



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Belfast City Masterplan: Review
Date:	12 January 2011
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Committee on the 10 November 2010 was updated on the proposed review of the Masterplan and the appointment of Colin Buchanan & Partners.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The Belfast City Masterplan was completed in 2004 and has informed the Councils position across a range of planning, regeneration and transport policy issues since then. However, the context for the Masterplan has changed significantly since 2004 in terms of the overall economic positioning of the city, from the accelerated period of investment and development that peaked in 2008/9 to the more recent impact of the global recession and national property crash.
2.2	The changed context arising from changed demographic, economic and physical processes need to be addressed to plan for the future sustainable and liveable city. Adjustments to the Belfast City Masterplan will consider these issues, their implications for space within the city and proactive and smart measures to realising improvements in the context of the Comprehensive Spending Review.
2.3	The future use of the revised Masterplan through the integration into the work of the Council will be important and the input from a range of stakeholders and Councillors critical. Consultation with Members on the strategic objectives of the Masterplan and broader discussions around the priorities is proposed. 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 the final Masterplan content is developed and the draft brought before the Development Committee.

2.4	The Committee is asked to agree that the consultation with Members should be carried out on a party basis.
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3	Resource Implications
3.1	There are no resource implications

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	No adverse equality implications

5	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is requested to agree Party Briefing sessions as part of the process for the review of the Belfast Masterplan.

6	Decision Tracking
Further to agreement Party Briefings be held as part of the process. Timeframe: February 2011 Reporting Officer: John McGrillen	