



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Cathedral Quarter Steering Group seeking Political Party Meetings
Date:	16 March 2011
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Members will be aware that the Cathedral Quarter Steering Group (CQSG) set up in 2008 by the Department for Social Development (DSD) in conjunction with Belfast City Council (BCC), Belfast City Centre Management (BCCM) and other stakeholders has produced a 5-year draft Development Plan (appendix 1) which was launched on the 10 March 2011.
1.2	Members will be aware that a formal response (appendix 2) on behalf of BCC has been issued to the CQSG.
1.3	As part of the formal consultation process launch on 10 March, the CQSG are seeking additional political party meetings.
1.4	The purpose of the additional meetings requested by the CQSG are to ensure that that all issues and suggestions raised by BCC are taken on board with priority given to a commitment to work across the city and be inclusive.

2	Resource Implications
2.1	<u>Human Resources</u> Staff resources will be minimal at this stage in the draft.
2.2	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u> Asset and other implications are captured in the formal response.

3	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
3.1	There are no equality and Good Relations Considerations attached to this report.

4	Recommendations
4.1	It is recommended that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development Committee approves CQSG request for political party meetings to seek further comment on the draft Cathedral Quarter Development Plan.

5	Decision Tracking
Time Frame: March 2011 – June 2011 Reporting Officer: Kerrie Sweeney	

6	Abbreviations
BCC – Belfast City Council BCCM – Belfast City Centre Management CQSG – Cathedral Quarter Steering Group DSD – Department for Social Development	

7	Documents Attached
Appendix 1 - Cathedral Quarter Draft Development Plan Appendix 2 - Belfast City Council Formal Response	