers were continuing to progress the actions within the Committee Plan 2018-2019, as agreed by the Committee in April 2018.

Restricted Item

The Information contained in the report associated with the following item is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

Resolved – That the Committee agrees to exclude the members of the Press and public from the Committee meeting during discussion of the item as, due to the nature of the item, there would be a disclosure of exempt information as described in Section 42 (4) and Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Recruitment Panel Nominations

The Chief Executive reminded the Committee that Ms. N. Gallagher, former Director of City Centre Development, had left the Council on 6th June to take up a post in Bristol City Council.

She outlined to the Members that the newly appointed Strategic Director of Place and Economy would assess this staffing requirements and explained that an Interim Lead Officer role would be created for six months, subject to review, for the City Regeneration and Development section.

The Committee noted that the job description for the post had been amended to reflect the key duties required on an interim basis and, in line with Council practice, that the role would be internally trawled as an internal staff development opportunity.

The Chief Executive advised the Members that the selection panel would have delegated authority to appoint the successful candidate and that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee would be advised of the outcome.

During discussion, the Chairperson advised the Committee that he would be unable to attend all of the required recruitment stages as listed within the report.

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After discussion, the Committee agreed that the Deputy Chairperson, or her nominee, and Councillor Beattie, or his nominee, would form the selection panel for the recruitment of the post of 'Interim Lead Officer - City Regeneration and Development' in the new Place and Economy Department, who, along with the Chief Executive and the Strategic Director of Place and Economy, would balance the panel in terms of gender and community background.

Chairperson

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SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY GROWTH AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Lyons (Chairperson);
Alderman Kingston; and
Councillors Beattie, Dorrian,
Dudgeon, Graham, Hussey, Murphy,
O'Hara, O'Neill, and Walsh.

In attendance: Mr. A. Reid, Strategic Director of Place and Economy;
Mr. G. Copeland, City Events Manager; and
Mrs. L. McLornan, Democratic Services Officer.

Also attended: Councillor Boyle.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported from The High Sheriff of Belfast, Councillor Howard, Alderman Haire and Councillors Baker and O'Donnell.

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Dudgeon, Hussey and O'Hara declared an interest in Item 2b, namely, Belfast City Marathon, in that they were Members of the Licensing Committee, and left the room for the duration of the discussion.

Standing Order 14 - Submission of Minutes

In accordance with Standing Order 14, the Committee agreed, as the meeting had been held later than seven clear days before the meeting of the Council, that the minutes of the meeting be submitted to the Council on 2nd July for ratification

Presentations

Transport NI – Spring Report

The Chairperson advised the Committee that Mr. K. Monaghan, Eastern Divisional Manager, Mr. G. Doherty, Belfast South Section Engineer, Mr. G. Miskimmin, Higher Professional Technical Officer Belfast North, and Mr. C. de Burca, Director for Transport Projects and Business Services in the Department for Infrastructure, were in attendance and they were admitted to the meeting.

Mr. Monaghan outlined to the Members that pressures remained on both capital and resource funding in 2018/2019 but that his staff would continue to develop resurfacing and traffic management schemes to enhance safety, improve traffic flow and provide measures for pedestrians and cyclists. He advised the Members that almost 40,000

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surface defects had been repaired over the past few months through the roads recovery fund.

He provided the Committee with updates on the main strategic transportation schemes for the City and highlighted key statistics within the Council area of the Eastern Division.

In relation to the York Street Interchange, he advised the Members that the tender process to appoint a contractor to bring the scheme to construction-ready stage had been completed but that the tender award could not occur due to an ongoing legal challenge and that they were awaiting the judgement. He pointed out that, following Ministerial approval, the consultation of local residents and key stakeholders on issues which had been identified in the Inspector's report had now commenced.

He also advised the Members that the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) had intended to extend the hard shoulder bus lane on the M1 to junction 8 at Blaris and to introduce a hard shoulder bus lane on the M2 towards Belfast, between Greencastle and Duncrue Street. He explained that a previous proposal to carry this out in 2017 did not proceed due to higher than expected tender costs. The Committee was advised that an alternative proposal had since been drawn up, and was currently going through the procurement process.

Mr. de Burca provided the Members with an update on the numerous works which had been completed in preparation for the Belfast Rapid Transit (BRT) scheme, which would begin on 3rd September 2018. He advised the Members that a full upgrade of the lighting and to the pavements had been carried out along the BRT route and provided details of the 12-hour BRT bus lanes along the route.

The Committee noted that all 30 Glider vehicles were currently being tested on the roads and that alternative routes were also being trialled for those occasions when roads were closed. He explained that a shadow trial of the service would be held between 28th and 30th August.

The Members were advised that the official launch event would take place on Friday 31st August in the Titanic Centre.

A Member referenced the reduction of car parking spaces on the Falls Road area as a result of the BRT works, and that a recent survey had shown that car parking was already at 100% capacity in the area. He highlighted that the survey had been conducted at a time when St. Mary's University students were not in attendance, and that a new Children's Hospital would be built at the Royal Victoria site.

Mr. de Burca outlined to the Committee that a 15metre prohibition of parking on corners, including along the Falls Road, had to be imposed. He explained that a number of visitors to the Royal Victoria Hospital preferred to avail of free, on-street car parking instead of using the hospital carpark. The Members were advised that public transport must be given priority on the roads over street parking in order that the public transport scheme would be a success and that the Department hoped that more people would begin to use public transport.

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He added the Members that the Glider service would connect the Royal Victoria Hospital with the City Hospital, as well as connecting the city centre and the east of the city to the west.

In response to further Members' queries in relation to vehicles which entered a bus lane for a short period of time in order to, for example, turn right at a junction or enter a parking space just beyond a bus lane, and if they would lead to prosecution by the DfI, Mr. de Burca advised the Committee that the cameras were assessed by the DfI and, if a driver's use of the bus lane was deemed unreasonable and deliberate, that prosecution would be pursued. He outlined the terms of the appeals process for fines.

The Members drew the attention of the officers from Transport NI to a number of other matters, a number of which are set out hereunder:

- That a section of grass required cutting in the Ballymegarry Lane area;
- a Member requested a site visit to discuss greenways in the lower Shankill area;
- that safe cycle routes between the city centre and west Belfast continue to be progressed;
- that an update be provided on when Barnett's Road would be reopened;
- to consider Traffic Calming Measures in Twinbrook;
- to consider Traffic Calming Measures in Windsor/Derryvolgie Avenue;
- to investigate possible drainage options in Barbour Gardens in Dunmurray; and
- to provide an update on the delay in installing the 3 Belfast Bike docks on the Ormeau Road.

Mr. Monaghan advised that, where relevant, action would be taken on these issues by Transport NI if it was deemed necessary after inspection.

After discussion, the Chairperson thanked the representatives from Transport NI for their attendance and they retired from the meeting.

Belfast City Marathon

Upon receiving advice from the City Solicitor, Councillors Dudgeon, Hussey and O'Hara declared an interest and left the room for the duration of the item. The City Solicitor identified that, as Members of the Licensing Committee, those Members had responsibility for considering objections to applications in relation to restricting or prohibiting traffic using a road for the holding of specific events under the Roads (Misc provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010.

The Committee was reminded that representatives from Belfast City Marathon Ltd. had previously attended a Special meeting of the Committee, on 21st February, where

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they had outlined proposals to change the City's marathon route and the day on which it was held, from 2019 onwards.

The Committee had acceded to a request from the representatives to attend a further meeting, at its meeting on 13th June, in order to address the issues which had been raised by Members at the previous meeting.

The Chairperson introduced Mr. S. Burns, Event Manager, Mr. J. Allen, Board Member, Mr. J. Glover, Route Designer, and Mrs. E. Riddell, Marketing and Events Officer of Belfast City Marathon (BCM) to the Committee and they were welcomed to the meeting.

Mr. Burns provided the Committee with an overview of the BCM Finisher report 2018. He explained that the current marathon route had been used for thirteen years and that over 80% of participants had requested a change. He added that 90% of participants were content for the event to move to a Sunday.

He explained to the Committee that, from 2019 onwards, and having considered feedback from a number of sources, BCM Limited was proposing to change the route of the marathon and to stage it on the Sunday immediately prior to May Day.

He outlined to the Committee a number of the challenges which BCM had considered in developing a new route, including:

- minimising the impact on places of worship on the route or affected by the road closures;
- reducing the impact on businesses across the City;
- ensuring implementation of new Traffic Management Legislation
- maintaining current levels of sponsorship and identify funding sources for any increased cost in traffic management and stewarding;
- making it a more runner friendly route and increasing participation;
- including iconic landmarks of Belfast, whilst visiting all parts of the City; and
- the increased costs due to Road Closure legislation and a reduction in policing.

In relation to the increased costs of staging the Marathon, the Strategic Director of Place and Economy explained to the Committee that any financial request from BCM Ltd. would be submitted for the Committee's consideration at a future date and that it would need to be considered within the context of other financial requests presented to the Council. He added that, if the request for additional funding was recurrent, then it would either need to be considered as part of the rate setting process for 2019/2020 onwards, or that recurrent savings within the department's budget would need to be found to cover the increase.

The Committee considered two provisional routes which BCM had designed having taken the above challenges and Member feedback into account. He outlined that both routes would start in the Stormont Estate and finish in the Ormeau Park.

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During discussion, a number of Members stated that they were pleased to see that BCM had taken their views and comments into account. A number of Members stated that they preferred route Option 1 within the report, as it included opportunities for more local businesses and that it went through areas which had not been included within the previous route.

In response to a Member's question regarding the facilitation of those who would be trying to get to and from places of worship on a Sunday, Mr. Burns confirmed to the Members that a road reopening schedule would be publicised in advance of the Marathon and that they would also create a number of gateways along the route to enable people to cross the road, similar to those which were used during the Giro d'Italia in 2014.

He added that BCM Ltd. would continue to consult widely and that they were happy to engage with Members about any further concerns.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their attendance and they retired from the meeting.

After further discussion, the Committee agreed:

1. to support the Belfast City Marathon Ltd in relation to the proposed changes to the course, and that the event would be staged on a Sunday from 2019 onwards; and
2. to recommend route Option 1 as its preferred route.

Chairperson

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MEETING OF LICENSING COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor O'Hara (Chairperson);
the High Sheriff (Councillor Howard);
Aldermen Copeland, L. Patterson and Spence;
and Councillors Boyle, Collins, Craig, Dudgeon,
Groves, Heading, Hussey, Hutchinson,
Magennis, McConville and Nic Biorna.

In attendance: Mr. A. Thatcher, Director of Planning and Building
Control;
Mr. S. Hewitt, Building Control Manager;
Miss N. Largey, Divisional Solicitor; and
Mr. H. Downey, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported on behalf of Councillors Clarke and McReynolds.

Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of 2nd and 16th May were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 4th June, subject to the omission of those matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Magennis declared an interest in relation to item 2(i), Beckett's Bar, in that he represented the Stewartstown Road area and had met with the applicant and with Council officers to discuss the application, and left the meeting whilst the matter was being considered.

Welcome

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Committee, welcomed Mr. A. Thatcher, Director of Planning and Building Control, to his first meeting.

THE COMMITTEE DEALT WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN PURSUANCE OF THE POWERS DELEGATED TO IT UNDER STANDING ORDER 37(d)

Licences/Permits issued under Delegated Authority

The Committee noted a list of licences and permits which had been issued under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

Application for the Variation of a Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence – Botanic Inn, 23-27 Malone Road

The Committee was reminded that, at its meeting on 19th April, 2017, it had agreed to consider at a future meeting an objection which had been submitted outside the twenty-eight day statutory period by the Lower Malone Residents' Association to an application for the variation of the Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence for the Botanic Inn.

The Building Control Manager reported that, in April and May, 2018, the Council had received further objections to the application which, again, had been submitted outside the twenty-eight day statutory period. The objectors had since confirmed that they had been unaware of the proposal to provide entertainment until 3.00 a.m., until it had been brought to their attention by the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

He pointed out that the Police Service itself had objected initially to the application, on the basis that it would have insufficient resources to monitor the premises until 3.00 a.m. in midweek, as had been proposed within the application. In light of that objection, the licensee had amended the application to provide that entertainment would take place until 3.00 a.m. on a Saturday night only and, accordingly, the Police Service had withdrawn its objection.

The Committee agreed, in view of the relevance of the objections, to exercise its discretion and to consider at a future meeting all of the objections received to date in relation to the application to vary the Entertainments Licence for the Botanic Inn.

Applications for Extended Hours

The Committee was informed that the Council's City and Neighbourhoods Services Department held various types of Entertainments Licences for those parks and open spaces which it managed across the City, which it transferred to organisers for the duration of their event. Under the terms of those licences, entertainment was permitted to take place from Monday to Sunday between the hours of 11.30 a.m. and 11.00 p.m. and special conditions were attached to each licence in relation to occupancy levels, early consultation with residents and businesses, extended hours and addressing complaints. Accordingly, the Committee's attention was drawn to applications for the extension of the standard hours on the Entertainments Licences for the following parks:

Lower Crescent Park

The Building Control Manager informed the Committee that the organisers of the FOCAL Festival were seeking approval for the standard hours on the Seven-day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for the Lower Crescent Park to be extended until 1.00 a.m. on the nights of Thursday, 30th and Friday, 31st August and Saturday, 1st September.

He explained that the festival centred upon the celebration and promotion of local foods and drinks and reminded the Committee that the organisers had, previously, been given approval to hold similar events in the park in June/July and December 2017.

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The organisers had stated that the additional hours would allow them to meet increasing costs, enable more local artists to participate and permit patrons to leave the park and access transport in phases. Approval for the use of the venue had been granted by the People and Communities Committee, at its meeting on 5th June.

He reported that, since this application related to the extension of the hours permitted under an existing licence condition, rather than the variation of the Entertainments Licence itself, there had been no requirement for it to be advertised. The Police Service of Northern Ireland would, together with the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, be consulted on public safety, traffic management, transport and wider operational issues in the lead up to the festival. Based upon previous experience, officers were satisfied that the park could accommodate the festival and that the measures being proposed to date by the organisers would protect public safety. Organisers would be required to draft a letter for circulation to local residents, informing them of the event and had been advised that, should significant complaints be received, future nights could be curtailed.

The Building Control Manager reported further that the Council's Environmental Protection Unit had been provided with a noise report, which set out the proposed measures to be implemented to prevent unreasonable noise disturbance, and stressed that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 provided the Council with additional powers to address noise nuisance from 11.00 p.m. onwards, if required. In terms of the two previous festivals, he confirmed that five complaints had been received, which had been brought to the attention of the organisers. Whilst no formal action had been taken, the complaints would be taken into account during preparation for this event.

The Committee agreed that the standard hours on the Seven-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for the Lower Crescent Park be extended to enable entertainment to take place until 1.00 a.m. the following morning on Thursday, 30th and Friday, 31st August and Saturday, 1st September, subject to all technical requirements being met to the satisfaction of Council officers.

Woodvale Park

The Building Control Manager reported that the Twaddell and Woodvale Residents' Association had submitted an application to extend the standard hours on the Seven-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for Woodvale Park until 1.00 a.m. on the nights of Monday, 9th and Wednesday 11th July.

He explained that the Residents' Association had been an active participant in the Council's Bonfire and Cultural Expression Programme and that it had, since 2008, organised several successful events within the Woodvale Park. The group had confirmed that this year's event would run from Monday, 9th until Wednesday, 11th July and that its request for additional hours was based primarily around the need to expand the scope of diversionary activity for young people and adults, to ensure that wider tensions were minimised during this period. Whilst details had yet to be finalised, it was anticipated that the event on 9th July would include a matinee for families and be followed by a live concert for over 16s, featuring electronic music artists. The event on 11th July would involve a range of international music acts, as well as family orientated activities. The People and

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Communities Committee, at its meeting on 8th May, had granted approval for the use of the park.

The Building Control Manager confirmed that, since the Residents' Association was seeking to extend the hours permitted under an existing licence condition, rather than vary the Entertainments Licence itself, there had been no requirement for the application to be advertised. The Police Service of Northern Ireland had not objected to the application and officers from the Building Control Service and the Parks Service were working with the organisers to agree an event management plan, a layout plan and an appropriate occupancy figure. He pointed out that the Council's Environmental Protection Unit had received no complaints in relation to last year's event and that it would seek to ensure that an appropriate noise management plan was developed, in consultation with all relevant parties, in order to minimise noise breakout and disturbance. He added that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 provided the Council with additional powers to address noise nuisance from 11.00 p.m. onwards and that, should significant complaints be received, future nights could be curtailed.

The Committee agreed that the standard hours on the Seven-day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for the Woodvale Park be extended to enable entertainment to take place until 1.00 a.m. the following morning on the nights of Monday, 9th and Wednesday, 11th July, subject to all technical requirements being met to the satisfaction of Council officers.

Falls Park

The Committee was advised that Féile an Phobail would, this year, be taking place between 2nd and 12th August and that the organisers were seeking approval to extend the standard hours on the Seven-day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for the Falls Park to enable entertainment to be provided until 1.00 a.m. on four of those nights. Approval for the use of the venue had been granted by the People and Communities Committee at its meeting on 5th June.

He explained that, whilst the organisers had applied to operate until 1.00 a.m. on the nights of Wednesday, 8th, Friday, 10th, Saturday, 11th and Sunday, 12th August, it was envisaged that entertainment would run to 1.00 a.m. only on the first of those nights and that it would conclude before that time on the remaining three evenings. They had stated that the ability to operate until 1.00 a.m. would allow them to develop a programme of diversionary activities for young people, involving, for example, sport and discussion, and would assist in addressing ongoing antisocial behaviour issues. Whilst the programme of entertainment had yet to be finalised, it would include a number of international artists and would appeal to all age groups.

He reminded the Committee that, since this application related to the extension of the hours permitted under an existing licence condition, rather than the variation of the Entertainments Licence itself, there had been no requirement for it to be advertised. He pointed out that the Police Service of Northern Ireland had not objected to the application and that it was working with the organisers to address traffic management and on their application for an Occasional Liquor Licence. The organisers had provided the Council with a draft event management plan and a proposed site plan and would continue to engage with the Building Control Service as events developed. He added that officers

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had, over the course of previous events, undertaken inspections whilst entertainment had been taking place and had identified no issues relating to health, safety and welfare management.

In terms of noise nuisance, he confirmed that the Council's Environmental Protection Unit had been notified of the intention to provide entertainment until 1.00 a.m. and that it was currently awaiting an acoustic report. He provided details around the twenty-seven noise complaints which had been received in 2017, none of which had necessitated formal action, and stressed that the organisers would be required to demonstrate that commercial and residential properties would not experience unreasonable disturbance and had been advised that significant complaints could lead to further nights being curtailed. He added that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 provided the Council with additional powers to address noise nuisance from 11.00 p.m. onwards, if required.

The Committee agreed to extend the standard hours on the Seven-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for the Falls Park, to enable entertainment to take place until 1.00 a.m. the following morning on the nights of Wednesday, 8th, Friday, 10th, Saturday, 11th and Sunday, 12th August, subject to all technical requirements being met to the satisfaction of Council officers.

Applications for the Renewal and Variation of Seven-Day Annual Indoor and Outdoor Entertainments Licences – Thompson's Garage, 3 Patterson's Place

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues

- 1.1 To consider applications for the renewal and variation of both the Seven-Day Annual Indoor and Outdoor Entertainments Licence for Thompson's Garage, based upon the Council's Standard Conditions.**

Premises and Location

Thompson's Garage
3 Patterson's Place
Belfast BT1 4GW

Applicant

Mr. Stephen Boyd
Endless Music Limited

- 1.2 The nature of the variation to the Indoor Entertainment Licence is to increase the occupancy of the indoor area from 430 persons to 480 persons.**

- 1.3 The nature of the variation to the Outdoor Entertainments Licence is to extend the hours of when entertainment may be provided from 11 pm to 1 am and increase the occupancy of the outdoor area from 185 persons to 200 persons.**

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Notwithstanding the opportunity to refuse the applications on any other grounds, the Council may refuse an application for an Entertainments Licence, on the grounds that the applicant has been convicted of an offence under the Order within the period of 5 years immediately preceding the date when the application was made.

2.2 Taking into account the information presented and any representations received you are required to consider the applications in light of the previous convictions and to:

- 1. approve the applications for the renewal of the 7-Day Annual Indoor and Outdoor Entertainments Licences, or**
- 2. approve the applications for renewal with Special Conditions, or**
- 3. refuse the applications for the renewal of the 7-Day Annual Indoor and Outdoor Entertainments Licences.**

2.3 Should you be of a mind to approve the application to renew the Licences you are then required to determine, subject to all technical requirements being met, either to:

- 1. approve the variation of the Licence to increase the occupancy capacity for the Indoor Entertainments Licence; and**
- 2. approve the variation of the Licence to increase the occupancy capacity and the extension of hours for the Outdoor Entertainments Licence; or**
- 3. agree the applications for the variation of the Seven-Day Annual Indoor and Outdoor Entertainments Licence with Special Conditions, or**
- 4. refuse any or all of the variation applications.**

2.4 If the applications are refused, or Special Conditions are attached to the Licences to which the applicant does not consent, then the applicant may appeal the Council's decision within 21 days of notification of that decision to the Recorders Court.

2.5 Should the Committee decide to refuse the variation application, and the applicant decides to appeal, the existing Licence will continue with its present Conditions until the Appeal is determined.

3.0 Main Report

Key Issues

Details of the Premises and Proposals

3.1 The areas currently licensed to provide indoor entertainment are:

- **Ground Floor Bar, with a maximum capacity of 240 persons.**
- **Mezzanine Floor, with a maximum capacity of 190 persons.**

3.2 The days and hours during which the premises are currently licensed to provide indoor entertainment are:

- **Monday to Sunday: 11.30 am to 3.00 am the following morning**

3.3 The premise operates as a public bar and nightclub with entertainment being provided on both floors in the form of DJs.

3.4 A new roof has been constructed over the second floor to form a VIP bar with an external balcony. This area was previously an outdoor smoking area. This area was not included on the Entertainments Licence but there was a special condition attached to the Licence restricting the occupancy of the area to 50 persons.

3.5 The applicant has applied to vary the existing Indoor Entertainments Licence to include this new VIP bar with an addition occupancy of 50 persons.

3.6 Layout plans of the proposed 2nd floor VIP area have been circulated.

3.7 The area currently licensed to provide outdoor entertainment is:

- **the Outdoor Area, with a maximum capacity of 185 persons.**

3.8 The days and hours during which the premises are currently Licensed to provide outdoor entertainment are:

- **Monday to Saturday 11.30 am to 11.00 pm, and**
- **Sunday 12.30 pm to 11.00 pm.**

- 3.9 Entertainment is provided to the outdoor area in the form of solo performers, live bands or a DJ through the in-house speaker system.
- 3.10 The applicant has applied to extend the hours of the existing Outdoor Entertainments Licence from 11.00 pm to 01.00 am and to increase the occupancy from 185 to 200 persons.
- 3.11 Layout plans of the proposed outdoor area have been circulated.

Previous convictions

- 3.12 The application is being placed before the Committee because both Mr. Stephen Boyd and Endless Music Limited were convicted of offences under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 1985 at Belfast Magistrates' Court, on two occasions, namely, 13th May 2014 and 24th May 2016.

First Conviction

- 3.13 The first conviction, on 13th May 2014, arose following breaches of the Terms and Conditions of the Entertainments Licence in that they failed to manage the permitted occupancy and migration between licensed areas. They also failed to ensure that the permitted numbers for the Smoking Area were limited to 50 persons as the area was overcrowded.
- 3.14 As a result, Mr Stephen Boyd and Endless Music Limited were fined a total of £800 and ordered to pay court costs of £69.

Second Conviction

- 3.15 The second conviction, on 24th May 2016, arose following breaches of the Terms and Conditions of the Entertainments Licence in that the 2nd Floor of the premises was found to be in excess of the permitted occupancy.
- 3.16 As a result, Endless Music Limited was fined £750 and ordered to pay court costs of £66.
- 3.17 Following these offences, officers met with Mr Boyd and his representatives to review all their procedures to ensure that appropriate measures were in place to prevent a recurrence.
- 3.18 Members may recall that details of the first conviction was brought to your attention previously and both convictions were considered at your meetings in April, May and October,

2017 in relation to the application for the renewal of the Indoor Entertainments Licence and the grant of the Outdoor Entertainments Licence and, after consideration, you agreed to grant all licences.

- 3.19 The applicant and/or his representatives will be available to discuss any matters relating to the application at your meeting.

Representations

- 3.20 Notice of the application has been advertised and no written representation has been lodged.

PSNI

- 3.21 The PSNI has been consulted and has confirmed that it has no objection to the applications.

NIFRS

- 3.22 The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service has been consulted in relation to the application and confirmed that they have no objection to the applications.

Health, Safety and Welfare Inspections

- 3.23 The request for additional occupancies are minor in nature and can be accommodated without having any adverse effect on the means of escape from the premises in the event of an emergency.

- 3.24 Members are advised that officers have carried out a total of two During Performance Inspections over the past 12 months. On each occasion, all technical matters were satisfactory, and the appropriate measures and management procedures were being implemented effectively.

- 3.25 The premises have also been subject to inspections as part of the licensing application process and all technical requirements and associated operational and management procedures have been checked and are satisfactory.

Noise Issues

- 3.26 No noise complaints have been received in the last 12 months.
- 3.27 Given the nature of the outdoor entertainment at the venue, an acoustic report outlining the measures to be taken to ensure minimal disturbance to neighbouring residential premises, both due to noise breakout or from patron activity, was

requested and forwarded to the Council's Environmental Protection Unit (EPU). At the time of writing this report, EPU comments were not available, therefore, we will advise of their comments at the meeting.

- 3.28 Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhood And Environment Act 2011 gives the Council additional powers in relation to the control of entertainment noise after 11.00 pm.

Financial and Resource Implications

- 3.29 Officers carry out during performance inspections on premises providing entertainment, but this is catered for within existing budgets.

Equality and Good Relations Implications

- 3.30 There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.”

The Committee agreed to renew the Seven-Day Annual Indoor and Outdoor Entertainments Licences for Thompson's Garage, 3 Patterson's Place, and agreed also:

- (i) to vary the Indoor Entertainments Licence to provide for the inclusion of the VIP bar on the second floor and an increase in the occupancy level from 430 to 480; and
- (ii) to vary the Outdoor Entertainments Licence to permit entertainment to be provided until 1.00 a.m. each night and to provide for an increase in the occupancy level from 185 to 200.

Applications for the Grant of Amusement Permits

The Building Control Manager submitted for the Committee's consideration the following reports relating to the grant of Amusement Permits:

Players, 22 Shaftesbury Square

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues

- 1.1 To consider an application from Ms. Yuliya Rodgers of Play SS Limited, for the grant of an Amusement Permit under the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.

Premises and Location
Players
Ground Floor
22 Shaftesbury Square
BT2 7DB

Applicant
Ms. Yuliya Rodgers
Play SS Limited

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The current policy, dictated by the governing Order, is that the Committee, in considering the application for the Grant of an Amusement Permit, shall have regard to:

- a) the fitness of the applicant to hold a Permit having regard to their character, reputation and financial standing,**
- b) the fitness of any other person by whom the business is to be carried on under the Permit would be managed, or for whose benefit that business would be carried on,**
- c) representation, if any, from the sub-divisional commander of the Police Service of Northern Ireland in whose sub-division the premises are situated, and**
- d) representation, if any, as a result of the public notices of advertisement.**

2.2 The Committee is then required to make a decision, based on the following options set out under the Order.

2.3 The Committee must refuse the application unless satisfied that:

- a) the applicant is a fit person to hold an Amusement Permit; and**
- b) the applicant will not allow the business proposed to be carried on under the Amusement Permit to be managed by, or carried on for the benefit of, a person other than the applicant who would himself be refused the grant of an Amusement Permit.**

2.4 Thereafter, the Committee:

- 1. may refuse the application after hearing any representations from third parties, or**
- 2. may grant the application, subject to the mandatory condition that the premises are not to be used for an unlawful purpose or as a resort of persons of known bad character, and**
- 3. may also grant the application subject to discretionary conditions outlined in the Order relating to the illumination of the premises, advertising of, and window displays on the premises and the display of information notices.**

2.5 In the case of premises which have machines with the maximum cash prize of £25.00 where admission is restricted to persons aged 18 or over that –

- no persons under 18 are admitted to the premises; and**
- at any entrance to, and inside any such premises there are prominently displayed notices indicating that access to the premises is prohibited to persons aged under 18, and in addition**

2.6 Should you be of a mind to refuse the application for the grant of an Amusement Permit or grant the Permit subject to any discretionary Conditions you are required to advise the applicant of your intention to do so. In this case, you must afford the applicant the opportunity to make representations at a specified Licensing Committee meeting on the matter before making a final determination of the application.

2.7 If, subsequent to hearing the applicant, you refuse the application for the grant of an Amusement Permit or decide to grant the application subject to discretionary Conditions the applicant may appeal that decision to the County Court.

3.0 Main Report

Key Issues

3.1 Members are reminded that the Licensing Committee is responsible for determining all applications relating to the grant and provisional grant of Amusement Permits.

3.2 Members are advised that there is no mechanism within the Order to enable the transfer of a permit from one company to another, as is happening in this case. Therefore, an application must be made for the grant of an Amusement Permit.

3.3 An application for the grant of an Amusement Permit for this premises was previously brought to the Licensing Committee for consideration on 19 August 2015 and the Committee granted the application.

3.4 Members are advised that a permit for this premises was first granted on the 1st October 1996.

Applicant

3.5 The applicant intends to operate the premises with the same number of machines and operating hours as was previous granted at the premises. The hours are 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 a.m., Monday to Sunday.

- 3.6 The application is for a total of 30 gaming machines, all of which are to pay out a maximum all cash prize of £25.00. In the case of premises which have machines with a maximum cash prize of £25.00, admission is restricted to persons aged 18 or over.
- 3.7 Ms Yuliya Rodgers from Play SS Limited, and her representative, will be available to discuss any matters relating to the grant of the permit at your meeting.

Health, Safety, Welfare and Technical Requirements

- 3.8 Officers of the Service have met with the applicant who has confirmed that no changes are being made to the arcade that would require a Building Regulations application.

Planning Matters

- 3.9 A planning application was made to the Planning Service on 30th March 1989 for a change of use from an off-licence to an Amusement Arcade on the ground floor and this was granted on 5th June 1989.
- 3.10 A copy of the Planning Permission has been circulated to the Committee.
- 3.11 Members are advised that in an important Court of Appeal decision in June 1999, it was confirmed that the Council, in determining applications for Amusement Permits, may take into account planning considerations but should be slow to differ from the views of the Planning Authority.
- 3.12 The Court also confirmed that the Council can take into account matters such as location, structure, character and impact on neighbours and the surrounding area.

Amusement Permit Policy

- 3.13 Members are reminded that an Amusement Permit Policy was ratified at Council on 1 May 2013. It outlines those matters which may be taken into account in determining any application and indicates that each application must be assessed on its own merits.

- 3.14 The key Policy objectives are to:-
1. promote the retail vibrancy and regeneration of Belfast;
 2. enhance the tourism and cultural appeal of Belfast by protecting its image and built heritage;
 3. support and safeguard residential communities in Belfast;
 4. protect children and vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling;
 5. respect the need to prevent gambling from being a source of crime and disorder.
- 3.15 The Policy consists of two components which are considered below:
1. Legal requirements under the 1985 Order
- 3.16 Members must have regard to the legal requirements under the 1985 Order relating to:
- (a) the character, reputation and financial standing of the applicant:
- 3.17 References and additional supporting information for those associated with the application have been circulated.
- (b) the nature of the premises and activity proposed:
- 3.18 To ensure that the nature of the premises proposed is suitable for this location, Members may consider how the premises are illuminated, the form of advertising and window display, and how notices are displayed on the premises. Whilst the appearance of amusement arcades is considered a Planning matter, Members may still wish to be satisfied that the façade integrates with adjacent frontages.
- (c) Opinions of the Police Service
- 3.19 The PSNI has been consulted in relation to the application and has not offered any objection to the application.
- (d) Submissions from the general public:
- 3.20 No objections have been received as a result of the public notices placed in the three local newspapers.

2. Assessment criteria for suitability of a location

There are five criteria set out in the Policy which should typically be considered when assessing the suitability of a location for an amusement arcade. These are detailed below, as they relate to this application.

(a) Retail vibrancy and viability of Belfast:

- 3.22 The application premises on the ground floor of No.22 Shaftesbury Square are located outside of the Retail Core of Belfast City Centre, but within the limit of the City Centre as defined in the Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan 2015 (BMAP). Because these locations accommodate a mix of uses the principle of opening an amusement centre here is open to consideration, subject to the satisfaction of all other relevant criteria and considerations.
- 3.23 The premises are bordered on one side by the former NI Supporters' Club and on the other side by a vacant retail unit.

Application complies with this criterion.

(b) Cumulative build-up of amusement arcades in a particular location:

- 3.24 The Oasis amusement centre nearby means that there are two operators in this commercial frontage. Strictly speaking, therefore, it could be argued that this application runs contrary to the cumulative build up criterion of the Permit Policy, which seeks to limit the number of amusement centres to one per commercial frontage. This criterion strives to avoid a clustering of these uses in the interest of promoting the retail vibrancy and regeneration of Belfast, which is the first key objective of the Permit Policy.
- 3.25 However, there are countervailing considerations which also have to be taken into account, notably:
- the premises currently operates as an amusement arcade and
 - there is a history of planning permissions on the site relating to its use as an amusement arcade.
- 3.26 On balance, therefore, given its prior established use as an amusement arcade, there are exceptional circumstances surrounding this permit application which weigh against refusing the application on cumulative build up grounds.

(c) Impact on the image and profile of Belfast:

- 3.27** The application premises are not listed as part of the built heritage of Belfast, nor are the premises or adjoining units considered to be tourism assets of the City.
- 3.28** However, the premises are located at a key entrance junction (Gateway) to the City Centre, as identified in BMAP 2015. This is one of 11 Gateway locations at the edge of Belfast City Centre which, as noted in BMAP, presents the visitor with an initial impression that can influence their overall perception of the City. BMAP also considers these locations to be suitable for landmark development capable of raising the profile of Belfast.
- 3.29** Notwithstanding the above, appreciable weight needs to be attached to the important fact that the premises currently trade as an amusement arcade and has been there for a number of years.

(d) Proximity to residential use:

- 3.30** (i) - predominantly residential in character

3.31 The ground floor premises form part of a commercial block located within the City Centre. The commercial frontage consists largely of licensed uses, retail units, offices and vacant commercial units. It can therefore be described as an area of mixed use and is not predominantly residential in character.

(ii) – non-residential property that is immediately adjacent to residential property

There is no residential property above the premises or to its side. The residential area known as St Georges' Gardens is located to the rear of the application property but is separated from it by a road and is not therefore immediately adjacent to it.

Application complies with this criterion.

(e) Proximity to schools, youth centres, and residential institutions for vulnerable people:

- 3.32** There are no schools or youth centres within 200m of the application premises. Hartington Court, off the Dublin Road, houses a 'general needs' population but it is not considered a residential institution for vulnerable people.

Application complies with this criterion.

Conclusion

- 3.33** In many respects, the fact that there has been an established amusement arcade here for over twenty years constitutes exceptional circumstances for the determination of the suitability of the location for a permit. Essentially this is more akin to a transfer of a permit, however there is no mechanism under this legislation for transfer so the application must fall under the granting criteria. Accordingly, despite finely balanced issues raised by two of the policy criteria, the suitability of this location for an amusement arcade still can be determined acceptable under the Council's Amusement Permit Policy.

Financial and Resource Implications

- 3.34** There are no financial or resource implications associated with this report.

Equality or Good Relations Implications

- 3.35** There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report."

The Committee agreed to grant an Amusement Permit for Players, 22 Shaftesbury Square, with the following conditions to be attached:

- (i) the premises are not to be used for an unlawful purpose or as a resort of persons of known bad character;
- (ii) no persons under the age of 18 are admitted to the premises; and
- (iii) at any entrance to, and inside the premises, there are prominently displayed notices indicating that access is prohibited to persons under the age of 18.

Players, Unit 5-6, 133-137 Lisburn Road

"1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues

- 1.1** To consider an application from Ms. Yuliya Rodgers, for the grant of an Amusement Permit under the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.

**Licensing Committee,
Wednesday, 20th June, 2018**

Premises and Location

Players
Unit 5-6
133-137 Lisburn Road
BT9 7AG

Applicant

Ms. Yuliya Rodgers
Play LR Limited

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The current policy, dictated by the governing Order, is that the Committee, in considering the application for the Grant of an Amusement Permit, shall have regard to:

- a) the fitness of the applicant to hold a Permit having regard to their character, reputation and financial standing,**
- b) the fitness of any other person by whom the business is to be carried on under the Permit would be managed, or for whose benefit that business would be carried on,**
- c) representation, if any, from the sub-divisional commander of the Police Service of Northern Ireland in whose sub-division the premises are situated, and**
- d) representation, if any, as a result of the public notices of advertisement.**

2.2 The Committee is then required to make a decision based on the following options set out under the Order.

2.3 The Committee must refuse the application unless satisfied that:

- a) the applicant is a fit person to hold an Amusement Permit; and**
- b) the applicant will not allow the business proposed to be carried on under the Amusement Permit to be managed by, or carried on for the benefit of, a person other than the applicant who would himself be refused the grant of an Amusement Permit.**

2.4 Thereafter:-

- 1. you may refuse the application after hearing any representations from third parties, or**
- 2. you may grant the application, subject to the mandatory condition that the premises are not to be used for an**

unlawful purpose or as a resort of persons of known bad character, and

3. you may also grant the application subject to discretionary conditions outlined in the Order relating to the illumination of the premises, advertising of, and window displays on the premises and the display of information notices.
- 2.5 In the case of premises, which have machines with the maximum cash prize of £25.00 where admission is restricted to persons aged 18 or over that –
- no persons under 18 are admitted to the premises; and
 - at any entrance to, and inside any such premises there are prominently displayed notices indicating that access to the premises is prohibited to persons aged under 18, and in addition
- 2.6 Should you be of a mind to refuse the application for the Grant of an Amusement Permit or grant the Permit subject to any discretionary conditions you are required to advise the applicant of your intention to do so. In this case, you must afford the applicant the opportunity to make representations at a specified Licensing Committee meeting on the matter before making a final determination of the application.
- 2.7 If, subsequent to hearing the applicant, you refuse the application for the Grant of an Amusement Permit or decide to grant the application subject to discretionary conditions the applicant may appeal that decision to the County Court.
- 3.0 Main Report
- Key Issues
- 3.1 Members are reminded that the Licensing Committee is responsible for determining all applications relating to the grant and provisional grant of Amusement Permits.
- 3.2 Members are advised that there is no mechanism within the Order to enable the transfer of a permit from one company to another, as is happening in this case. Therefore, an application must be made for the grant of an Amusement Permit.
- 3.3 An application for the grant of an Amusement Permit for Players was previously brought to the Licensing Committee for consideration on 19th August, 2015 and the Committee granted the application.

- 3.4 Members are advised that a permit was first granted for these premises on 1st June, 2004.

Applicant

- 3.5 The applicant intends to operate the premises with the same hours of 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 a.m., Monday to Sunday.
- 3.6 The permit is for a total of 64 gaming machines, all of which are to pay out a maximum all cash prize of £25.00. In the case of premises which have machines with a maximum cash prize of £25.00, admission is restricted to persons aged 18 or over.
- 3.7 Ms. Yuliya Rodgers from Play LR Limited, and her representative, will be available to discuss any matters relating to the grant of the permit at your meeting.

Health, Safety, Welfare and Technical Requirements

- 3.8 Officers of the Service have met with the applicant who has confirmed that no changes are being made to the arcade that would require a Building Regulations application.

Planning Matters

- 3.9 A planning application was made to the Planning Service on 14th June 2004 for a change of use from a Retail Unit to an Amusement Centre on the ground floor and this was granted on 15th October 2004.
- 3.10 A copy of the planning permission has been circulated.
- 3.11 Members are advised that in an important Court of Appeal decision in June 1999, it was confirmed that the Council, in determining applications for Amusement Permits, may take into account planning considerations but should be slow to differ from the views of the Planning Authority.
- 3.12 The Court also confirmed that the Council can take into account matters such as location, structure, character and impact on neighbours and the surrounding area.

Amusement Permit Policy

- 3.13 Members are reminded that an Amusement Permit Policy was ratified at Council on 1st May 2013. It outlines those matters which may be taken into account in determining any application and indicates that each application must be assessed on its own merits.

- 3.14 The key Policy objectives are to:-
1. promote the retail vibrancy and regeneration of Belfast;
 2. enhance the tourism and cultural appeal of Belfast by protecting its image and built heritage;
 3. support and safeguard residential communities in Belfast;
 4. protect children and vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling; and
 5. respect the need to prevent gambling from being a source of crime and disorder.
- 3.15 The Policy consists of two components which are considered below:
1. Legal requirements under the 1985 Order
- 3.16 Members must have regard to the legal requirements under the 1985 Order relating to:
- (a) the character, reputation and financial standing of the applicant:
- 3.17 References and additional supporting information for those associated with the application have been circulated to the Committee.
- (b) The nature of the premises and activity proposed:
- 3.18 To ensure that the nature of the premises proposed is suitable for this location Members may consider how the premises are illuminated, the form of advertising and window display, and how notices are displayed on the premises. Whilst the appearance of amusement arcades is considered a Planning matter, Members may still wish to be satisfied that the façade integrates with adjacent frontages.
- (c) Opinions of the Police Service:
- 3.19 The PSNI has been consulted in relation to the application and has not offered any objection to the application.
- (d) Submissions from the general public:
- 3.20 No objections have been received as a result of the public notices placed in the three local newspapers.

2. Assessment criteria for suitability of a location

3.21 There are five criteria set out in the Policy which should typically be considered when assessing the suitability of a location for an amusement arcade. These are detailed below, as they relate to this application.

(a) Retail vibrancy and viability of Belfast:

3.22 The application premises on the ground floor of No.133 Lisburn Road are located in a commercial block along one of the main arterial routes into Belfast City Centre. Arterial routes are the major access roads and public transport corridors into the City Centre. They typically accommodate the greatest mix of uses outside of the City Centre, including shopping, commercial, social, leisure, community and other uses. Because this commercial block comprises a mix of commercial uses at ground and first floor level the accommodation of an amusement centre here is therefore open to consideration.

3.23 In addition, the premises are bordered on one side by a sandwich bar and on the other by a restaurant. Accordingly, the amusement arcade does not break up an otherwise continuous shopping frontage.

Application complies with this criterion.

(b) Cumulative build-up of amusement arcades in a particular location:

3.24 This criterion strives to avoid a clustering of these uses in the interest of promoting the retail vibrancy and regeneration of Belfast, which is the first key objective of the Permit Policy.

There are no other amusement centres on this commercial block so the amusement arcade does not contribute to a cumulative build-up.

Application complies with this criterion.

(c) Impact on the image and profile of Belfast:

3.25 The application premises are not listed as part of the built heritage of Belfast, nor are the premises or adjoining units considered tourism assets of the City. Equally, the premises are not located at a key entrance junction (Gateway) to the City Centre, as identified in BMAP 2015. Taking these

considerations on board the amusement arcade would not adversely affect the image and profile of Belfast.

Application complies with this criterion.

(d) Proximity to residential use:

3.26 (i) - predominantly residential in character

With mainly office use located above the premises and mainly eateries on the ground floor this entire block is predominantly commercial in character.

3.27 (ii) – non-residential property that is immediately adjacent to residential property

There is no residential property above the premises or to its side. The nearest residential property to the application site, at No.56 Mount Prospect Park, is located to its rear and is not immediately adjacent to it.

Application complies with this criterion.

(e) Proximity to schools, youth centres, and residential institutions for vulnerable people:

3.28 There are no schools, youth centres or residential institutions for vulnerable people within 200m of the application premises.

Application complies with this criterion.

Conclusion

3.29 This premises has operated as an amusement arcade for approximately 14 years and this is more akin to a transfer of a permit, however there is no mechanism under this legislation for transfer so the application must fall under the granting criteria. The location of the premises for an amusement centre however meets the criterion under the Council's Amusement Permit Policy.

Financial and Resource Implications

3.30 There are no financial or resource implications associated with this report.

Equality or Good Relations Implications

3.31 There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.”

**Licensing Committee,
Wednesday, 20th June, 2018**

The Committee agreed to grant an Amusement Permit for Players, Unit 5-6, 133-137 Lisburn Road, with the following conditions to be attached:

- (i) the premises are not to be used for an unlawful purpose or as a resort of persons of known bad character;
- (ii) no persons under the age of 18 are admitted to the premises; and
- (iii) at any entrance to, and inside the premises, there are prominently displayed notices indicating that access is prohibited to persons under the age of 18.

Application for the Grant of a Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence – Beckett’s Bar, 241 Stewartstown Road

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues

- 1.1 To consider an application for the grant of a Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence for Beckett’s Bar, based upon the Council’s Standard Conditions to provide music, singing, dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind.**

Premises and Location
Beckett’s Bar
241 Stewartstown Road
Dunmurry BT17 0LA

Applicant
Carol Hughes
Sharp NI Ltd

- 1.2 Members are advised that the premises are located within an area the former of Lisburn City Council which transferred over to Belfast City Council under Local Government Reform (LGR).**

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Taking into account the information presented and any representations received you are required to consider the application in light of the legal proceedings against the applicant and determine if you wish to refuse the application on the grounds that the applicant has been convicted of offences under the Order.**
- 2.2 Should Members be satisfied that the application need not be refused you are then required to either:**

1. approve the application for the grant of the 7-Day Annual licence, or
2. approve the application for the grant with special conditions, or
3. refuse the application for the grant of the 7-Day Annual licence.

2.3 If the application is refused, or special conditions are attached to the Licence to which the applicant does not consent, then the applicant may appeal the Council's decision within 21 days of notification of that decision to the Recorders Court.

3.0 **Main Report**

Key Issues

Details of the Premises and Proposals

3.1 Currently the premises operates as a Public Bar and Lounge Bar on the Ground Floor and a First Floor Function Room.

3.2 This premises previously held an Entertainments Licence issued by Lisburn City Council. The applicant/licensee was John Hughes and that licence expired on 31st December, 2010. A copy of the Licence has been circulated.

3.3 The areas where it is proposed to provide indoor entertainment are the:

- Ground Floor Bar, with a maximum capacity of 220 persons.
- Ground Floor Lounge, with a maximum capacity of 160 persons.
- First Floor Function Room, with a maximum capacity of 110 persons.

3.4 The days and hours during which entertainment is proposed to be provided are:

- Monday to Saturday: 12.30 pm to 1.00 am the following morning and
- Sunday: 12.30 pm to 12.00 midnight.

3.5 Layout plans of the proposed premises

Previous Application

3.6 Members are advised that, at your meeting on 17th February 2016, the Committee previously considered an application

from Sharp NI Ltd. for the grant of an indoor Entertainments Licence for Beckett's Bar.

- 3.7** At that meeting, the Committee, in its capacity as Licensing Authority, refused the application for the licence on the grounds that:
- (i)** it was clear that the application involved Mr. Eugene Hughes and that he was operating the premises, which related to his fitness to hold an Entertainments Licence;
 - (ii)** issues had been encountered at other premises operated by the Hughes family in terms of liquor and entertainments licensing; and
 - (iii)** both the applicant and Mr. Eugene Hughes had been convicted of providing entertainment without a valid Entertainments Licence.
- 3.8** Details of the offences leading to the conviction and the information under consideration by Committee are contained in the minutes of the meeting of 17th February 2016 which have been circulated.
- 3.9** The applicant subsequently appealed that decision. The appeal was adjourned a number of times for various reasons and more recently pending the outcome of a prosecution case, taken by the Council, that Sharp NI Ltd and Eugene Hughes had, on 1st May 2017, provided entertainment without a licence.
- 3.10** That case was heard at Lisburn Magistrates' Court on 15th May 2018. District Judge Watters dismissed the case as she was not satisfied that the prosecution had provided sufficient evidence of a monetary charge for the event.
- 3.11** Subsequently, the applicant's legal representative advised that their client indicated that he would be prepared to withdraw the Appeal against the decision of the council not to award an Entertainments Licence if his new application is brought before the Licensing Committee for consideration. Upon consideration of all of the issues involved the City Solicitor agreed to that course of action.

Previous convictions

- 3.12** In addition to the above, the application is being placed before the Committee because both Sharp NI Ltd. and Mr Eugene Hughes were, on 16 February 2016, convicted of offences

under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 1985, for providing entertainment without a valid Entertainments Licence on 10 July 2015.

- 3.13 As a result, both Sharp NI Ltd. and Mr Hughes were fined a total of £1,000 each and ordered to pay court costs of £166 and an offender levy of £15.
- 3.14 The applicant and/or their representatives will be available to discuss any matters relating to the application at your meeting.

Representations

- 3.15 Notice of the application has been advertised. An objection was lodged on behalf of the Irish News on 14th November 2017 but was withdrawn upon payment of the outstanding monies owed to the objector for the costs of the advert.

PSNI

- 3.16 The PSNI has been consulted and has confirmed that it has no objections to the application.

NIFRS

- 3.17 The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service has been consulted in relation to the application and has confirmed that it has no objections.

Health, Safety and Welfare Inspections

- 3.18 In preparation for the appeal hearing, officers from the Service undertook an inspection of the premises on 26th October, 2016 and encountered a number of problems which raised serious concern about safety management arrangements. In particular, the first floor lounge area was draped in large amounts of polythene and fabric sheeting in preparation for a children's Halloween event which was completely inappropriate in the way it was fixed and with no evidence that it was treated to be flame-proof should it come into contact with a heat source.
- 3.19 These concerns were communicated directly to Counsel for the appellant to ensure that the event did not take place.
- 3.20 The premise has since been subject to further inspections as part of the licensing application process and many previous safety issues such as those identified in our inspection in July 2015, when the applicant was prosecuted for providing

entertainment without a licence, have now largely been rectified and management procedures have been checked and are satisfactory.

- 3.21 At the time of writing this report there are some outstanding technical requirements to address and, should Members be minded to grant a licence, delegated authority is sought for the licence to be issued by Building Control upon satisfactory completion of these matters.
- 3.22 If the Entertainment Licence is granted, the premises will be inspected as part of our During Performance Inspection regime and will be subject to monitoring to ensure the applicant adheres to their licence conditions.

Noise Issues

- 3.23 The Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) has been consulted in relation to the application and no noise complaints have been received in the last 12 months.
- 3.24 Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhood And Environment Act 2011 gives councils additional powers in relation to the control of entertainment noise after 11.00 pm.

Financial and Resource Implications

- 3.25 Officers carry out during performance inspections on premises providing entertainment, but this is catered for within existing budgets.

Equality and Good Relations Implications

- 3.26 There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.”

The Committee agreed, on the basis that all outstanding technical issues had now been addressed to the satisfaction of the Building Control Service, to grant a Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence for Beckett’s Bar, 241 Stewartstown Road.

Chairperson

Planning Committee

Wednesday, 6th June, 2018

SPECIAL MEETING OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Garrett (Chairperson);
Councillors Dorrian, Hussey, Johnston,
Lyons, Magee, McAteer and Mullan.

In attendance: Mr. A. Thatcher, Director of Planning and Building Control;
Mr. K. Sutherland, Development Planning and Policy
Manager;
Ms. N. Largey, Divisional Solicitor;
Mr. D. O’Kane, Principal Planning Officer; and
Ms. E. McGoldrick, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Alderman McGimpsey and Councillors Armitage, Carson, Hutchinson and Nicholl.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Restricted Item

The information contained in the following report is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

Local Development Plan (LDP) Draft Strategy

The Committee was reminded that, at its meeting on 17th April, it had agreed to defer consideration of the report so that Members could review the LDP Draft Strategy further and requested that a special meeting be scheduled in May to discuss the matter.

The Committee was also reminded that, at its special meeting on 17th May, it had agreed that Members’ comments or amendments in relation to the Local Development Plan Draft Strategy document be submitted to the Planning Department for consideration and any further revisions to the document would be published for review at another Special Meeting on 6th June.

The Development Planning and Policy Manager provided an overview of the Local Development Plan Draft Strategy and explained that, following feedback from Members, Appendix 1 outlined the proposed changes to the previously circulated Local Development Plan (LDP) Draft Strategy document. He advised that, if agreed, the proposed changes would be included within a final document to be presented to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 22nd June.

**Special Planning Committee,
Wednesday, 6th June, 2018**

The Principal Planning Officer presented the main issues which had been raised since the last workshop and highlighted the following main changes to the document:

- Pages 5-7 (up to p.43 of draft Plan Strategy(dPS)) – Minor text changes to Volume 1 to reflect Belfast Agenda and comments relating to draft policies;
- Pages 7-24 – Changes proposed to the Shaping a liveable place section, including:
 - HOU3 (p.76 of dPS) – Clarification re: protection of existing residential stock;
 - HOU5 (p.81-84 of dPS) – Reworked policy on affordable housing;
 - HOU10 (p.94 of dPS) – Change to HMO policies in response to concerns re implementation;
 - DES3 (p.111 of dPS) - Tall Buildings threshold increased to 35m following new evidence;
 - RD3 (p.121) – Criteria introduced to limit sub-divisions to properties over 150m (linked to HOU10 changes – see above)
 - Section 7.6 – Changes to reflect comments on equality, community cohesion and good relations; and
 - Section 8.1 – Minor changes to section to reflect aspirations for ‘inclusive’ economic growth.

During discussion, Members raised concerns in relation to the Policy HOU5 and the minimum affordable housing provision of 20% regarding the criteria to achieve this and the effect it might have on communities and developers.

The Principal Planning Officer explained that additional detail of how Policy HOU5 would be assessed and implemented would be provided in the Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG). He advised that a list of all of the SPGs were outlined in the original Local Development Plan (LDP) Draft Strategy as Appendix E (page 321, copy available [here](#)). He clarified that affordable housing would be secured by way of section 76 planning agreements, which should be in place in advance of planning permission being granted and the policy ensures that applicants cannot artificially divide or phase sites to avoid affordable housing obligations.

Proposal

Moved by Councillor Hussey, and
Seconded by Councillor Johnston,

That the Committee, in relation to the proposed changes to Policy HOU5 – Affordable Housing, agrees to revert back to the policy statement as outlined in the original Local Development Plan Draft Strategy (published as part of the 17th May Planning Committee, page 81, copy available [here](#)).

On a vote by show of hands three Members voted for the proposal and four against and it was declared lost.

**Special Planning Committee,
Wednesday, 6th June, 2018**

The recommendation to approve the proposed changes to Policy HOU5 – Affordable Housing was then put to the Committee and it agreed to approve the changes as outlined in Appendix 1 (page 35).

During further discussion, the Committee was provided with further information in relation to affordable housing viability assessments, review timescales of the LDP, EQIA Assessments, enforcement, regulation of hot food bars and the safeguarding Belfast Hills.

After discussion, the Committee agreed to the proposed changes outlined in Appendix 1 (copy available [here](#)), subject to the following amendments:

1. In relation to the proposed change under section 7.6.3, p.143 of the Local Development Plan Strategy (page 21 of Appendix 1), the insertion of the words “primarily” and “as well as” in the second paragraph, to read:

*“There are clearly economic and social advantages of maximising safe shared spaces, such as improving quality of life and creating good physical access to jobs, which make a huge contribution to prosperity, health and well-being. A diverse, healthy, resilient population is able to contribute to the growth of the city and secure the benefits of a peaceful society. Addressing community cohesion is therefore important in ensuring **primarily** equality of opportunity in accessing housing, **as well as** employment opportunities and local services.”*

2. In relation to the proposed change under section 8.1.6, p.157 of the Local Development Plan Strategy (page 25 of Appendix 1), the insertion of the words “social economy” in the final paragraph, to read:

*“The LDP’s economic strategy also recognises the important role the five Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) play in education, upskilling, generating innovation and economic activity, creating jobs and contributing to GDP. Small and Medium Enterprises (SME’s), the community and voluntary sectors, **social economy** and creative and cultural sectors all play varying roles in driving inclusive economic growth.”*

Chairperson

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Planning Committee

Tuesday, 12th June, 2018

MEETING OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Members present: Councillor Garrett (Chairperson);
Councillors Armitage, Dorrian, Hussey,
Hutchinson, Johnston, Lyons, Magee,
McAteer, Mullan and Nicholl.
- In attendance: Mr. A. Thatcher, Director of Planning and Building
Control;
Ms. N. Largey, Divisional Solicitor;
Mr. E. Baker, Development Engagement Manager;
Mr. S. McCrory, Democratic Services Manager; and
Ms. E. McGoldrick, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Alderman McGimpsey and Councillor Carson.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 15th and 17th May were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 4th June, subject to the omission of those matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee.

Declarations of Interest

Regarding item 8.b. LA04/2018/0732/F - Amalgamation of existing ASDA and adjacent retail unit to facilitate extension to existing supermarket at ASDA, Westwood Shopping Centre, Kennedy Way, Councillor Armitage declared an interest, in so far as he had met with the applicant, however he had not formed any opinion on the matter prior to the meeting.

Additional Item – National Television 700mhz Spectrum Clearance Project

The Committee noted the receipt of correspondence from Arqiva Limited in relation to the National Television 700mhz Spectrum Clearance Project which would affect the terrestrial television broadcast network throughout Britain and Northern Ireland. This would include the particular television transmitters at Divis Main Station and the Black Mountain Maintenance Centre.

Committee Site Visit

Pursuant to its decision of 15th May, it was noted that the Committee had undertaken a site visit on 7th June in respect of a forthcoming major application for a

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mixed use development at lands at former Sirocco Works, Short Strand adjacent to Bridge End and the River Lagan.

Extinguishment of Public Rights of Way

The Committee noted the receipt of correspondence from the Department for Infrastructure in respect of the Abandonment of Public Rights of Way at Finvoy Street.

Planning Appeals Notified

The Committee noted the receipt of correspondence in respect of a number of planning appeals which had been submitted to the Planning Appeals Commission, together with the outcomes of a range of hearings which had been considered by the Commission.

Planning Decisions Issued

The Committee noted a list of decisions which had been taken under the delegated authority of the Director of Planning and Building Control, together with all other planning decisions which had been issued by the Planning Department between 7th May and 5th June, 2018.

**Listed Building Consent for Masonic Hall, 15 Rosemary Street
(LA04/2017/2082/LBC) associated with Royal Exchange Phase 1B proposals**

The Committee was reminded that, in September, 2017, the Council had received an application (LA04/2017/2082/LBC) for the partial demolition of a side and rear extension and internal alteration as part of a package of applications associated with the Royal Exchange Phase 1B development.

The application (LA04/2017/2082/LBC) was presented to the Planning Committee on 15th March and a resolution to grant listed building consent was agreed. The application was subject to referral to the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) due to the significant objection received from the Historic Environment Division (HED), however, DfI had responded indicating that the application did not require to be called in.

It was reported that a technical issue had arisen, in that a small portion of the proposed works to the listed Masonic Hall fell outside the red line of the application site boundary. The case officer advised that this could be dealt with by an amendment to the red line and the application site boundary would be re-advertised, the HED would be re-consulted and third parties, who had made previous representations, would be notified.

The Committee delegated authority to the Director of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to deal with the minor technical amendment and any issues that might arise in relation to the application.

Miscellaneous Items

Restricted Items

The Information contained in the following three reports is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

Resolved – That the Committee agrees to exclude the members of the Press and public from the Committee meeting during discussion of this items as, due to the nature of the items, there would be a disclosure of exempt information as described in Section 42 (4) and Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Draft Developer Contributions Framework

(Councillors Hussey, Lyons, Mullan and Nicholl had left the room whilst the item was under consideration.)

The Development Engagement Manager provided an overview of the report regarding the Draft Developer Contributions Framework (DCF) which set out the Council's approach to securing Developer Contributions through the planning process to provide transparency and certainty for applicants, developers, Members and the public on how the process would work.

He explained that the DCF had been revised following feedback from Elected Members and external partners and a 12-week public consultation was also required.

After discussion, the Committee endorsed the Draft Developer Contributions Framework for a 12-week public consultation and noted that the report would be considered by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 22nd June.

The Committee also noted that the Committee would receive regular updates in relation to Section 76 contributions and how they were implemented.

(Councillors Hussey and Mullan returned to the Committee table at this point.)

Replacement of the Planning Portal

The Committee was reminded that the Council was participating in a joint project with the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) and the other 10 council areas to examine the options to replace the Planning Portal.

The Development Engagement Manager explained that this had culminated in a Draft Outline Business Case (OBC) commissioned by DfI that examined the various options, as summarised in Appendix 1 to the main report.

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He advised that Council officers had provided an interim response to the OBC (Appendix 2) and DfI sought a formal position from each Council on the OBC by August/September, 2018. He indicated that a further updated report to consider the replacement Planning Portal would be submitted to the Planning Committee and the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in August.

During discussion, the Divisional Solicitor advised that she would investigate the impact of the General Data Protection Regulations in relation to the neighbour notification letters published on the Planning Portal and report back to the Committee.

Noted.

Publicity of Planning Applications

(Councillor Dorrian had left the room whilst the item was under consideration.)

The Committee was reminded that Article 8 of the Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 required the Council to notify the existence of planning applications in three ways:

- By publishing the Notice of the application in at least one newspaper circulating in the locality in which the land to which the application was situated;
- Serve notice of the application on any identified occupier on neighbouring land; and
- Publish the notice on the Planning Portal Website.

The Development Engagement Manager provided an overview of the background to award of a tender for the 'Provision of Advertising Services for the placement of Planning Notices'. He explained that in January, 2018, the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agreed to extend the interim contract of publicising planning applications in two newspapers to 14th May, 2018 and monthly thereafter, however, a definitive contract was now required.

After discussion, the Committee considered the following two options:

- Option 1 - A single newspaper tender could be significantly under the publicising applications budget of £200k, which would allow the council to invest any savings back in the planning service to help support the Improvement Plan; and
- Option 2 - To continue to publicise planning applications in two newspapers. Based on costs under the existing interim arrangement, this could be in the region of £210k.

Proposal

Moved by Councillor McAteer, and
Seconded by Councillor Magee,

That the Committee agrees to recommend Option 2 to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

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On a vote by show of hands three Members voted for the proposal and five against and it was declared lost.

Further Proposal

Moved by Councillor Hussey, and
Seconded by Councillor Armitage,

That the Committee agrees to recommend Option 1 to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

On a vote by show of hands five Members voted for the proposal and three against and it was declared carried.

(Councillors Dorrian, Lyons and Nicholl returned to the Committee table at this point)

Planning Applications

THE COMMITTEE DEALT WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN PURSUANCE OF THE POWERS DELEGATED TO IT BY THE COUNCIL UNDER STANDING ORDER 37(e)

LA04/2017/2606/DCA - Demolition of building at 53 - 63 Royal Avenue and 16 Lower Garfield Street

The Case officer outlined the application for the Conservation Area Consent.

The Committee granted approval to the application, subject to the imposing of the conditions set out in the case officer's report and delegated power to the Director of Planning and Building Control for the final wording of the conditions.

LA04/2018/0732/F - Amalgamation of the existing ASDA and adjacent retail unit to facilitate an extension to the existing supermarket at ASDA, Westwood Shopping Centre, Kennedy Way

The Committee was apprised of the principal aspects of the application.

The Committee granted approval to the application, subject to the imposing of the conditions set out in the case officer's report and delegated power to the Director of Planning and Building Control for the final wording of the conditions.

LA04/2018/0968/F - Variation of conditions 2, 3 and 4 to allow for the reallocation of approved convenience and comparison floor space between Unit 11 and Unit H, Westwood Shopping Centre, Kennedy Way (LA04/2017/1399/F)

The Case officer outlined the application for the variation of conditions 2, 3 and 4 of planning permission LA04/2017/1399/F, under Section 54 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, to allow for the reallocation of approved convenience and comparison floor space between Unit 11 and Unit H. The application also sought to regularise the structure

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of Condition 2 to extract the floor space associated with the Ulster Bank unit (Unit G) from the comparison retail element of the condition.

The Committee granted approval to the application, subject to the imposing of the conditions set out in the case officer's report and delegated power to the Director of Planning and Building Control for the final wording of the conditions.

LA04/2018/0824/F - 13 additional single bedrooms and 1 additional double bedroom studio on 15th floor of purpose built managed student accommodation and minor elevation amendments (retrospective) at 1 McClintock Street

The case officer provided an overview of the application for retrospective planning permission for the provision of 13 additional single bedrooms and 1 additional double bedroom studio on 15th floor and minor elevation amendments, to previous planning approval LA04/2015/0420/F.

During discussion, Members raised issues in relation to the amount of student accommodation required in the City Centre, the reasons for the retrospective nature of the application and an updated Section 76 agreement.

The Committee received representation from Mr. P. Beacom and Mr. P. McCann, representing the applicant. In response to Members concerns, Mr. Beacom suggested that the retrospective application was required as the design process had established inefficiencies in the use of space and showed that they had planned for too much plant space which could now be designated as additional bedrooms. He suggested that changes to the final design were common practice in a development of this size. He pointed out that the minor amendment would not adjust the bulk, scale or massing of the building and that the Section 76 agreement would be increased to reflect the increased number of bedroom units.

During further discussion, the Director advised that a Planning Committee workshop would be scheduled in relation to Purpose Built Managed Student Accommodation applications.

The Committee approved the application and, in accordance with Section 76 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, delegated power to the Director of Planning and Building Control, in conjunction with the City Solicitor, to enter into discussions with the applicant to explore the scope of any planning agreements which might be realised at the site. The Committee also delegated power to the Director of Planning and Building Control for the final wording of the conditions.

The Committee also requested that, in future, current images be used in the presentation to the Committee of planning applications.

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LA04/2018/0831/F - 7 additional bedrooms to purpose built student accommodation and minor elevational amendments (retrospective) at 8 College Avenue

(Councillor Lyons had left the room whilst the item was under consideration.)

The Committee was apprised of the principal aspects of the retrospective application for the addition of 7 bedrooms which would increase the total number of rooms in the scheme from 740 to 747.

The case officer advised that the minor elevational changes to the building would not result in harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and highlighted that the Historic Environment Division had not responded to the consultation request as yet, however, they had no objection to the original permission.

The Committee approved the application and, in accordance with Section 76 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, delegated power to the Director of Planning and Building Control, in conjunction with the City Solicitor, to enter into discussions with the applicant to explore the scope of any planning agreements which might be realised at the site. The Committee also delegated power to the Director of Planning and Building Control for the final wording of the conditions.

LA04/2017/0323/O - Redevelopment of vacant Brownfield site to facilitate residential development on vacant lands at the former Mount Gilbert Community College, Ballygomartin Road

The case officer provided an overview of the outline planning application and confirmed that details of the application, such as flood risk, would be dealt with at the reserved matters stage.

The Committee granted approval to the application, subject to the imposing of the conditions set out in the case officer's report and delegated power to the Director of Planning and Building Control for the final wording of the conditions.

**LA04/2018/0529/A - Steel Panel sign on entrance to Giant's Park Development (entrance B) North of Dargan Road; and
LA04/2018/0530/A - Steel Panel sign on entrance to Giant's Park Development (entrance A) North of Dargan Road**

The Committee agreed to consider the aforementioned applications together.

It was noted that the applications, in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, had been presented to the Committee since the Council was the applicant.

LA04/2018/0529/A

The Committee granted approval to the application, subject to the imposing of the conditions set out within the case officer's reports.

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LA04/2018/0530/A

The Committee granted approval to the application, subject to the imposing of the conditions set out within the case officer's reports.

LA04/2018/0410/LBC - Removal of the reception counter to be replaced with combined reception and memorabilia exhibition retail in Belfast City Hall

The case officer outlined the application for Listed Building Consent for the removal of the existing reception counter on the ground floor, main entrance rotunda area and a replacement with a combined reception and memorabilia exhibition retail reception counter.

It was noted that the application, in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, had been presented to the Committee since the Council was the applicant.

The Committee granted approval to the application, subject to the imposing of the conditions set out within the case officer's report.

LA04/2017/2407/F - 12 apartments in 1 block on lands opposite Dundela Flats, 47 Dundela Avenue

The Committee was apprised of the principal aspects of the application for 12 apartments in one block with associated car parking and landscaping.

The case officer confirmed that there had been two previous approvals for the western portion of the application site (Z/2004/0133/O and Z/2014/0271/F) that had been allowed on appeal and both were the subject of Section 76 Planning Agreements to offset the loss of open space with benefits to the adjoining Dundela Football Club.

Proposal

Moved by Councillor Armitage, and
Seconded by Councillor Nicholl,

That the Committee, given the issues which had been raised regarding the proximity to the Primary School and removal of trees, agrees to defer consideration of the application to permit a site visit to be undertaken to allow the Committee to acquaint itself with the location and the proposal at first hand.

On a vote by show of hands two Members voted for the proposal and eight against and it was declared lost.

Accordingly, the Committee adopted the case officer's recommendation and granted approval to the application, subject to the imposing of the conditions set out within the case officer's report.

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LA04/2017/1447/O - 19 two-bed apartments (Renewal of Z/2013/0841/O) at 120 - 128 Orby Drive

The case officer advised that the principle of residential development in this location had been previously approved under reference Z/2013/0841/O.

The Committee granted approval to the application, subject to the imposing of the conditions set out within the case officer's report.

LA04/2017/0509/F - Community urban farm including 2 single storey buildings, animal enclosures and garden areas on lands approx. 5 meters to south of 54 Rodney Parade

It was noted that the application, in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, had been presented to the Committee since the Council had an interest in the application.

The Committee granted approval to the application, subject to the imposing of the conditions set out within the case officer's report.

LA04/2018/0280/F - Extension and alterations to Moyard House to provide a larger museum, restaurant and balcony/smoking area; extension to car park, new access laneway within curtilage of site and associated site works at 203 Glen Road

It was noted that the application, in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, had been presented to the Committee since the Council had an interest in the application.

The case officer informed the Committee that, after the agenda had been published, a response had been received from Transport NI with no objection to the application, subject to conditions.

The Committee granted approval to the application, subject to the imposing of the conditions set out in the case officer's report and delegated power to the Director of Planning and Building Control for the final wording of the conditions.

Chairperson

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Subject:	Genocide Day - 25th August
Date:	2nd July, 2018
Reporting Officer:	
Contact Officer:	

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	<p>Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues</p> <p>To advise the Council of the resources and budget available should it be minded to support Genocide Day on 25th August.</p>
2.0	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>The Council is asked to consider this report in junction with the motion on Genocide Day being proposed by Councillor Attwood.</p>
3.0	<p>Main Report</p>
3.1	<p>The Council will be aware that Councillor Attwood has submitted a motion seeking the Council to support the campaign to declare 25th August as Genocide Day and to host an event in the City Hall on that date to show support with the Rohingya population.</p>

<p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>Members will also be aware this would fall under the remit of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee and the motion, under Standing Order 13(f), should stand referred to that Committee for consideration. However, given that the Committee will not meet again until August and any decision taken would not be ratified until the September meeting, the proper authority would not be in place to allow an event to take place on 25th August.</p> <p>In these circumstances, the Lord Mayor has agreed that the matter is urgent and, under the powers conferred upon her in Standing Order 13f, has agreed to allow the motion to be debated at the Council meeting on 2nd July. This requires, under Standing Order 13l, a short to be circulated with the Council papers highlighting the purpose of any expenditure and the budget from which it will be drawn.</p> <p>Should the Council be minded to support the motion, there would be sufficient funds in the existing Civic Hospitality budget to cover the use of a function room and catering for a small to medium event.</p>
<p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>See above.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>None</p>