



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Renewing the Routes Update
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**Relevant Background Information**

Members will be aware that following the June 2010 Committee the proposed methodology for the longer term prioritisation of future Renewing the Routes local regeneration activity across the City was agreed. This methodology incorporated the previously agreed criteria for area prioritisation: Physical Environment, Social Factors, Economic Circumstances and Strategic Influences. The focus for the assessments were the identified nodes (between 0.5 and 1Km) along the main arterial routes within Belfast, as identified in draft Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan (dBMAP).

**Key Issues**

The survey of approximately 9,000 buildings and sites covering 62km of arterial routes is complete, and has contributed to the initial prioritisation results.

Previously the Development Committee June 2010, endorsed a two-stage approach for prioritisation of the arterial routes: Stage 1 a GIS (Geographic Information Systems) based survey and data capture to support the empirical identification of target areas across the city. Stage 2 whereby initial evaluation results would be considered by a future Committee along with strategic influences to finalise target areas and inform the process of detailed action planning which would be developed for the agreed target areas in consultation with local Members and communities.

As the initial work is now complete, consultation with Members around the strategic influences of the methodology and broader discussions around individual routes can commence. In line with other city-wide initiatives of this type, it is suggested that the way forward would be to consult with Members at party level before a final paper is submitted to the Development Committee in December 2010.

**Recommendations**

To agree Party Briefing sessions for the Renewing the Routes prioritisation process for the week commencing 15 November 2010 with a final report being submitted in December 2010.

**Decision Tracking**

Party Briefings:

Timeframe: November 2010

Reporting Officer: John McGrillen

Final Report:

Timeframe: December 2010

Reporting Officer: Shirley McCay

**Key Abbreviations**

BMAP - Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan

GIS - Geographic Information Systems