

Belfast City Council

Report to: Strategic Policy & Resources Committee

Subject: Belfast Streets Ahead Phase 2 Consultation

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Relevant Background Information

A request has been received from the Belfast City Centre Regeneration Directorate of the Department for Social Development to hold a Belfast Streets Ahead Phase 2 consultation day at the City Hall on the 29th June 2012.

The BSA Phase 2 project is part of the 10-15 years public realm improvement strategy for Belfast city centre. Phase 2 focuses on the area directly around Belfast City Hall, Donegall Square East, West and North.

The BSA Phase 1 project cost £28m and covered 14 main shopping streets radiating from Donegall Place to the east and west of the main shopping area.

McAdam Design locally based multi-disciplinary design consultants have been appointed as the project designers.

The initial works for the BSA Phase 2 project involves consulting with key stakeholders, including members of the public, on a range of design options which will be refined to a preferred option for which the DSD will seek planning approval.

The DSD would like to hold this event in the City Hall as it is central to the Phase 2 project and is easily accessible by members of the public.

Key Issues

The first part of the consultation day will involve a presentation by McAdam Design to Belfast City Council. The presentation will take place at 11.30am and an invitation letter will be issued in advance to Members and Council officials. Some light hospitality will be provided.

This will be followed by a number of open public consultation events taking place between 12.30pm and 8.00pm. It is envisaged that the Reception Hall will be large enough to accommodate the numbers expected. A press release and photo opportunity involving the DSD Minister and the Lord Mayor will be arranged to publicise the event.

Resource Implications

There are no financial or resource requirements associated with this event.

Decision (s) required

The committee is requested to grant permission for this consultation event to take place in the City Hall.

Key to Abbreviations

None

Documents Attached

None