



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Presentation from Belfast Folk Town Initiative
Date:	Tuesday, 20 th November, 2012
Reporting Officer:	Mr. Barry Flynn, Democratic Services Officer (ext. 6312)
Contact Officer:	As above.

Relevant Background Information

At its meeting on 6th November, the Committee agreed to receive a presentation from the Belfast Folk Town Initiative regarding its proposals for the regeneration of the area of the City known as Folk Town.

Key Issues

The Folk Town Initiative seeks to regenerate an area which consists of the following streets, viz., Castle Street, King Street, Berry Street, Marquis Street, Bank Street and Square and Chapel Lane. The project is managed by a steering committee which is comprised of members from a range of interested parties within the area.

The aim of the initiative is to promote business opportunities thus attracting more shoppers and visitors. Inherent within the plan is the promotion of high quality cultural events, such as markets, festivals and guided tours, to enhance the amenity of the area and to address issues such as anti-social behaviour.

The Director of the initiative, Ms. Sophie Rasmussen, will be in attendance at the Committee to provide an overview of the planned development.

Recommendation

The Committee is requested to consider the presentation and take such action thereon as may be determined.