



Belfast City Council

Report to: Special Development Committee
Subject: Strategic Regeneration Frameworks
Date: 5th November 2010—
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Relevant Background Information

Members will be aware that a draft response to the Strategic Regeneration Frameworks (SRF's) was considered at the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee meeting on the 6th August 2010. At this meeting Members agreed to consider the responses in more detail through a series of area briefings. The briefings which also considered the development of the new corporate plan and the capital programme were held in August and September.

Key Issues

Following on from the area briefings a refined response has been prepared which reflects comments and issues raised through the area briefings. There are a number of additional areas identified by Members which have been included within the response. These are:-

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If approved by Members, the next stage in this process is to submit the response to the [Department for Social Development \(DSD\)](#).

DSD plans to submit an over-arching paper to the Executive in the coming weeks on the key recommendations within the SRF's in order to influence Comprehensive Spending Review activity. DSD wishes to reflect the Council response on the SRF's within such a draft.

The responses contain those issues which [Members](#) of the SP&R Committee agreed at its meeting of 22 October 2010 [and](#) should be priorities the [Council](#) should be taking up with Ministers in an effort to attract investment into the city.

Resource Implications

Co-ordinated through the SNAP team.

Recommendations

Chief Officers are asked to note the report and to:
Endorse the draft SRF responses
Agree for the final response to be submitted to the DSD

Decision Tracking

There are no decisions to be tracked within this report.

Key Abbreviations

SRF – Strategic Regeneration Frameworks

DSD – Department Social Department

Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – A Belfast City Council draft response to each of the Strategic Regeneration Frameworks