



**Belfast City Council**

<b>Report to:</b>	Development Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Cathedral Quarter Trust Constitution
<b>Date:</b>	28 September 2011
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John McGrillen, Director of Development, ext 3470
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<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	Members will be aware that the Cathedral Quarter Steering Group (CQSG) was 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.
1.2	Members have received a number of presentations from the CQSG and BCC submitted a formal response to the draft 5 year Development Plan and formal consultation was launched on the 10 March 2011.
1.3	The CQSG are now in implementation phase and in anticipation of the launch of the Cathedral Quarter Development Plan in the next couple of months. As such they are seeking support to establish the Cathedral Quarter Trust that will be the implementation body to drive the plan forward.
1.4	The CQSG wish to invite the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Development Committee to participate in CQSG and become founding members of the Cathedral Quarter Trust.

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	As outlined in the letter of invitation attached (Appendix 1) the proposed Trust's four strategic priorities will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– To support the Cathedral Quarter as a centre for the arts and creative industries</li> <li>– To support the growth of the mixed-use economy in Cathedral Quarter</li> <li>– To generate high levels of public participation</li> <li>– To build and maintain a supportive infrastructure</li> </ul>
2.2	The membership of the Trust will follow the model of CQSG and will included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Barnabas Ventures, Mark Finlay</li> <li>2. Belfast Cathedral, Ken Patterson</li> <li>3. Belfast Circus School / Festival of Fools, Will Chamberlain</li> <li>4. Belfast City Council, Carolyn Mathers, Shirley McCay</li> <li>5. Community Arts Forum, Heather Floyd</li> <li>6. Department for Social Development, Carol Ramsey (advisory)</li> <li>7. Kabosh Theatre Productions, Paula McFetridge</li> <li>8. The MAC, Anne McReynolds</li> <li>9. MCE Public Relations/Royal Exchange Ltd., Paul McErlean, CQSG Chair</li> </ol>

	<p>10. The Merchant Hotel, Sorcha Wolsey</p> <p>11. New Belfast Community Arts Initiative, Conor Shields</p> <p>12. Ulster Architectural Heritage Society, Rita Harkin</p> <p>13. University of Ulster, Kerstin Mey, Peter Walker, Alastair Adair</p> <p>14. Belfast City Centre Management, Andrew Irvine, (advisory)</p> <p>15. Cathedral Quarter Development Manager, Belfast City Centre Management, Patricia Freedman, (staffing)</p>
2.3	<p>With some additions the proposed membership structure for CQT will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CQ Stakeholders to include Arts (4), Business (2) Heritage (1) Cathedral (1), University of Ulster (1) local resident (1)</li> <li>- DSD (1)</li> <li>- BCC – Development. Committee Chair &amp; Deputy Chair or designees (2)</li> <li>- ACNI/DCAL (1)</li> <li>- NITB/DETI (1)</li> <li>- BCCM (1)</li> <li>- BVCB (1)</li> </ul>
2.4	<p>The Cathedral Quarter Trust will be a company limited by guarantee and the Constitution and Articles Of Association Of Cathedral Quarter Trust are included with this report (Appendix 2)</p>

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	N/A

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
4.1	No specific equality or good relations considerations.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	The recommendation is that Members note the report and attachments and accept the invitation to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Development Committee, or their nominees, to participate in CQSG and become founding members of the Cathedral Quarter Trust.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
The next performance report is due back in December 2012.	

<b>7</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
<p>CQSG - Cathedral Quarter Steering Group</p> <p>DSD - Department for Social Development</p> <p>BCC - Belfast City Council</p> <p>ACNI - Arts Council Northern Ireland</p> <p>DCAL - Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure</p> <p>NITB - Northern Ireland Tourist Board</p> <p>DETI - Department of Education, Trade and Investment</p> <p>BCCM - Belfast City Centre Management</p> <p>BVCB - Belfast Visitor and Convention Bureau</p>	

<b>8</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
<p>Appendix 1 – Invitation to Chair and Deputy Chair to participate in CQSG and become founding members of the Cathedral Quarter Trust.</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Draft Constitution and Articles Of Association Of Cathedral Quarter Trust</p>	