

South Belfast Area Working Group

Thursday, 3rd May, 2012

MEETING OF SOUTH BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Aldermen Ekin and Stoker;
Councillors Curran, Hanna, Hargey, Kelly, Mullan,
McCarthy and Ó Muilleoir.

In attendance: Mr. R. Cregan, Director of Finance and Resources
Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects;
Mr. G. Quinn, Senior Democratic Services Officer;
Ms C. Wilson, Project Officer; and
Mr. H. Downey, Democratic Services Officer

Welcome and Introduction

The Director of Property and Projects welcomed the Members to the first meeting of the South Belfast Area Working Group.

Overview of Governance Arrangements

The Director of Finance and Resources referred to the report which had been considered by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 25th April.

The Working Group noted the information and agreed to the proposed format.

Local Investment Fund

The Director of Finance and Resources referred to the report which had been considered by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 25th April.

The Working Group noted the contents of the report, a copy of which had previously been circulated.

Prioritisation Framework

The Director of Property and Projects advised the Working Group that there were approximately two hundred possible projects which had been captured to date which would be divided between the City Investment and Local Investment Funds.

After discussion on the scoring matrix and matched funding possibilities, the Working Group noted the information which had been provided and agreed to the proposed prioritisation framework.

Overview of Identified Projects and Initial Sift

The Director of Property and Projects circulated a list of Capital, City Investment, Local Investment and Revenue projects in the South of the City. He advised that some of the projects lacked specific detail currently and that further work would be required. A team of staff had been established which would be contacting each of the project information sources in the near future to ascertain further details. Any approach which was made by any particular group for funding would be directed to its local Elected Representative.

During discussion, Members highlighted the need to work closely with Council Departments and other organisations/agencies to ensure that there was no duplication in projects already being planned. Members highlighted also the benefits to be derived from obtaining match funding from other sources to assist in the delivery of projects.

Alderman Stoker submitted a list of projects for inclusion in the prioritisation list and it was agreed that the other Members of the Group would submit to the Democratic Services Officer details of their projects, including the appropriate contact information for lead people within each group/organisation, for inclusion also on the list. All projects would then be presented to the next meeting of the Working Group for consideration.

Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the South Belfast Area Working Group would take place at 12.00 noon on Thursday, 7th June in the First Floor North Conference Room, The Cecil Ward Building, to consider the prioritisation of the projects which had been identified.