

**Minutes of Budget and Transformation Panel Meeting
12 October 2017**

1. Attendance

Members:

Councillor Deidre Hargey (Chair)
Councillor Ciaran Beattie (for Councillor McVeigh)
Alderman David Browne
Councillor Brian Heading (for item 2 below - Féile Cash Flow Request)
Councillor Billy Hutchinson
Councillor Sian O'Neill (for Councillor Long)

Apologies:

Councillor Michael Long
Councillor Jim McVeigh
Councillor Lee Reynolds

Officers:

Ronan Cregan, Director of Finance and Resources and Deputy Chief Executive
John Walsh, City Solicitor
Phil Williams, Director of Planning and Place (For item 5 below - Planning Update)
Mark McBride, Head of Finance and Performance

2. Féile Cash Flow Request

The Director of Finance and Resources referred to the cash flow request received from Féile an Phobail for the planned major events for the Féile 30th anniversary / birthday in 2018.

The Director advised that the Council was being asked to cash flow the upfront costs of the Féile an Phobail 30th Anniversary / Birthday events in August 2018 which would be recouped by the Council from the direct payment of ticket sales by "Ticketmaster" to the Council.

Council officers have reviewed the income and expenditure projections for the events and discussed these with Féile an Phobail and have confirmed with Ticketmaster the necessary legal and insurance arrangements which would be required and the request would be presented for consideration to the meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on the 20 October 2017.

3. City Centre Social Outcomes Fund Update

The Director of Finance and Resources provided an overview of the draft report for the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee which proposed to recast the City Centre Social Outcomes Fund to support the City's growing tourism infrastructure.

4. Bonfire Review

The City Solicitor advised the Panel that interviews were in progress and that there was the opportunity for Members to engage in the review, if they had not already been included or had been unable to attend interviews to date.

The City Solicitor also advised that while Mr Frawley understood the urgency for completing the review, given that interviews only commenced in September and that the review involved an investigation and recommendations for Council procedures, a report would not be available for the October Committee, but was more likely to be available for November/December.

5. Planning Update

The Director of Planning and Place informed the Panel of the applications that were being presented to the Planning Committee this month.

6. City Hall Launch of the Belfast Agenda

Members were asked to note that the press launch of the Belfast Agenda in the City Hall, as agreed by SP&R Committee in September, was being planned for 8.30am on Thursday 9 November. It was also noted that the date had been confirmed in the Lord Mayor's diary and that the Party Group Leaders meeting was at 10.00am on the same date.

7. Any Other Business

In response to an enquiry regarding the reception desk in the City hall, the Director advised that an update would be provided by the Director of Property and Projects to the SP&R meeting on the 20 October 2017.

Members requested that the planned location and drawings should be included in the report to Committee.