



Subject:	Future City Centre Programme - Lighting Strategy
Date:	9 th December 2020
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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To update Members in relation to the Lighting Strategy in the context of the Future City Centre Programme Regeneration & Connectivity pillar, and to seek approval of 'Luminous City: A Lighting Strategy for Belfast'.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note progress with 'Luminous City: A Lighting Strategy' for Belfast, and approve the final document.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Background The Future City Centre (FCC) Programme has been developed in line with the Belfast Agenda, the Local Development Plan, the Inclusive Growth Strategy and the Cultural Strategy (A City

Imagining), and has been informed by the Belfast City Centre Regeneration and Investment Strategy (BCCRIS). The Programme is continuing to evolve in the context of COVID-19 and given the range of challenges facing the city centre. The Future City Centre Programme was discussed and approved at the CG&R committee meeting of 12th February 2019.

Among the pillars within the FCC Programme is 'Regeneration & Connectivity', which includes a number of cross-cutting work areas such as city centre living, the Bolder Vision Connectivity work, physical and environmental interventions including the Entries & Lanes Programme and Public Realm Catalyst Projects. This pillar also includes the Lighting Strategy.

3.2 **Luminous City- A Lighting Strategy for Belfast**

'Luminous city – A Lighting Strategy for Belfast' was presented to CG&R Committee on 9th September 2020, with approval granted to proceed with public consultation via Council's online engagement platform Citizen Space for a 6 week period over October and November. Officers also engaged with key Section 75 groups through Council's Equality and Diversity Team.

3.3 Public consultation closed on 23rd November 2020 and final amendments have now been incorporated into the final document (Appendix A). Prior to the public consultation a robust internal and external engagement programme was carried out with key stakeholders involved in the delivery and maintenance of lighting across the city including; Department for Infrastructure, Department for Communities, the three Belfast Improvement Districts, The Belfast Chamber, Visit Belfast, Titanic Foundation, HED, representatives from retail and cultural sectors.

3.4 Feedback from a range of sources has been overwhelmingly positive and constructive, with the majority of people 'strongly agreeing' that lighting has a key role to play in addressing our city and neighbourhood ambitions, and that the document will be a key driver to raise standards to a consistently high level across all delivery bodies, public and private.

3.5 In terms of delivery, lighting interventions are embedded across a range of projects currently being developed, with the strategy document informing and guiding these. For example, projects such as the 5C's public realm, Entries Phase 1 and Cathedral Gardens all have significant lighting elements which have been developed in line with the recommendations in the strategy document.

3.6	<p>Projects are also emerging through the DfC-funded Revitalisation Programme which incorporate lighting features at Castle Place, Adelaide Street, Brunswick Street, James Street South, Union Street and Exchange Place. Entries Phase 2 will also incorporate innovative approaches to lighting, for which designs are in development.</p>
3.7	<p>Work is also ongoing to bring forward stand-alone lighting projects in 2021-22 and beyond and officers will continue to profile the strategy to stakeholders as a key document to consult when designing and delivering any and all types of lighting across Belfast.</p>
3.8	<p>Members are asked to approve the final version of 'Luminous city – A Lighting Strategy for Belfast' (Appendix A).</p>
3.9	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
3.10	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>The Future City Centre Programme is a high level regeneration plan. Projects taken forward within the plan will be screened in their own right by the lead delivery division.</p> <p>Where appropriate, emerging work strands will be individually screened for Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment.</p> <p><u>Re Luminous City – A Lighting Strategy for Belfast:</u></p> <p>A draft equality screening exercise and a draft rural needs assessment exercise were undertaken during the preliminary engagement process. Documents were shared on Citizen Space to help elicit views from respondents. During the public consultation process, officers engaged with key Council touchstone equality groups, namely the Disability Advisory Panel, the Equality Consultative Forum and the Seniors Forum.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents attached</p>
	<p>Appendix A Luminous City – A Lighting Strategy for Belfast</p>