

Appendix 2: Initial Summary Feedback

NORTH/SOUTH/EAST/WEST/SHANKILL and CITY CENTRE – AREA BASED BRIEFINGS

Please note a fuller report on the outcome of the briefings will be brought to Committee in November.

Summary

1. All area workshops discussed city centre projects and agreed importance of coherent city leadership on key regeneration projects
2. Agreed capital projects (i.e. ERDF and green projects) were not discussed in detail
3. Smaller neighbourhood projects were mentioned – these will need further exploration in the people and communities workshop.
4. Multiple plans for the city – need for the Council to advocate for a clear development vision and deliverable projects.
5. Next phase of prioritisation to move from N/S/E/W/Sh to city. Projects need to be considered in the context of the emerging corporate plan and masterplan and affordability over a 4 to 5 year period.
6. Call off lists to be created for swift, efficient project delivery
7. Set of 'Guiding principles' for projects to be developed – need to agree a set of transformational principles against which capital projects can be tested for their benefit. Further work to be carried out on vision – however need to maintain flexibility in approach. Potential discussion for Party Leaders Forum

North – 10TH October

Agreed prioritised projects -

1. **Girdwood Community Hub** – Peace III project – decision due end of October
2. **Loughside** – work ongoing – currently in planning
3. **North Foreshore** – ERDF application for green technology park being progressed for funding. Leisure development brief out – closing date November
4. **North Belfast Cultural Corridor** - agreed that a special meeting on the North Belfast Cultural Corridor should be held within the next month to scope this project and agree it (discussion to look at the boundaries of the project etc). Member/officer team to be established. Request for the Member/Officer workshop/meeting to be held on a Saturday morning.
5. **Old Grove** – paper being brought to Committee this month re demolition

SOUTH – 11TH October

Key points of agreement –

1. **Windsor Stadium** – need to ensure community benefit and community engagement re this project. To be progressed with Deloitte's.
2. **Lagan Canal** – Agreed that first steps should be to revisit the estimated costings for this project to test assumptions, identify realistic costs, other potential funding sources and the profiling of spend for this project. Also agreed that a consideration should be given to undertaking a best practice visit to other sites to examine the potential impact of such regeneration projects for cities and communities.

3. **Markets Tunnels** – further detail to be taken back in relation to the findings of the completed economic appraisal and the anticipated funding which may be required from the Council.
4. **Gasworks Northern Fringe** – Given the current economic climate there is an opportunity to review/update the Masterplan proposals to see if there would be any scope to support the social economy and/or create small business park on this site. Potential for this site re the ERDF digital hub proposal.
5. **An Droichead** – Need to determine the current status of this project and if it is still considered viable. This will determine the next steps.
6. **Tropical Ravine** – Awaiting HLF decision.
7. **Shaftsbury Square** – advocacy/lobbying role for central government to take action in regards to this regards

EAST – 12TH October

Prioritised projects

1. **Leisure provision – East** – key priority. Agreed that a wider workshop was required to discuss the bigger picture and the longer term strategic planning for the East including availability of suitable sites and the potential to link development to social housing, how to tackle vacant sites etc, the potential for ‘Meanwhile’ projects etc. Attendees to include the DSD, DETI and the East Belfast Partnership Board
2. **Vocational College** – lack of training/vocational space. Discussions to be progressed with Development Department/DEL/BMC re opportunities for progressing this with other partners.
3. **Sirocco Quay** – developer of project has been placed in administration. Key strategic site in the city that the Council should explore what options would be available in the interim and in terms of long term investment in the site.

WEST – 14TH October

Key points of agreement –

1. **Casement** – need to ensure community benefit and community engagement re this project. To be progressed with Deloitte’s. Presentations on proposals to be made to Committee later in the year
2. **St. Comgall’s** – discussions to be progressed with Falls Community Council. Agreed that the estimated costings for the overall project should be revisited to test assumptions and identify realistic costs, other potential funding sources and other partners (e.g. St Peter’s) as well as inter-community focus
3. **Gaeltacht Quarter** – Key project - need to progress with the GQ Board and also with DSD etc.
4. **Belfast Hills** – Need to have a wider conversation re this. Potential for other sources of funding (SIF and NITB {post 2013}). Needs to link to Blackmountain discussions
5. **Blackmountain** –Broad concept as shared space activity centre – needs further work on concept as initial discussions have focused on interface management. Potential catalyst project as part of the wider Belfast Hills.
6. **Glen10** – longer term project for development.
7. **Glencolin** – Community space alternative to be added to the list
8. **Andersonstown Gateway** - longer term project for development. Need to clarify the position re the Barracks site and potential for development trust

9. **Springfield Recycling Centre** – Need to meet with InvestNI to progress this and resolve the access issues. Cross party meeting to meet with InvestNI
10. **Springvale** – Located on interface – needs to have inter-community engagement and support. ERDF application - Potential partners/providers to be procured under EU regs
11. **Divis Street Narrowing** – Status of planning application to be checked and if possible a statement of support in relation to this progress to be forwarded to FAB.
12. **Rapid Transit** – Advocacy/lobbying role
13. **Springfield Dam** – potential partnership project – to be progressed with DSD. Link to Paisley Park.
14. **Argyle Business Park** – Phase III expansion – potential to be supported by Council/ERDF. Phase IV – further development required.
15. **Falls Women Centre** – expansion and purchase of adjoining property

SHANKILL – 17TH October

Prioritised projects

1. **Argyle Business Park** – Phase III expansion – potential to be supported by Council/ERDF. Phase IV – further development required.
2. **Shankill Piazza** - development of an open space between Shankill Library and Nelson Memorial. DSD owned land. Further development required
3. **Hammer Complex** – Cairn Lodge Boxing Club – redevelopment potential – further work to be progressed

CITY CENTRE/CITYWIDE

- **University of Ulster** – Council policy position and potential role in brokering agreements to be brought to Committee for discussion. Open days being held end of October.
- **Conference Centre/Exhibition Centre**
- **Council Accommodation** - Council Accommodation Working Group to be reconvened (future of Maysfield site etc to be considered as part of this discussion)
- **Leisure Estate** - acknowledgement that the Council's leisure estate requires substantial investment to bring it up to C21st standards. Need to agree a set of principles in relation to the future provision of leisure facilities. Noted that the planned investment in stadia may act as a catalyst and provide potential redevelopment opportunities
- **BVCB/Welcome Centre** – awaiting business plan.