



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Cathedral Quarter Development Plan
Date:	10 November 2010
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Relevant Background Information

Members will be aware that Laganside Corporation dissolved in July 2007. In 2008, the Department for Social Development (DSD), working closely with Belfast City Council, Belfast City Centre Management (BCCM) and key stakeholders, set up a Steering Group to develop and implement a 5 year Strategic Vision and Development Plan for the area. DSD committed funding to enable the Steering group to produce the Strategy and promote the area including the employment of a Cathedral Quarter Development Manager. The Cathedral Quarter Steering Group (CQSG) includes a broad representation of arts, business, leisure, public sector and other stakeholders.

Having agreed to receive a presentation on the progress of the 5 year Strategic Vision and Development Plan, a deputation from the Steering Group were welcomed to the Development Committee meeting on Wednesday 10 February 2010. The deputation included Mr Paul McErlean, Chairman of the Steering Group, Ms Patricia Freedman, Cathedral Quarter Development Manager, together with Mr Will Chamberlain, Belfast Community Circus School.

It was agreed that the Cathedral Quarter Steering Group would make available the latest draft of the 5 year draft Strategic Vision and Development Plan (Appendix 1) which currently has a number of areas outstanding including:

- Transportation Study done by RPS Consulting, which will be included as an appendix
- Summary of public consultation responses throughout our process, also an appendix
- Maps and images – still in design.

With the above outstanding areas to be included, this draft is to allow Members to review and make comment. If approved by Members the final strategy will be launched by the end of November 2010.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee :

1. reviews the contents of the draft 5 Year Development Plan; and
2. approves the plan

Decision Tracking

Members will be updated on any changes to the project before final plan is launched.

Time Frame: December 2010

Reporting Officer: Kerrie Sweeney

Key to Abbreviations

BCC - Belfast City Council

DSD – Department for Social Development

BCCM – Belfast City Centre Management

CQSG – Cathedral Quarter Steering Group

Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – (Draft) Cathedral Quarter Vision and Framework for Strategic Development 26 October 2010