



Subject:	City Growth & Regeneration Committee Plan 2022/23 - Six-Month Update
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	This paper provides a six-month progress update on the key actions contained in the 2022-23 City Growth and Regeneration (CG&R) Committee Plan, as agreed by this Committee in June 2022.
2.0	Recommendations
	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">note the content of the mid-year report and progress against the agreed actions within the 2022-23 City Growth and Regeneration Committee Plan.
3.0	<u>Main Report</u>
3.1	The 2022-23 Committee Plan was developed in the context of the Council's Corporate Plan and the emerging, refreshed Belfast Agenda. The Committee will recall that the 2022-23

	<p>Plan contains the commitments within the Corporate Delivery Plan, which fall under the remit of the Committee, plus additional deliverables that have been agreed by CG&R Committee. It sets out the main priorities and programmes of work that the Committee is overseeing to maximise the Council's contribution to the Belfast Agenda and delivering a sustainable and inclusive economic recovery.</p>
3.2	<p>Whilst the CG&R Committee have a role to play across a number of priorities within the emerging refreshed Belfast Agenda, the focus for this Committee has been on city recovery and reopening. Work has also continued to deliver on longer-term plans for the city, with key priorities that will help the people and businesses of Belfast continue to respond to, and recover from, the economic impact of the pandemic while also shaping the future regeneration, development and sustainability of the city.</p>
3.3	<p>The Committee receive regular updates on progress with the delivery of specific programmes and initiatives including Future City Centre programme, A Bolder Vision and A City Imagining Cultural Strategy. The Committee also receive detailed reports on the progress in relation to workstreams progressed through the Jobs, Skills and Education and City Development Boards as part of community planning.</p>
3.4	<p>This report therefore provides a composite overview. Appendix 1 outlines progress with the main commitments in the Committee Plan for the six month period, April-September 2022. It should be noted that many of the commitments will continue to be delivered over the course of the year and the Committee will be kept informed of progress.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Progress is in line with the agreed Committee Plan, annual work plans and associated Departmental budgets.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>Strategies, programmes and actions within the Committee Plan are developed and delivered in consultation with the Council's Equality & Diversity Unit and are subject to appropriate equality screening and rural needs assessment.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - CGR Committee Plan 2022-23 – 6 month progress report