

## **Minutes of Budget and Transformation Panel Meeting 14 February 2019**

### **Attendance**

#### Members:

Councillor Peter Johnston (Chair)  
Councillor Brian Heading (for Cllr Attwood)  
Councillor Billy Hutchinson  
Councillor Michael Long  
Councillor Lee Reynolds  
Alderman Jim Rodgers (for Alderman Browne)

**Apologies:** Alderman Browne, Councillor Attwood,

#### **Officers:**

Suzanne Wylie, Chief Executive  
Ronan Cregan, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Resources  
John Walsh, City Solicitor  
John Tully, Director of City and Organisational Development  
Gerry Millar, Director of Property and Projects  
Alistair Reid, Director of Planning and Place (for item 1)  
Emer Husbands, Strategic Performance Manager (secretariat)

### **1. City Recovery**

The Director of Planning and Place updated the members on the current financial position in relation to the City Recovery Fund and presented emerging proposals for next steps in continuing to support the city centre following the Bank Buildings fire. A report on these high level proposals will be considered by SP&R at its February meeting. More detail on individual projects and activities will be developed and presented to committee for decisions over the coming months.

### **2. Organisational Improvement**

The Director of City and Organisational Strategy updated the panel on the functional chart for the organisation which reflects the ongoing change programme. He also highlighted the work on the development of the People Strategy, including the organisations values and behaviours, and how the role out of this had begun to support the overall change programme.

### **3. Finance**

Quarter 3 Finance 2018 / 19

The Director of Finance and Resources updated the members on the organisations quarter 3 financial position including the year end forecast. He highlighted that it was likely that there would be no year end re-allocation due to a number of risks to the rate base, including rating appeals.

### **4. Leisure Transformation Update – Consultation**

The Director of Property and Projects outlined possible options for the consultation process for the naming of the new Leisure Centre, on the site of the previous Robinson Centre. The options would be considered by SP&R at their February meeting

### **5. Peace IV**

*Councillor Hutchinson declared an interest in this item as he was a member of Black Mountain Shared Space but was not required to leave the meeting.*

The Director of Property and Projects updated the panel on the current status of the two Peace IV projects, including the timeline for the signing of the Letter of Offer for Black Mountain Shared Space and likely which will be considered at the February meeting of the SP&R Committee.

### **6. Governance Arrangements**

The City Solicitor circulated a draft paper outlining the arrangements that need to be considered in relation to establishing governance structures for the new council post the May election. This will include allocating positions of responsibility, nominations to committees and a review of working groups. The future arrangements around Budget Panel and Party Group Leaders were also discussed.

### **7. Planning Update**

The Chief Executive updated the panel on the live planning applications and informed the panel of the applications that were being presented to the Planning Committee this month.

### **8. AOB**

#### **(i) Belfast Region City Deal**

The panel were informed that work was ongoing to get an agreed Heads of Term document which is currently in draft. Once a final version is agreed it will be presented to SP&R Committee.

(ii) Memorials

The City Solicitor updated the panel on the memorials policy which will be considered by committee in March.

(iii) Diversionary Festivals Funding

The Panel noted the proposed timetable for the funding call.

(iv) Members IT Equipment

A report on the arrangements for IT equipment for members of the new council, post the May election, will be considered in February by SP&R.