



**Report to:** Development Committee

**Subject:** Request to present to Committee – Forum for Alternative Belfast

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013

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<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	The Forum for Alternative Belfast (FAB) have made a request to present to the Development Committee the findings of their latest Summer School which was held in City Hall and Ulster Hall from 12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> August.
1.2	FAB is a 'not for profit' organisation formed in 2009 with the aim of encouraging debate on how to influence and effect physical change in the City. The Forum has previously held a number of Summer and Winter schools which considered various city development issues.
1.3	Members may recall the Forum's 'Missing City' map which was developed as part of their Summer School in 2009. FAB has also been responsible for the '6 links' production which considered the impact of the DRD proposals for the York Street Interchange whilst their other work includes the publication 'Streets not Roads' and a design proposal for the redevelopment of Bank Square.
1.4	This year's Summer School considered the environmental infrastructure of the city including the role greenways and green spaces can play in place-shaping, accordingly FAB will be accompanied by a representative from the Landscape Institute of Northern Ireland and the Ulster Wildlife Foundation. It considered beneficial that FAB continue to engage with the Council on city development matters.

<b>2</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
2.1	None

<b>3</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
3.1	None

<b>4</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
4.1	It is recommended that Members accept the request from FAB to present to Committee in October 2013.

<b>5</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
5.1	The Director's office will make the appropriate arrangements based upon the Committee's decision

<b>6</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
6.1	None

