



| Subject: | 'Shaping Place, Changing Lives' Placemaking Symposium for Councils |
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| Date: | 18th August 2015 |
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| Is this report restricted? | Yes | | No | x |
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| Is the decision eligible for Call-in? | Yes | x | No | |

| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
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| | To advise the Committee of a symposium entitled "Shaping Place, Changing Lives – A Placemaking Symposium for Councils", which will be held in Mossley Mill on Thursday 22 October, attendance at which is free of charge. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| | The Committee is requested to authorise the attendance of any Member of the Committee – Democratic Services will make the necessary arrangements. |
| 3.0 | Main report |
| | The Symposium, which is being organised by DCAL, NILGA and the Ministerial Advisory Group, will examine a range of issues pertinent to the planning function, particularly how the concepts of community planning and placemaking can impact on local communities. A copy of the agenda is attached and the Committee's attention is drawn to a number of the sessions. In particular, there will presentations from representatives of Oxford and Croydon councils regarding initiatives within their boroughs. Also, the symposium will present a valuable opportunity for networking with planning committee members in other councils across Northern Ireland. |
| | Financial & Resource Implications - None |
| | Equality or Good Relations Implications - None |
| 4.0 | Appendix – Invite and Agenda |