

Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Andersonstown Gateway Project
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Relevant Background Information

Last November the Minister for Social Development announced her intention to carry out a feasibility study into establishing a commercial gateway for the Andersonstown area. She intends to establish a steering group to manage and guide the process. The Terms of Reference are appended (**Appendix 1**).

The Department of Social Development has written to Council to request officer representation to sit on the steering group as political representatives have already been agreed.

Key Issues

The steering group will play an important role in acting as a catalyst for sustainable development in the Andersonstown area. The process fits well within Belfast City Council's current policies in relation to arterial routes, local economic development and tourism among others.

The Director has participated in major exercises in the North and East of the City, undertaking the role in the West would add to the knowledge base of the Department. It is, therefore, recommended that she is nominated to the steering group.

Recommendations

For Members to approve the participation of the Director of Development on the Andersonstown Gateway Feasibility Study Steering Group

Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference