



Subject:	City Growth & Regeneration Committee Plan 2023/24 (6-Month Update)
Date:	8 November 2023
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Is this report restricted?

Yes

No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

No

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 2023-24 City Growth and Regeneration (CG&R) Committee Plan, as agreed by this Committee in September 2023.
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 2023-24 City Growth and Regeneration Committee Plan.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The 2023-24 Committee Plan was developed in the context of the Council's Corporate Plan and the refreshed Belfast Agenda. The Committee will recall that the 2023-24 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 the previous corporate priorities of inclusive economic recovery and community recovery. Members will be aware that work is ongoing to develop a new Corporate Plan (and Committee Plans) for the 2024-2038 period.
3.2	While the work of the CG&R Committee will contribute towards a number of the priorities identified within the refreshed Belfast Agenda, work has also continued to deliver on longer-term plans for the city. Therefore the 2023-24 Committee Plan includes 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.
3.3	While the Committee receives regular updates on progress with the delivery of specific programmes and initiatives this report provides a composite overview. Appendix 1 outlines progress with the main commitments in the Committee Plan for the six month period, April-September 2023. 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.
3.4	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> Progress is in line with the agreed Committee Plan, annual work plans and associated Departmental budgets.

3.5	<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 2023-24 – 6 month progress report