## STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE



Subject:	Proposed Committee Workshops	
Date:	11 October 2023	
Reporting Officer:	Cathy Reynolds, Director of City Regeneration and Development	
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Restricted Reports		
Is this report restricted?	Yes No X	
	ption, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of med this report restricted.	
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2. Information likely to	reveal the identity of an individual	
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9	that the council proposes to (a) to give a notice imposing restrictions on a see an order or direction	
7. Information on any a	action in relation to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime	
If Yes, when will the repor	t become unrestricted?	
After Committe	ee Decision	
After Council I	Decision	
Sometime in the	ne future	
Never		
Call-in		
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?		

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues	
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval to convene a number of engagement workshops	
	with the Committee and to note arrangements for the Committee Workshop scheduled for	
	Wednesday 25 October 2023.	
2.0	Recommendation	
2.1	The Committee are asked to:	
	I. Note the agreement of the People & Communities Committee to hold a workshop	
	with the NIHE on housing need and demand and consider CG&R Committee	
	attendance at this.	
	II. Agree to hold a joint Committee workshop with the Planning Committee, with a focus	
	on challenges and opportunities in relation to the regeneration and development of	
	the city, date to be agreed.	
	III. Note the proposed Committee Workshop scheduled for Wednesday 25 October 2023	
	in relation to the new Corporate Plan, (following a report to SP&R Committee on 18	
	August 2023 on the approach to this).	
3.0	Main Report	
3.1	NIHE workshop	
	The Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) presented an Annual Update on the Housing	
	Investment Plan to a Special meeting of the People and Communities Committee on 6	
	September 2023. The Committee agreed that a Workshop be convened with the NIHE to specifically discuss Housing Need and Demand. Given the synergy of this across to the CG&R	
	Committee priorities and Committee plan around maximising housing development and	
	regeneration opportunities, the Committee are asked to consider attendance at this	
	forthcoming workshop.	
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3.2	Challenges and opportunities to regeneration and development workshop	
	Representatives from the Renewed Ambition Partnership presented to the City Growth and	
	Regeneration Committee on 9 August 2023. The representatives answered a range of questions from Members including engagement, challenges, opportunities, and joint	
	public/private working. Members responded positively to the quantum and focus of	
	collaboration and engagement which has been ongoing through the Partnership. It was also	
	highlighted to Members that the Community Planning Partnership, namely the City	
	Development Board and its sub structures have been utilised extensively over the past two	
	years through the refresh of the Belfast Agenda in terms of cross sector engagement around	
	challenges and opportunities to the regeneration, investment and development of the city.	
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Planning and City Regeneration and Development teams and others on a range of issues

(non-site specific) to try and better understand barriers to development and identify opportunities for solutions and synergies to bring about our inclusive growth ambitions for the city. In discussion with the Chair of CG&R and Planning Committees (and Director of Planning and Building Control and Director of City Regeneration and Development), it was felt there would be added value in organising a joint CGR/Planning workshop to ensure alignment and consider challenges and opportunities from a development, planning and regeneration perspective that would ultimately benefit the city and our communities. Subject to Members approval on this further detail will be brought back on arrangements.

## 3.3 Corporate Plan 2024 – 2028 Committee Workshop

Members will recall the Committee, at their meeting in September 2023, agreed to hold a Committee workshop as part of the development of a new Corporate Plan. This followed a report that was brought to the SP&R Committee on 18 August 2023 in relation to the approach for the new Corporate Plan and it had indicated that Committee Planning workshops should be in October. Officers are working on the preparation towards this and Members are asked to note that it is intended this will be an in person workshop with further details to follow. A date of 25 October 2025, which is the date held for the Special CG&R Committee is being proposed.

## 3.4 Financial and Resource Implications

None associated with this report.

3.5 **Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment** 

None associated with this report.

4.0 Appendices - Documents Attached

None