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| Report to: | Development Committee |
| Subject: | Update of the Departmental Plan |
| Date: | 17 June 2014 |
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| 1 | Relevant Background Information |
| 1.1 | The Development Departmental Plan 2013-2014 was approved by the Development Committee on 20 August 2013 with agreement that update reports would be presented to Committee at later dates. |
| 1.2 | This update is for the final quarter of the annual plan, the period up to the end of March 2014. |

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| 2 | Key Issues |
| 2.1 | At the end of quarter 4, Service and Unit Managers were asked to provide updates on the status of their unit's key actions with appropriate commentary. These updates are shown in the appendix. |
| 2.2 | Many of the actions are for long-term projects, which were expected to continue beyond the timescale of the 2013-14 annual plan. These ongoing projects have been included in the new Departmental Plan that runs from 2014-15 and was approved by Committee on 18 March. |
| 2.3 | Members will also be aware that 2013-14 included significant preparatory work that has also been undertaken during this year to secure the success of major events in the city such as the Giro d'Italia and Circuit of Ireland Rally which took place in May 2014. There are also a number of noteworthy achievements during the year across the department, such as the achievement of the PQASSO quality award for the 22 community centres, the Council is the first local government authority to achieve this standard in Northern Ireland and St Georges Market was awarded the 'Best Large Indoor Market' by NABMA for 2014. |
| 2.4 | The Department's activities reflect the priorities of the Investment Programme but there has also been significant development work undertaken to inform and |

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| | progress the planned changes that will impact on councils as a result of Local Government Reform, particularly through the transfer of regeneration and planning powers as well as service convergence as a result of the boundary extension. |
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| 3 | Equality and Good Relations Considerations |
| 3.1 | There are no Equality and Good Relations considerations attached to this report. |

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| 4 | Recommendations |
| 4.1 | The Committee is asked to note the update on progress of Development Department Plan for 2013-14. |

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| 5 | Decision Tracking |
| | There is no decision tracking attached to this report. |

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| 6 | Documents Attached |
| | Appendix 1: Q4 Update 2013-14 Development Departmental Business Plan. |

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| 7 | Abbreviations |
| | PQASSO – Practical Quality Assurance System for Small Organisations NABMA – National Association of British Markets Authorities |