



Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Update of the Departmental Plan
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Development Departmental Plan 2014-2015 was approved by the Development Committee on 18 March 2014 with agreement that update reports would be presented to Committee at later dates.
1.2	This update is for the first half of the annual plan, the period up to the end of September 2014.

2	Key Issues
2.1	At the end of September 2014, 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	As Members are aware, a large number of the actions contained within the departmental plan are Local Government Reform (LGR) related. This includes preparing the Department for service convergence as a result of the extended geographic boundary as well as taking a lead role in preparing the organisation for the transfer of a number of functions from central government, namely the transfer of planning and regeneration.
2.3	The Department also has a major role to play in the delivery of the Investment Programme (IP). In August 2014, Committee noted a detailed progress report on a number of key Investment Programme projects - Waterfront Hall conference and exhibition centre, Innovation Centre, Creative Hub and the Public Bike Share Scheme. This is a challenging year for the Department and it is important to note that while significant investment is underway in the IP and LGR, this is matched by the ongoing delivery and continuous improvement of services.

3	Resource Implications
There are no resource implications attached to this report.	

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
There are no Equality and Good Relations considerations attached to this report.	

5	Recommendations
The Committee is asked to note the update on progress of the Development Department Plan for 2014-15.	

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

7	Key to Abbreviations
LGR – Local Government Reform IP – Investment Programme	

8	Documents Attached
Appendix 1: Q2 Update 2014-15 Development Department Business Plan	