



Subject:	Draft Committee Plan 2020-21
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Restricted Reports		
Is this report restricted?	Yes No	X
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?		
After Committee Decision		
After Council Decision		
Some time in the future		
Never		

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes X No

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues	
1.1	This report provides a draft People & Communities Committee Plan summarising the	
	committee's key priorities for 2020-21 developed from the Members Workshop held in	
	September and the draft Corporate Plan. This has also been informed by the commitments	
	that are in place and the ongoing work that the committee has oversight for in the delivery of	
	the Belfast Agenda.	
2.0	Recommendations	
2.1	The Committee is asked to	
	 agree the draft Committee Plan priorities for 2020-21. 	
3.0	Main report	
3.1	Background	
	Members will recall that a Committee Planning workshop was held on 10 September 2019	
	at which the Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services delivered an introductory	
	presentation outlining:	

	 An overview of draft council Corporate Plan 2019-23 	
	 The opportunities and challenges facing the city and council 	
	 Emerging priorities for the council 	
	 Summary of the terms of reference of the committee 	
	 Brief description of the City & Neighbourhood Services 	
	 Detailed presentation of two of the committee's key priorities within the Corporate 	
	Plan:	
	 Neighbourhood Regeneration 	
	 Waste & resourceful Belfast 	
	Following the workshop a feedback report was brought to Committee on 08 October 2019	
	outlining the key priorities identified by Members. It was proposed that officers draft a	
	Committee Plan taking into account the feedback from the Committee workshop and the	
	relevant priorities from within the draft Corporate Plan and bring this back to Committee for	
	consideration and agreement.	
3.2	Members will recall that the People and Communities Committee is responsible for the	
	development and implementation of strategies, policies, programmes and projects aimed at	
	improving life at a local level in the context of the outcomes agreed in the community and	
	corporate plans and other corporate strategy. This includes:	
	 Developing and delivering programmes, events and activities to promote health, 	
	safety and well-being at a local level;	
	- Administering and enforcing the Council's powers and duties under the Public Health	
	Acts and all environmental health and building related legislation and regulations;	
	 Securing and providing adequate provision for the recycling, treatment and disposal 	
	of commercial and domestic waste including bulky waste and the collection and	
	disposal of abandoned motor vehicles;	
	 Exercising the Council's powers for improving local environmental quality in relation 	
	to housing legislation, managing controlled waste, emergency planning and	
	community safety and anti-social behaviour, clean neighbourhoods and other	
	environmental or regulatory issues not falling within the remit of any other	
	Committee;	
	 Managing, maintaining and maximising the benefit of the Council's parks, pitches, 	
	playgrounds and other public spaces as well as community centres and other indoor	
	facilities;	
	 Developing and implementing activities to ensure the delivery of corporate strategies 	
	and initiatives in respect of the promotion of health and physical activity,	
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	environmental protection, community safety and other such areas under the domain of this Committee;	
	 Overseeing the delivery of the Council's frontline services and associated community 	
	assets including: Environmental Services; Cleansing; Waste Management; Parks	
	and Cemeteries service (excluding zoo, Malone House and Belfast Castle),	
	Neighbourhood and Development Services; Community Services, Community Safety	
	and Emergency Planning.	
3.3	Summary of Committee Plan Priorities	
	The draft Committee Plan priorities have been summarised into a 'plan on page' (see	
	Appendix 1) to identify key areas of focus for Committee in 2020-21. The plan has been	
	informed by the Member workshop, draft Corporate Plan, and the commitments that are	
	already in place and the ongoing work that the committee has oversight for in the delivery of	
	the Belfast Agenda. The plan locates priorities within the framework of the relevant Belfast	
	Agenda themes (Living Here; Growing the Economy & City Development; Resilience &	
	Sustainability) and the CNS Departmental key priority areas (Open Spaces & Streetscene;	
	Community Provision; City Protection; and Resources & Fleet). The plan identifies the	
	following key areas of focus:	
	 Neighbourhood working & regeneration 	
	 Improve our open spaces 	
	 Implementation of Biodiversity duty 	
	 Improve our community provision 	
	 Work in partnership to address health priorities 	
	 Enhance the delivery of council's sport & leisure provision 	
	 Supporting Children & Young People 	
	 Good relations & Community Safety 	
	 Enhance the management & utilisation of CNS assets 	
	 Improve our City Protection services 	
	 Improve urban air quality 	
	 Port Health improvements 	
	 New regional model for civil contingencies 	
	 Improve our burial and cremation facilities 	
	 Funeral poverty 	
	 City-centre revitalisation programme 	
	 Improve and extend recycling opportunities 	
	 Improve our Resources & Fleet service 	
	It is likely many of these areas of focus will take several years to deliver. The draft plan	
	includes and outlines the key deliverables for 2020-21.	

3.4	It is proposed that Committee receive a 6 monthly progress update regarding the priorities.
	This will be in addition to usual reports that will be brought to Committee regarding individual
	priorities & deliverables.
	Financial & Resource Implications
3.5	The Committee Plan and annual programme of work will need to align with the budget
	agreed by Strategic Policy & Resources Committee on 24 January 2020. The budget
	analysis for the People & Communities Committee, 2020-21 is attached at Appendix 2.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
3.6	There are no implications directly relating to this report however individual strategies and
	plans will be subject to the council's equality, good relations and rural needs requirements.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Draft People & Communities Committee: Plan on a Page 2020-21
	Appendix 2 – Budget Estimate Analysis 2020-21