



Subject:	City Growth and Regeneration Committee Plan 2024-2025- Update
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update members on the development of the City Growth and Reeneration (CG&R) Committee Plan for 2024-2025.
2.0	Recommendation
	Members are asked to note that the draft Committee Plan will be presented for consideration at the May meeting of the Committee, but may require updating when the four year Corporate Plan for the Council has been agreed.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Each year the Committee is tasked with agreeing a Committee Plan for the year ahead. A draft Committee Plan for 2024-2025 is currently being prepared for consideration at the May meeting of the CG&R Committee. The plan will take account of recommendations from the Committee Planning workshop held in October 2023 (see appendix 1) and decisions relevant to the Committee agreed through the rates setting process. Importantly it will also need to reflect the recently approved Belfast Agenda Update and the four year Corporate Plan which is also under development.
3.2	The four year Corporate Plan will not have been agreed before the May meeting of the CG&R Committee. However, in order to ensure that the Committee has an agreed plan for the year ahead early in the financial year, it is proposed to nevertheless bring the plan forward for consideration in May, recognising that there may be a need to update it following agreement of the Corporate Plan.
3.3	An end-of-year progress report for 2023-2024 will be brought forward for consideration in May alongside the draft Committee plan.
3.4	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> Decisions agreed during the rate setting process will be reflected in the draft Committee plan.
3.5	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no direct Equality or Good Relations implications associated with this report. There is no specific rural impact.
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	Appendix 1- Summary of recommendations (CG&R Planning Workshop 25 October 2023)

Appendix 1

Summary of recommendations (CG&R Planning Workshop 25 October 2023)

- To continue to review and refine the Committee's priorities in line with the Corporate Planning process.
- Recognition of importance of city centre whilst ensuring there is appropriate balance between city centre and wider city investment, development and regeneration.
- To continue to prioritise housing-led regeneration and neighbourhood tourism.
- To address the large areas of derelict sites both within the city centre and surrounding neighbourhoods and the high levels of vacancy above the ground floors, in addition to those at ground level.
- To consider ways to increase the impact of Developer Contributions esp with employment opportunities across the city.
- To get a better understanding of rates income sources
- A continued focus on employment & skills and particularly the Skills Academies was considered important
- The importance of transport decisions, connectivity and large scale capital infrastructure projects in context of the Eastern Transport Plan and Bolder Vision and the timing of these
- Consider ways to support the development of local neighbourhood markets, such as making use of council assets, to compliment rather than displace the current markets.
- Recognised that many priorities need to be led via Community Planning and other partnership structures and importance of supporting these
- Consideration to be given as to how to measure progress and impact on agreed programmes and Committee work plan