



Subject:	Request to Present – Belfast City & Region Place Partnership
Date:	8 May 2024
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the Committee to receive a presentation from representatives of the Belfast City & Region Place Partnership at the Committee Meeting in June 2024.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">Agree to receive a presentation from representatives of the Belfast City & Region Place Partnership at the City Growth and Regeneration Committee meeting in June 2024.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Belfast City & Region Place Partnership (BCRPP), formerly Renewed Ambition Partnership (RAP), is a joint public-private initiative that is delivering a programme of work aimed at attracting inclusive investment for the delivery of regeneration, infrastructure, and a modern built environment for Belfast and the wider City Region.

3.2	<p>The Belfast City & Region Place Partnership is supported by public, private and key anchor institution partners. Partners comprise of Belfast City Council, all Belfast City Region Deal partner Councils, Invest NI, Belfast Harbour, Translink, Housing Association representation, Queens University Belfast, and representatives from the local development community bringing forward regeneration and development projects.</p>
3.3	<p>The Partnership is governed via a Taskforce comprised of representatives of the public and private sector, including the Chief Executive and senior officers from Belfast City Council, and chaired by Joe O'Neill, Chief Executive, Belfast Harbour.</p>
3.4	<p>Members will recall that during the City Growth and Regeneration Committee on the 9 August 2023 they received a presentation from the RAP Taskforce which provided an update on the previous 2022 / 2023 programme of work and proposed approach to 2023 / 2024 programme. During this Committee meeting, Members agreed to approve extending the Council's participation within the Partnership Programme for 2023 / 2024 as part of a wider public-private approach.</p>
3.5	<p>The 2023 / 2024 programme commenced on the 1 September 2023 and is delivering a structured programme of work focussed on the key pillars of Research; Events; Advocacy and Engagement; and Communications aligned to securing investment and regeneration for Belfast, and the wider Belfast city region. The programme has included organising a Showcase event in Dublin; attendance at real estate conferences including UKREiif 2024 and MIPIM 2024; and advocacy and engagement activities. The 2023 / 2024 programme will end on 31 August 2024.</p>
3.6	<p>The BCRPP Taskforce has endorsed continuing the Partnership into 2024 / 2025; and the associated programme of activity is currently under development. It will continue to take the form of a pillared programme with a key objective of continuing to build awareness of the Belfast investment proposition aimed at attracting inclusive investment, creating employment opportunities and facilitating investor engagement to support the delivery of regeneration projects across the city, with a focus on creating the economic and social infrastructure/assets required to deliver inclusive sustainable growth.</p>
3.7	<p>From a Council perspective, this partnership is an important lever within our wider 'Position the City to Compete' proposition which seeks to build on the city's reputation</p>

3.8	<p>as a unique destination for investment, tourism, development and supporting inclusive economic growth; and supporting delivery of housing-led regeneration and bringing forward strategic regeneration and development schemes to create a liveable and connected, vibrant and competitive city.</p> <p>Representatives from the Belfast City & Region Place Partnership Taskforce have requested the opportunity to present at a meeting of City Growth and Regeneration Committee in order to update Members on the current programme of work; and proposed 2024 / 2025 activities, including priority issues and objectives for the Partnership moving forward.</p>
4.0	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
5.0	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices – Documents attached</p>
	<p>None</p>