



Subject:	Alexandra park consultation and development exercise
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this paper is to inform Members of the progress in drafting a development plan, revised term of reference and consultation framework for Alexandra park as noted at North Area Working Group (NAWG) on 26 April.
1.2	A 'stakeholder working group' is meeting at pace in between Council meetings and the independent facilitator Blueprint Consultancy may present at a future date to the Committee on the emerging Alexandra park plan, revised term of reference and consultation framework.

1.3	Senior managers continue to support this process to ensure the plan has an effective funding/resources plan and the priority outcomes in Belfast agenda can be demonstrated from utilising Alexandra park as an asset to regenerate its neighbouring communities in North Belfast.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; Note the report and updated progress and process from the presentation at the North Area Working Group on the plan, terms of reference and consultation framework.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>A Member update report was presented to NAWG (appendix 1) and accompanied by a presentation on 26 April which reported on engagement to date; agreed assumptions areas pending agreement and also the challenges involved with the process in terms of supporting relationships and honouring the timeframe available.</p>
3.2	Alongside this Members are asked to note the ongoing commitment of the stakeholders involved in the working group to work together to develop a plan, reframe the future partnership way of working and related representation alongside how best to consult on the proposals being formed to be part of the plan.
3.3	The next critical stage is finalising suitable proposals to be in the draft plan and the governance to manage it. This will subject to Member ratification pass through the agreed consultation framework the working group is shaping as a final plan is agreed.
3.4	<p>Dependencies</p> <p>Most of this work is affected by relationships and timeframe. The balance of maintaining a mutual consensus and demonstrate ownership whilst there may be competing interests or needs has been noted throughout and will continue to be an area which the future governance will continue to require support with. This needs managed aligned to normal council process yet be timely to ensure any potential funding or income streams can be realised. An internal working group is on hand to try to pool Council support as progress continues and proposals in the plan are scoped to support this too.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There is no financial or resource implications with this report however any finalised draft</p>

3.6	<p>plan will have a supplementary funding plan which will have implications for Member consideration in due course.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no equality issues of note at this time and the proposed consultation framework will take into account requirements.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: Alexandra park update to North Area Working Group on 26 April 17