



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Cathedral Quarter Trust Consultation
Date:	7 December 2011
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1	Relevant Background Information
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 were presented on the 10 November 2010 with the CQSG 5 year draft Development Plan. At the Development Committee meeting of the 12 January 2011 Members agreed the draft response to the Development Plan.
1.3	In addition, as part of the formal consultation process launched on 10 March, Members on the 16 March granted authority to CQSG to meet each of the Parties for further discussion.
1.4	Members at the Development Committee of 27 September 2011 agreed that the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman (or their nominees) would represent the Committee on the Cathedral Quarter Trust.

2	Key Issues
2.1	Cathedral Quarter (CQ) is a priority place destination in the Belfast Integrated Strategic Framework and BCC has made significant investment into the area through supporting a range of arts organisations and festivals through Culture and Arts funding, infrastructure and capital funding, tourism product development and marketing.
2.2	The final CQ Development Plan to be agreed by Development Committee in December 2011.
2.3	The CQ Consultation Report attached (Appendix 1) gives an overview of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Public Consultation report on the CQ Plan- Revised Executive Summary of the CQ Plan- Summary of Public Responses, March – August 2011

	<p>The highlighted segments indicate the changes that have been made based on the recent consultation process.</p> <p>The consultation report summarises the comments and changes. The executive summary with highlights is attached to the report to show where changes were made.</p>
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3	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
3.1	There are no specific equality or good relations considerations attached to this report.

4	Recommendations
4.1	<p>Members are recommended;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To note and endorse the CQ Development Plan submitted by the CQSG.

5	Decision Tracking
	CQ Final Development Plan will be shared for approval in December 2012.

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

7	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – CQ Consultation Report