



Subject:	Request to Present – Renewed Ambition Partnership
Date:	14 June 2023
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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	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the Committee to receive a presentation from representatives of the Renewed Ambition Partnership at its Committee Meeting on the 9 August 2023.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agree to receive a presentation from representatives of the Renewed Ambition Partnership at the City Growth and Regeneration Committee meeting on 9 August 2023.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The Renewed Ambition Partnership (RAP) is a joint public-private initiative that is delivering a programme of work aimed at ensuring Belfast is positioned to continue to attract investment to underpin regeneration, development and infrastructure activities in the city required to deliver our inclusive growth ambitions.</p>
3.2	<p>The Renewed Ambition Partnership is supported by public, private and key anchor institution partners. Partners comprise of Belfast City Council, all Belfast City Region Deal partner Councils, Invest NI, Belfast Harbour, Translink, Housing Association representation, the local development community and representatives from key city infrastructure, regeneration and development projects.</p>
3.3	<p>From a Council perspective, this partnership is an important lever within our wider 'Position the City to Compete' proposition which seeks to build on the city's reputation as a unique destination for investment, tourism, development and supporting inclusive economic growth.</p>
3.4	<p>On the 8th September 2021 the City Growth and Regeneration Committee agreed to Council's participation within the RAP 2022 / 2023 programme as a member of the public private partnership.</p>
3.5	<p>Running from 1st April 2022 to the 31st May 2023, the 2022 / 2023 programme delivered a structured programme of work focussed on the five key pillars of Research; Events; Advocacy and Engagement; Communications and Repository aligned to securing investment and regeneration for the Belfast region. Outputs included focused stakeholder, investor and media engagement; attendance at showcase events including UKREiiF 2022 and 2023, and MIPIM 2023; advocacy and research aligned to the real estate investment market and with a very clear focus on securing investment to deliver on city priorities.</p>
3.6	<p>The 2023 / 2024 programme is currently under development and will continue the five pillared approach with a key objective of continuing to build awareness of the Belfast investment proposition aimed at attracting inclusive investment, creating employment opportunities and facilitating investor engagement to support the delivery of regeneration projects across the city, with a focus on creating the economic and social infrastructure/assets required to deliver inclusive sustainable growth.</p>

3.7	The Partnership is governed via a Taskforce comprised of representatives of the public and private sector, including the Chief Executive and senior officers from Belfast City Council, and chaired by Joe O'Neill, Chief Executive, Belfast Harbour.
3.8	Representatives from the Renewed Ambition Taskforce have requested the opportunity to present at the August meeting of City Growth and Regeneration Committee in order to update Members on the 2022 / 2023 programme; and proposed 2023 / 2024 programme of work, including priority issues and objectives for the Partnership moving forward.
3.9	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> None associated with this report.
3.10	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u> None associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents attached
	None