APPENDIX 1

Belfast City Centre Management Company

Performance Report April to September 2008



Belfast City Centre Management Company will deliver additional services into Belfast city centre, on behalf of its core funders,

which contribute in a measurable way to a cleaner, safer and more accessible city.

BCCM Mission Statement

5A. STRATEGIC BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS

Action	Target	Date	Measured by Status Remarks
Customer Relations Management CRM	Respond to membership queries	Ongoing	Count queries received 25 queries received
			Members satisfaction rating of 7/10 in mid-year Business Survey To be delivered Qtr 3
	Monthly direct mail shot / e- zine to all members, advising members on city centre initiatives and events	Ongoing	• 12 mail shots / e-zines 5 mailshots completed
	3 editions of members magazines City Business – distribution 6000	March, August, November	• 3 editions x 6000 copies distributed 2 editions complete
	Delivery specified BCCM/BCTC Membership package	May 2008	Branded Membership package launched To be delivered Qtr 3

Action	Target	Date	Measured By	Status	Remarks
Belfast Chamber of Trade & Commerce	6x Chamber Council meetings per annum & sub groups as appropriate	Bi-Monthly	6 x meetings delivered	5 meetings delivered to date	
Retail Forum (Membership drawn from multiple and independent retailers in Belfast)	2 Retail Forums Held	2nd Quarter	 120 Attendees Briefings Delivered on: Evening Economy Business Continuity Management The Belfast Brand Christmas Opening Hours 	Complete 2 nd Retail Forum held at Freemasons Hall, Belfast 02/09/09	
Developer Forum (Membership drawn from developers, commercial and retail property agents and owners)	1 Development Forum Delivered	September 2008	 40 Attendees Briefings Delivered on: Considerate Contractors scheme North and South West Quarter Masterplanning Private Sector buy-in to Brighter Belfast Royal Exchange Public Realm Works Adopt a Frontage Scheme 'Percent for Art' 	Development Forum to be delivered February 2009	
Action Groups Aimed at delivering the BCCM Operating Plan. These groups engage key public and private sector	Co-ordination of public/private action groups: - 5x Urban Management 5x Character & Style 5x Economic Activity	Bi-monthly meetings	Action Plan and Key Performance Indicators for each of the Action Groups developed and presented in Section 5.	8 meetings taken place in 2 nd quarter	Actions for each group being addressed prior to subsequent

stakeholders to	5x Safer City		meeting
deliver city centre			
initiatives			

Area Focus Groups These groups were set up to improve the trading environment within each of their geographical areas by developing action plans for improvement.	Co-ordination of Groups 2 x High Street (23.9.08 & 3.3.09) 2 x Fountain Street/Castle Street Area (30.9.08 & 24.3.09) 2 x Donegall Place/Royal Avenue (16.9.087 & 17.2.09) 2 x Ann St/Victoria Square (25.6.08 & 28.10.08) 2 x North Street (19.8.08 & 3.2.09) 2 x Blackstaff Area (8.7.08 & 14.10.08)	By March 2009	•	2 x meetings delivered each area Public and Private stakeholders represented Increasing attendance figures Specific improvement initiatives commenced Percentage delivery of agreed improvements		5 meetings taken place High St Fountain St Donegall Pl North St Blackstaff	
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Belfast Awards	Table Sales	June – Nov 2008	45 tables to be sold	219 seats sold to date	
	Business Recruitment Undertaken	Aug – Sept 2008	Goal 200+entrants	All entrants received.	
	Mystery Shopping Competitions Complete	Aug – 13 th October 2008	Mystery shopping reports completed for Customer Service categories	External company Stakeholder selected to perform mystery shopping	
	Speakers Secured & Briefed	Aug 2008	BBC, N.I. speakers to be booked	Mr Jim Fitzpatrick and Sarah Travers booked and briefed	
	Judging process for paper based applications complete	Sept 2008	Judging of 18 categories completed and finalists chosen	Judging panel selected. Judging to take place on 2 nd and 13 th October.	
	Awards/Trophies	Aug – Nov 2008	Nuala trophies to be designed and produced	Prototype approved. Final production delivered.	
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		Sept 2008			

Awards Ceremony Planning	Oct 2008	Entertainment Décor Catering After Party-entertainment Staging Technical support Presentation	Entertainment booked, including after party. Presentation under design
	Cont	Branding Programmes/table plans	
Select and agree menu	Sept	Select and agree menu	Menu agreed and booked

Action	Target	Date	Measured By	Status	Remarks
City Centre Neighbourhood Outreach	Engagement with City Centre Interest Groups specifically related to young people,	September 2008	Agree with Shopmobility specific performance indicators for accessibility.	To be delivered Qtr	
	homelessness and people with disabilities.	September 2008	Commencement of Juvenile Crimewatch scheme	To be delivered Qtr 3	
		April 2008	Roll-out of NSPCC `Safe Child' scheme with retail members	Complete - Ongoing	

5B. Belfast City Centre Action Plan 2008/9 - Urban Management

Action	Description	Lead Agencies	Date	Measured By	Status	Remarks
Maintenance	& Cleansing — Cle	aner Issues				
City Centre Inspections	City Centre Representative interagency reports to BCC \ DSD \ DRD \ PSNI.	BCCM	Ongoing	 12 x Monthly Reports 52 x Weekly Reports Satisfaction rating of 7/10 on year end Business Survey 	On-going	
Trade Waste & Public Waste	Addressing discarded chewing gum and cigarette butts	BCC & BCCM	Sept 2008	Build cleaning policy into 'Café Culture' Code of Conduct. Investigate how else BCCM could assist BCC to reduce these particular difficult littering issues.	Complete subject to BCC Legal Department	
Business Liaison & Co-ordinatio	Undertake business liaison with member businesses to: Facilitate excellent interagency communication and problem solving / complaints handling during city centre developments.	BCCM with BCTC	On-going	Facilitate communications and inter-agency planning in respect to: Victoria Square build Fountain House refurbishment Queens Buildings Bedford House Streets Ahead roll-out	Ongoing Complete Complete Complete Complete Complete Weekly comms meetings, monthly maintenance meetings and management meetings	

	Encourage	ВССМ	On-going	 SWQ Masterplanning NWQ Masterplanning Meet targets specified against each 	Ongoing Ongoing	
	businesses to participate in City Centre Cleanliness and Accessibility	with BCTC	On going	initiative Deliver: 2 x Retail Forums	Retail forum held 02/09/09	
	initiatives			o 2 x Developer Forums	Only 1 will be delivered	Developers have indicated that one meeting is sufficient
				 2 x Area Focus Group meetings in each of the areas stipulated in Section 5A 	Ongoing (App 1)	Schedule of Area Focus Group meetings
Public Realm	Streets Ahead project: roll-out of area's 1 and 3	DSD with support of DRD, BCCM, BCTC, BCC, MD UK, Private Partners	Ongoing	Delivery of Business Communications Strategy via Area Focus Groups, Retail Forums and Developer Forums.	Ongoing – weekly communication meetings to reduce disruption	
			Ongoing	Briefing sessions as necessary in partnership with DSD on disruption issues	Ongoing	
			Ongoing	Ongoing business liaison to reduce disruption during Phase One of the 'Streets Ahead' project	Ongoing	

			Ongoing	Area 1: Ann St/Cornmarket Arthur St/Arthur Sq Castle Lane	Ongoing
			Ongoing	Area 3: Fountain St/Castle St College St Queen St	Ongoing
	Fly-posting' on street furniture	BCCM with DSD, DRD and BCC	Mar 2009	 Investigate option for stippled anti fly-posting surfaces on new street furniture Report to BCCM Board 	DSD/EDAW to deposit anti graffiitti surfaces on new street furniture
behalf of City Centre	Conduct post event \ activity surveys as requested by BCC \ DSD \ BCTC	BCCM	Apr 2008 Jun 2008 Sep 2008	St Patrick's Day Lord Mayor's Carnival Anti clutter audit	Complete Complete To be delivered in Qtr 3

Action	Description	Lead Agencies	Date	Targets	Status	Remarks
Accessibility	Issues		I			
Pedestrian Flow	Café Culture (tables and chairs on pavements) Scheme	BCCM with DSD, BCC and DRD	Sep 2008	Develop and publish voluntary `Code of Conduct' for café owners	Complete subject to BCC Legal Department	
Access Facilities and Services	Promote access facilities	BCCM with DRD, Translink	Jun 2008	Investigate ,most effective means of distributing access channel information	Bi-monthly meetings with DRD to identify traffic management issues	
			Sep 2008	Launch Park and Ride promotion	To be delivered Qtr 3	
Improved Access for People with Disabilities	Audit of city centre retail sector compliance with Disability Discrimination Act 1995	BCCM/ Shopmobility	Sep 2008	 Produce survey report with Shopmobility/Disability Action 	BCCM attempting to source partners / funders	
Anti- Clutter Audits	Undertake Anti- Clutter Audits	BCCM supported by DRD /Disability Action/Shopmobility/BCC	Sept 2008	2 x Audit complete/Actions identified	Locations identified Great Victoria St Dublin Road	

5C. Belfast City Centre Action Plan 2008/9 - Character & Style

Action	Description	Lead Agencies	Date	Targets	Status	Remarks
City Dressing	Festive Feature Installation. Manage the supply, installation and maintenance of festive lighting in Belfast City Centre	BCCM with BCC	Sep 2008	Achieve financial contribution from 20 new businesses for Christmas 2008	Letters issued to all Chamber members. Invoices to be submitted in due course	
			Jun -Dec 2008	 Manage supply contract Inspect features daily during festive season Achieve 24 hour maximum repair time on all faults Install new additional features in the following geographical areas Bradbury Place Glengall Street Bedford Street Howard Street Castle Place North St Gt Victoria Street Ormeau Avenue Blackstaff Square Linenhall Street ½ Bridge Street ½ High Street 	Ongoing	
	Vacant Window Information/Art Initiative	ВССМ	Sept 2008 Mar 2009	Identify ground floor shop frontages vacant for over six months	Complete	

	City Banner Dressing Initiative. Belfast in Bloom. Encourage landlords and tenants to compliment roll-out of new public realm by enhancing their premises through participating in Belfast in Bloom Street Trading Stalls	BCC supported BCCM BCC with BCCM, DSD and DRD	Mar 2009	 6 Banner Dressing Promotions Undertaken. 20 business joining Belfast in Bloom. Castle Street premises to be particularly encouraged to take part Provide direct consultation on stall design Liaise with Business Members to assist with wider consultation. Complete Complete Complete
Strategy for Public Art	Reinforce the city as the culture and arts capital of Northern Ireland through: Providing a lead in the City Centre and Cathedral Quarter (part of the strong University / City Centre / Cathedral Quarter / Laganside axis)	BCCM, DCAL, DSD, BCC, Arts Council, Private Partners	Sep 2008 Mar 2009 Sep 2008	 Investigate opportunity for a program of public performances in the City Centre Assist BCC with planning for an open air arts/crafts market Investigate 'designated' and managed 'busking' locations Identify two gable sites within City Centre that could be improved by mural painting Complete Complete Complete Complete

Action	Description	Lead Agencies	Date	Target	Status	Remarks
City Centre Developments	North East Quarter	DSD, with assistance of BCC, DRD, BCCM, BCTC and Developers	Ongoing	 Cathedral Quarter Development Manager to encourage multisector engagement and buy-in Provide communications link to business, arts and voluntary sector organisations in the area through the Cathedral Quarter stakeholder group Briefing sessions as necessary in partnership with DSD Ongoing business liaison to reduce disruption during roll-out 	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing	
	North WestQuarterSouth West	DSD, with assistance of BCC, DRD, BCCM, BCTC and Developers		Provide communications link to private	Ongoing	

Quarter Masterplanning	sector organisations in the area. • Consultation and Briefing sessions as necessary in partnership with DSD	Ongoing	
	Ongoing business liaison.	Ongoing	

Belfast City Centre Action Plan 2006/7 – Economic Activity

Action	Description	Lead Agencies	Date	Targets	Status	Remarks
Independent Retail Assistance	Assist BCC in role-out of Independent Retail Training initiative	BCC assisted by BCCM	Jun 2008	 10 Business signed-up in phase 1 10 Businesses signed-up in phase 2 	Complete Ongoing	
Communicate Partnership Messages	Insert press articles agreed by three core funders	BCCM		 1 x Estates Gazette – monthly publication 2 x BURA magazine 3 x Retail Week 1 x Business Eye 1 x Ulster Business 1 x Corporate NI 	Board ratified EAAG decision not to proceed due to financial implcations	

Action	Description	Lead Agencies	Date	Targets	Status	R e m a r k s
Footfall	Track Footfall Measure, analyse and report on footfall counts to public/private sector stakeholders	BCCM	Jun, Sep, Dec, Mar	 Quarterly Report Statistical report fed into annual Health check & Benchmarking Report 	Camera supplier has failed to deliver accurate counts. Investigating potential counts from key retailers	
Provide evidence for the promotion of Retail Floor Space	Retail Gap Analysis	BCCM	Sep 2008	Analysis Report completedTarget Brands Identified	To be delivered Qtr	
	Publish a Retail Opportunity & Investment Guide	BCCM with BCTC, BCC, DSD.	Sep 2008 Mar 2009	Distribution channels identifiedGuide Produced	BCC advised that work is to be completed by the Development Department	
Independent Retailer Support	Survey needs of independent retailers in Belfast city centre (updated)	BCCM & BCTC	Sep 2008	 Needs analysis completed 	Complete	

Action	Description		Date	Target	Status	Remarks
Evening Economy To create a healthy balance of mixed users and an environment in which all ages may enjoy the city centre	To support BCC's Evening Economy initiative	BCC, BCTC, BCCM	Ongoing	 Chair Evening Economy Steering Group meetings Promote at Area Meetings for businesses Quarterly mail shots to all members Update businesses at 2 Retail Forums Lobby multiple retailers at national level through ATCM Key Cities network Identify barriers to a 'Shutters- up' initiative and report to BCCM Board New initiatives identified where appropriate 	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing	
Children & Young People	Engage with Children & Young People as significant portion of City Centre population	BCCM with BCC	Sept 2008	Carry-out Customer Survey amongst this population group to establish their needs and desires in City Centre	Working with BCC Youth Council	

5E. Belfast City Centre Action Plan 2008/9 – Safer City

Action	Description	Lead Agencies	Date	Targets	Status	Remarks
Safety Issues	S					
Roll-out of Retail Crimewatch to 6 policing districts in N Ireland	Citysafe Retail Crimewatch will be replaced by Retail Crimewatch and 6 policing districts will be involved	BCCM assisted by PSNI & Retailers	October 2008	 Launch on 28 Oct by security minister Paul Goggins Preparation for 300 folders Preparation for laminates 	Ongoing	
Information for migrants to city	Introduction of a language poster stating retailer's 'Shop Lifting' policy in multiple languages	BCCM assisted by PSNI & Retailers	June 2008		Complete	
Juvenile Crimewatch	Introduce new voluntary scheme for children and young people caught 'first time' shoplifting	BCCM with PSNI, Youth Justice Agency, Challenge for Youth, BCC and Retailers	September 2008	 Scheme launched 5 retailers participating Percentage reduction in stock loss Number of 'first time' juvenile shop lifters re-offending 	Final comments received 29 Sept from Children's Law Centre and to be incorporated into policy. Dorothy Perkins interested in pilot period	
Child Safe	Introduce Safe Child scheme to	BCCM with NSPCC,		Production of Safe Child literature	Ongoing	

	coordinate action around 'lost children' in city centre	assisted by PSNI and Retailers		50% increase in number of retailers participating in scheme
Retail Radiolink	Provision of existing radio network linking retailers in Belfast with each other and PSNI	BCCM	Ongoing March 2009	10% increase in membership Zone 1 154 users Zone 1A 11 users Zone 2 38 users Tone 2 38 users
Publink	Provision of existing Evening Economy time radio system linking pubs and clubs with each other and PSNI	BCCM	Ongoing March 2009	• 20% increase in membership Zone 3 87 users
City Centre Policing	BCCM and BCTC project to provide dedicated City Centre Beat Policing through a SLA with the PSNI	BCCM and BCTC with PSNI	On-going March 2009	Evaluation by BCC ASB Group jointly chaired by the BCC Chief Executive & ACC Duncan McCausland 2008/9: Illegal Street Trading 0% Incidence 10% reduction in ASB & environmental issues 1500 retail visits 1st Qtr - 117 visits

				 Traffics issues: Establish baseline of No. of vehicles reported in pedestrian precincts between 11am and 6pm by Sep 2008 10% reduction in No. of vehicles reported in pedestrian precincts between 11am and 6pm by Sep in second half of year Achieve funding for 6 PCSO's (£120,000.00) Negotiate and complete SLA's for new City Centre Beat areas (e.g. Victoria Square, Gasworks Business Park and Cathedral Quarter) Victoria Sq complete Gasworks & cathedral Qtr to be reviewed by VFM sub-group
Emergency Contact Points	BCCM to manage Emergency Contact Point systems	BCCM with DSD, PSNI and BCC	On-going September 2008	 Weekly Monitoring of System by CCR Team New Branding at ECP points to link with BCC's 'Get Home Safe' campaign Complete Complete
NBIS	Management of the National Business	BCCM with PSNI	Ongoing	Belfast information updated to NBIS weekly Complete

Information System, a crime pattern analysis system throughout GB. Input data from Belfast Safer City Initiatives and produce	June, September, December, March	Quarterly Benchmarking reports issued to core funders and members quarterly.	Complete	
Deliver reports for core funders benchmarking Belfast against other UK cities with regard to crime and perception of crime.				

6. CORPORATE GOVERNANACE

To ensure that the delivery of the business plan is in line with public sector accountability requirements, Belfast City Centre Management Company will provide 'open book' accounting, independent assurance through the Finance & Audit Committee (formed on the recommendation of BCC Internal Audit Section), and the highest possible levels of performance reporting, in terms of:

- delivery of the strategic business plan by the City Centre Management Company to its key funders, Belfast City Council, the Department for Social Development and the private sector;
- Changes to city centre performance measured against baseline information, (established in the annual City Centre Health check & Benchmarking Report).
- public sector audit requirements, in particular compliance with the internal audit practices adopted by BCC and DSD;
- Robust and transparent financial reporting.

Corporate Governance

Action	Target	Date	Measured by	Status
BCCM Board	Operation 6 x Board Meeting per annum	Ongoing	Finance & Audit Committee	3 meetings delivered
Finance & Audit Committee	Operation 6 x Finance & Audit Committee meetings per annum	Ongoing	BCC Internal Audit Section	3 meetings delivered
External Systems Audit & Procedures	Completion of external and internal audit	31st March 2009	Completion of internal and external audit in line with best practice and company law requirements	Audit complete