



## Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Broadway Junction Public Art Update
Date:	11 November 2009
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### Relevant Background Information

The Broadway Junction Art Piece project (Rise) has been taken forward since 2005 through the Broadway Project Board, a partnership between the Department for Regional Development (Roads Service), Belfast City Centre Regeneration Directorate (Department for Social Development - DSD), the Arts Council for Northern Ireland (ACNI) and Belfast City Council (BCC). The Roads Service is responsible for the ongoing structural work relating to the roundabout/junction, which is part of the M1/Westlink improvement scheme, and the Arts Council and DSD are providing the majority of funding for the project.

The Broadway Project Board met on 15 September 2009 where it was agreed to continue to support the project and seek additional resources to cover unforeseen costs. The Broadway Project Board requested that an application be made to Belfast City Council to underpin the remaining £36,000 shortfall if it cannot be sourced elsewhere.

### Key Issues

Members will be aware that at a meeting of the Development Committee on 14 October 2009, Committee agreed to request officers to endeavour to obtain from other public agencies the shortfall of £36,000 required to ensure the completion of the Broadway Junction Public Art project and failing this, to examine the Department's existing budgets to ascertain if that amount could be found.

Officers have since contacted public agencies and the response is as follows:

DRD confirmed that Roads Service is not in a position to provide any capital funds for this project, however they will continue to work with the team to facilitate the project.

Officers submitted an application for the shortfall of £36,000 to the ACNI public art funding programme and this has been unsuccessful (they had previously committed an additional £20,000 to this project).

DSD have in principle agreed a further £30,000 if other partners were willing to award funding to the remaining shortfall of £36,000.

Since all avenues have been investigated and are unsuccessful, it is recommended that Committee meet the shortfall of £36,000. A re-profiling of expenditure has been undertaken and this budget is available within existing Departmental budgets.

#### **Resource Implications**

The resource of £36,000 would be allocated through re-profiling existing departmental budgets.

#### **Recommendations**

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#### **Decision Tracking**

The full outcome of decision relating to the shortfall will be reported to the Committee in December.

Timeframe: December 2009

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#### **Key to Abbreviations**

ACNI - Arts Council for Northern Ireland  
DSD – Department of Social Development