



Belfast City Council

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| Report to: | Development Committee |
| Subject: | Cathedral Quarter Development Plan |
| Date: | 6 December 2010 |
| Reporting Officer: | John McGrillen, Director of Development, ext 3470 |
| Contact Officer: | Shirley McCay, Head of Economic Initiatives, ext 3459 |

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| 1 | Relevant Background Information |
| 1.1 | 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 (BCC), 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) has representation from the arts, business, leisure, public sector and other stakeholders. |
| 1.2 | A report regarding the Cathedral Quarter Development Plan was tabled on 10 November 2010 and asked Members to comment on the 5 year draft Strategic Vision and Development Plan (Appendix 1). The plan has been opened up for consultation across BCC and recommendations are captured in the final response included with this report (appendix 2). |

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| 2 | Key Issues |
| 2.1 | CQSG are keen to publish the strategy once all key stakeholders comments have been considered. |

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| 3 | Resource Implications |
| 3.1 | <u>Human Resources</u> Staff resources will be minimal at this stage in the draft. Additional staff resource implications will be captured in the draft response. |

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| 3.2 | Asset and Other Implications Asset and or other implications are captured in the draft response. |
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| 4 | Equality and Good Relations Considerations |
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| 5 | Recommendations |
| 5.1 | It is recommended that the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development Committee approves the release of this response to the CQSG to help them progress their strategy. |

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| 6 | Decision Tracking |
| Members will be updated on any changes to the project before final plan is launched. | |
| Time Frame: February 2011 | |
| Reporting Officer: Kerrie Sweeney | |

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| 7 | Key to Abbreviations |
| BCC – Belfast City Council | |
| BCCM – Belfast City Centre Management | |
| CQSG – Cathedral Quarter Steering Group | |
| DSD – Department for Social Development | |

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| 8 | Documents Attached |
| Appendix 1 - Cathedral Quarter Draft Development Plan | |
| Appendix 2 - Belfast City Council Response | |