

West Belfast Area Working Group

Thursday, 27th September 2018

MEETING OF WEST BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Councillor Baker (Chairperson);
Aldermen Kingston and McCoubrey; and
Councillors Beattie, Canavan, Carson, Corr, Garrett,
Hutchinson, Magennis, O'Hara, Nic Biorna and Walsh.

In attendance: Mr N. Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City and
Neighbourhood Services;
Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects;
Mr. G. Dickson, Policy and Performance Analyst;
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer; and
Ms C. Donnelly, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Councillors Attwood, Groves and Heading.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd August were agreed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were reported.

Decision Tracker

The Director of Property and Projects explained that the Decision Tracker document had been emailed to Members before the meeting and he provided the Working Group with a brief overview of actions taken since the last meeting held on 23rd August.

Noted.

Update in respect of Peace IV Capital (Springfield Road) Programme

The Director of Property and Projects provided the Working Group with an update on the Peace IV Capital Programme and the proposals for a public engagement exercise with regard to the Springfield Road.

A Member highlighted the need to be clear and concise with the proposals contained in the consultation in order to ensure that the public would be able to clearly interpret the proposals and therefore make informed decisions.

The Director advised the Members that the consultation would be further considered by officers prior to roll out and he undertook to liaise further with the Members in this regard. He outlined that the scheme was a long-term vision for this area that was predominately aimed at connecting communities.

The Director undertook to liaise further with the Members regarding the proposed consultation exercise and agreed to submit a further report to the next meeting of the Area Working Group, which would include detail in respect of the proposed public meetings.

Noted.

Update on Area Framework

The Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services provided the Working Group with an update on the Area Framework which encompassed area working and area planning and he also outlined how it was proposed that this would be governed.

Noted.

Cherry Wildlife Garden Dunmurry

In response to a query regarding antisocial behaviour and possible additional works in the form of additional lighting and fencing at Twinbrook Wildlife Garden, the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Service advised that there was currently no resources allocated to fund the suggested works.

Following discussion, the Strategic Director undertook to submit a report to a future meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

The Working Group noted that the next meeting would take place at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, 25th October.

Chairperson