



Subject:	Update on Draft response for DfE Tourism Strategy Consultation
Date:	10th January 2024
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted? Yes No

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After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
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2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members are asked to approve the update of the draft response to include neighbourhood reference laid out in Appendix 1; and - Members are asked to note that the consultation response will be submitted in line with the deadline of 12th January 2024 as a draft response, subject to ratification by Council on 1st February and any further comments or amendments at Council will be forwarded to the Department.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Members will be aware that the Department for the Economy (DfE) opened consultation on their Draft Tourism Strategy for Northern Ireland on the 6th November the consultation period will close on the 12th January 2024
3.2	Members previously considered the draft response at the 6th December 2023. There have been ongoing discussions with key partners in the sector and Visit Belfast and the draft response has been updated to reflect these points.
3.3	A summary of the five questions posed and draft responses to each of these have been collated and are attached in Appendix 1. Members are asked to review the draft responses and confirm their agreement that this can be submitted to DfE as the Belfast City Council response to the consultation or to raise any other matters that they wish to incorporate.
3.4	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>No specific financial or resource implications.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>The Department have conducted and published their EQIA as part of the consultation process.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Draft Belfast City Council Response to Consultation</p> <p>Members should note that there is a 1,000 character limit on responses</p>