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| Subject: | Belfast Agenda Statement of Progress (Nov 2021-Dec 2023) |
| Date: | 23 February 2024 |
| Reporting Officers: | John Walsh, Chief Executive John Tully, Director of City and Organisational Strategy |
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Is this report restricted? Yes No

Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

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| After Committee Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | The purpose of this report is to update on the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) on the development and publication of a Belfast Agenda Statement of Progress for the period November |

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| | 2021- December 2023, which is a legislative requirement for the council and its community planning partners. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | <p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. note the statutory requirement for the Community Planning Partnership to publish a Statement of Progress (SoP) for the period 2021-2023. ii. note the engagement undertaken with and input from community planning partners in developing the draft SoP; iii. agree that the final SOP, taking account of feedback received from Members and community planning partners, be submitted to the Department for Communities. |
| 3.0 | Main report |
| | <u>Background</u> |
| 3.1 | Members will be aware that The Local Government Act (NI) 2014 requires the Council and its community planning partners to make arrangements to monitor progress against meeting the objectives of the Belfast Agenda and the effectiveness of the actions taken in aiming to achieve these objectives. The legislation also requires the Council to publish a report (Statement of Progress) assessing progress towards the outcomes and actions taken every two years. |
| 3.2 | The third statement of progress is due to be published covering the period end of 2021-2023. In recognition of the significant pressures which local Councils, and community planning partners, have faced over recent months in recovering from a worldwide pandemic, responding to the cost-of-living crisis and managing significant fiscal and budgetary pressures, a light touch approach has been adopted to producing the statement of progress. It is also important to recognise the intensive focus over past 16months to co-designing the refreshed Belfast Agenda and underpinning actions plans for the period 2024-2028. |
| 3.3 | Nevertheless, the statement of progress provides an opportunity for partners to update the public on the actions that have been undertaken or are ongoing through the community planning process. In addition, it demonstrates the impact of such actions on communities and local people as well as their contribution to the achievement of the ambitions and outcomes outlined in the Belfast Agenda. |
| | <u>Statement of Progress: November 2021 – December 2023</u> |
| 3.4 | The draft statement of progress attached as Appendix 1 has been developed in association with and input from community planning partners and highlights a number of case studies and noteworthy achievements showcasing the work of partners over the last 24months. The final draft SOP had been shared with community planning partners for final consideration and endorsement with feedback sought by 16 February 2024. Members will be updated at Committee if there is any feedback of significant received from partners. |

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| 3.5 | The intention would be that the final statement of progress, taking account of any feedback received from Members or the community planning partners would be finalised and submitted to the Department for Communities and circulated to CPP. |
| 3.6 | <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no financial or human resource implications contained within this report.</p> |
| 3.7 3.8 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations implications contained within this report.</p> <p>There are no rural needs implications contained within this report.</p> |
| 4.0 | <u>Appendices – Documents Attached</u> |
| | Appendix 1 – Draft Belfast Agenda Statement of Progress (Nov 2021 – Dec 2023) |