



Subject:	Annual Monitoring Report for Financial Developer Contributions
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report and Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is for Members to consider and note the inaugural Annual Monitoring Report for Financial Developer Contributions (Appendix 1).
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Planning Committee is asked to note this report and Annual Monitoring Report.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<u>Background</u> Since the reform of local government and transfer of planning powers to councils in April 2015, Belfast City Council has secured over £3.5 million in financial Developer Contributions, required to mitigate the impacts of new development on the city and make it acceptable.
3.2	In December 2020, the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agreed that as part of the governance arrangements around financial Developer Contributions, the Council would publish an Annual Monitoring Report.

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<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Annual Monitoring Report for Financial Developer Contributions</p>