



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Belfast Voluntary Transition Committee
Subject:	Colin Town Centre Project Board – BCC representation
Date:	8 February 2013
Reporting Officer:	Peter McNaney, Chief Executive
Contact Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure

1.0	Relevant background information
1.1	The Department for Social Development, supported by the Strategic Investment Board, is leading on the Colin Town Centre masterplan development. This is in partnership with the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership.
1.2	The Colin area is located on the periphery of west Belfast and currently sits within the Lisburn City Council local government district. This is due to transfer to Belfast City Council under the reform of local government in 2015.

2.	Key issues
2.1	A public consultation exercise was initiated in March 2012 to engage with the local community on a draft Development Framework Plan for a new town centre. This new town centre aims to create a focal point for health, retail, leisure, cultural, educational and socially interactive services and facilities. This would include the construction of a new state of the art post-primary school, planned to deliver secured community use of facilities out of hours.
2.2	To take forward the masterplan, DSD has set aside funding within their 2012/13 and 2013/14 budgets the delivery of the project and are committed to supporting the Colin Town Centre project until successful delivery on site. Following discussions with the Strategic Investment Board, the Council has been invited to nominate a representative to participate in the Project Board.
2.3	Given the synergies with the review of the Leisure Estate and the Playing Pitches Strategy, the Chief Executive has nominated the Director of Parks and Leisure to join the group. This is in line with the emerging principles for the transformation of the leisure estate, in which Members have emphasised the importance of maximising strategic partnership opportunities and balanced investment across the city.

2.4	The Director will forward updates to Committee as required, keeping them informed of relevant issues and seeking authority where necessary, in the context of the reform of local government, as well as the review of the leisure estate.
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3.0	Decisions required
	Members are asked to note participation of the Director of Parks and Leisure in the Colin Town Centre Project Board.

4.0	Resource Implications
	<p>Human: None</p> <p>Financial: None</p> <p>Assets: None at present.</p>

5.0	Equality Implications
	DSD will be responsible for the equality obligations arising from the masterplan. In due course, the development will also be considered under the screening process for the Leisure Estate Review.

6.0 Documents Attached	
Appendix 1	DSD/SIB Briefing Note – Colin Town Centre Summary Information

7.0 Abbreviations	
	<p>DSD – Department for Social Development</p> <p>SIB – Strategic Investment Board</p>