



Subject:	Request to Present - Belfast Waterfront Task Group
Date:	6 th August 2025
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to advise Members that the Waterfront Task Group has submitted a request to present to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee to provide an update on the progress of the Belfast Waterfront Framework. It is proposed that a paper and update presentation will be made to the September meeting of the CG&R Committee
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <p>I. Agree to receive a presentation from the Waterfront Task Group to the September meeting of the CG&R Committee.</p> <p>II.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>As reported to the CG&R Committee in October 2023 a Waterfront Task Group was established to develop a focused approach to the Belfast waterfront, aligned to A Bolder Vision key move 'Embracing the River'. The Task Group, chaired by BCC Chief Executive and consisting of Maritime Belfast Trust, BCC officers, Belfast Harbour Commissioners, local community groups, Titanic Quarter Ltd, DfC, DfE, Tourism NI, Odyssey Trust and DEARA commissioned a detailed analysis of the waterfront area from the Ormeau Road Bridge to Thompsons Dock.</p>
3.2	<p>Consultants, Schulze + Grasso undertook a detailed analysis of over 10km of the waterfront, compiling analysis on the completed and pending developments, as well as identifying the catalyst opportunities and gaps in infrastructure to maximise the social, economic and environmental opportunities that exist along the waterfront. This work also undertook to identify the existing and proposed projects emerging from within the adjacent communities, and to identify catalyst opportunities to connect these projects and the local communities to the wider education, employment and leisure facilities along the waterfront corridor. This work was carried out in consultation with a range of stakeholders including local communities through online surveys and a dedicated charrette style design workshop.</p>

3.3	Following a detailed analysis of over 10km of the waterfront Members of the CG&R Committee received a presentation on the Framework in October 2023 and approved the Belfast Waterfront Framework (Link to October Committee Meeting & Framework).
3.4	This Committee has received updates on projects emerging from A Bolder Vision and the Waterfront Framework, including Under the Bridges, the Sailortown Bridge and the Queens Quay Kiosk. Members were also invited to attend a presentation update and boat tour of the Framework area in October 2024.
3.5	A request has been received from the Waterfront Task Group to attend the September meeting of the CG&R Committee to provide an update on completed and emerging projects under development, and to provide an update on potential future funding mechanisms and plans to realise the scale of the ambition of the Waterfront Framework. A report will accompany the presentation.
4.0	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> No additional financial or resource requirements are associated with this paper.
5.0	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None associated with this report.
6.0	Appendices - Documents Attached None