

**Minutes of Budget and Transformation Panel Meeting
15 May 2013**

1. Attendance

Members:

Cllr Deirdre Hargey (Chair)
Cllr Tim Attwood
Cllr Maire Hendron
Cllr Jim McVeigh
Cllr Lee Reynolds

Apologies:

Ald. David Browne
Cllr John Kyle

Officers:

Peter McNaney, Chief Executive
Ronan Cregan, Director of Finance and Resources
Gerry Miller, Director of Property and Projects
Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Suzanne Wylie, Director of Health and Environmental Services
Mark McBride, Head of Finance and Performance

2. G8 Summitt

The Director of Health and Environmental Services provided an update on the planned events and anticipated activity in the City to coincide with the G8 conference, including the Big If event planned for Botanic Gardens, and the preparations which have been undertaken by the Council to date.

The Director also outlined arrangements which the Council could put in place, in relation to key Council premises and facilities, in response to the events and activity and these options were discussed by the Panel.

The Party Group Leaders agreed to take the view of individual party groups before a report was presented to the Strategic Policy and Resources (SP&R) Committee. Members also commented that it would be useful for the SP&R meeting if the Director of Health and Environmental Services could advise Committee of the planned response from other businesses, especially in the City Centre.

3. Leisure Transformation Programme

The Director of Parks and Leisure presented a report which outlined the proposed framework and next steps for the Leisure Transformation Programme. It was noted that a full report on the Leisure Transformation Programme, including financing of the development of the Leisure Estate would be presented to the SP&R Committee on the 21 June 2013.

The Panel agreed with the proposal in the paper for two site visits at Leisure facilities in London and Glasgow to enable Elected Members, Management and Trade Union Representatives to view different models for leisure transformation.

Members also suggested that the opportunity should be taken to combine the leisure transformation site visits with potential best practice community planning / city investment site visits to locations such as Dundee and Manchester / Liverpool.

It was agreed that, subject to confirmation of arrangements, the site visits would commence in June 2013 and that this may involve Friday pm / Saturday arrangements. It was also likely that two sessions would be required for each visit, to provide flexibility for attendance over the summer period.

4. Belfast Investment Fund

The Director of Property and Projects provided an update on work of the Area Working Groups in relation to BIF and the development of the BIF governance. He advised that a full report would be presented to SP&R Committee in June 2013.

5. LIF Launch

The Chief Executive reminded members of the arrangements for the Local Investment Events on the 22 May, including the combined event in the City Hall and the follow up events at area locations.

6. Information Governance

The Chief Executive presented a report highlighting the actions and controls which have been put in place following the data breach in February 2012 and the subsequent investigation by the Information Commissioner.

The panel agreed with the proposal that the Budget and Transformation Panel should review the present arrangements, supported by an external expert so that Members can independently scrutinise and assure the situation. To ensure independence it was suggested that this task should be supported by the Audit Governance and Risk Services Manager and would take place in the absence of senior officers.

The end product will be an independent review report which members of the Budget Panel will then be able to refer to the Audit Panel and SP&R Committee.

7. Date of Next Meeting

10.00am, 13 June 2013.