

Appendix 1: Draft role of Committees

4.0	<p>Role of the new Committees</p>
	<p>Strategic Policy and Resources</p> <p>The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee would be responsible for setting the strategic direction of the Council through the development of the Belfast Agenda, corporate plan and other key corporate strategies and policies. It would also ensure effective use of resources and value for money for ratepayers, and oversee the Council’s relationship with a number of key agencies and partners. Responsibilities would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with partners to lead the development of the community plan; • Supporting the development, implementation and monitoring of the Physical Investment Strategy; • Developing and implementing the organisation’s Good Relations & Equality Strategies; • Managing and monitoring performance against the achievement of the council objectives and those agreed in the community plan; • Developing the council’s finance strategy and all matters relating to its implementation including; all revenue and capital financing and borrowing, the annual revenue and capital budgets and the rate to be levied and monitoring financial performance; • Developing the internal strategies to ensure the smooth running of the council including; asset management, procurement, grants, organisational development and accommodation and; • Agreeing the Local Development Plan with the Planning Committee.
	<p>Place and Growth Committee</p> <p>The Place and Growth Committee would be responsible for the development and implementation of strategies, policies, programmes and projects directed to the regeneration and growth of the city in the context of the outcomes agreed in the community and corporate plans and other corporate strategies. Responsibilities would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influencing and contributing to regional regeneration and growth strategies and activities; • Developing and implementing city-wide economic strategies and policies ; • Managing and maximising the impact of major physical developments in the city; • Coordinating and promoting major city wide events; • Sourcing and providing support to attract and utilise European and other grants which contribute to the growth of the city ; • Providing support for economic development initiatives; • Supporting the development of culture, heritage and the arts; • Working with other agencies to promote Belfast as a key investment and tourism opportunity; • Developing programmes and actions to support local businesses and attract inward investment; • Managing the Council’s markets and maximising their benefit to the city; • Managing and maintaining the Council’s city assets and estate and; • Influencing and contributing to strategies and policies affecting skills, employability, transportation and energy in the City.

People and Communities Committee

The People and Communities Committee would be 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 strategies.

Responsibilities would include:

- 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, community safety, addressing 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, 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, environmental protection, community safety and other such areas under the domain of this Committee and;
- Overseeing the delivery of the Council's frontline services and associated community assets.

Planning Committee

The Planning Committee shall be responsible for the formulation of the local development plan creating a clear vision of how the council area should look in the future by establishing what type and scale of development should be encouraged and where it should be located within the council area. The Planning Committee shall be responsible for all the Council's planning functions, excepting those matters which are expressly delegated to officers or reserved to full Council. This would include:

- Exercising the Council's powers and duties in relation to local planning policies, planning strategies the statement of community involvement and any other development plan documents in conjunction with any other such Committee as the Council may deem appropriate;
- Deciding applications for planning permission and whether to impose any condition, limitation or other restriction on an approval, consent, licence or permission;
- Revoking, amending, modifying or varying any approval, consent, licence or permission;
- Determining any matters related to the exercise of permitted development rights as set out in the Planning (General Development) Order (NI) 1993 or any other legislation relating to such rights ;
- Exercising the Council's powers and duties in relation to development control;
- Determining applications for the display of advertisements and whether to impose any condition, limitation or other restriction on such advertisements and;
- Determining applications for listed building consents and exercising any related powers and duties; including the revocation or modification of such a consent.

Licensing Committee

The Licensing Committee shall be responsible for the consideration of all matters pertaining to policy and legislation in relation to licensing issues. The Licensing Committee shall have delegated authority for determining the following matters:

- (i) The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985;
- Entertainment Licences;
- Applications for the grant of licences;
- Applications for the renewal, transfer or variation of licences where objections are received;
- Suspension and revocation of licences;
- Applications for a waiver to permit entertainment involving striptease or nudity;
- Sex Establishments;
- (ii) The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985;
- Applications for the grant of amusement and pleasure permits;
- Registration of Societies in relation to the running of lotteries;
- (iii) Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001;
- Designation of streets or part thereof;
- Applications for the grant of licences;
- Applications for the renewal, transfer or variation of licences where objections are received and;
- Revocation of licences.