

City Regeneration Members' Working Group

Monday, 4th August, 2025

MEETING OF THE CITY REGENERATION MEMBERS' WORKING GROUP

Members present: Councillor de Faoite (Chairperson);
Alderman Rodgers (for Alderman Copeland); and
Councillors Nelson (for Councillor Long)
and Smyth.

In attendance: Ms. S. McNicholl, Deputy Chief Executive/Director
of Corporate Services;
Ms. N. Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and
Civic Services;
Mr. D. Martin, Strategic Director of Place and Economy;
Mr. A. Ferguson, Senior Development Manager;
Ms. P. Conway, Development Manager;
Ms. B. Farren, Regeneration Project Officer; and
Mr. C. Mealey, Committee Services Officer.

Apologies

No apologies were reported.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 19th June, 2025 were approved by the Working Group.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Housing Led Regeneration – Private Sector Partner (PSP) Development Programme

The Senior Development Manager provided the Working Group with an update on the actions arising from its last meeting in June, 2025. He advised that the City Growth and Regeneration Committee would consider, at its meeting in August, 2025, a request from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to attend a special meeting of the Committee to discuss the City Centre Waiting List; that engagement with Northern Ireland Water regarding the emerging development and water infrastructure would be progressed on a site-by-site basis; and that the Council had engaged further with its housing-led regeneration programme Private Sector Partner (PSP) in relation to the development of concepts for the branding of the partnership.

He then presented the Working Group with a detailed overview of the following:

- **Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA);**
- **Agreement of Seed Site Development Programme;**
- **Development Programme Process;**
- **Proposed Seed Site Prioritisation;**
- **Seed Site Development Programmes;**
- **PSP Seed Site Development Programme Milestones / Longstop Dates;**
- **Additional Opportunity Sites; and**
- **Immediate Next Steps.**

During discussion, the Senior Development Manager answered a range of questions from the Members in relation to seed sites, value for money, city centre housing density and community engagement.

In response to Members' questions in relation to the details and timelines for the delivery of the seed sites, the Senior Development Manager explained that further detail would be provided through the Initial Site Specific Business Plan and the Detailed Site Specific Business Plan, which both required approval by the Council.

The Senior Development Manager advised the Working Group that the PSP would be engaging with Party Group leaders in August, 2025.

After discussion, the Working Group noted the contents of the presentation and the immediate next steps.

Date of next meeting

The Working Group noted that the next meeting was scheduled to be held on 13th October, 2025, and that future meetings would coincide with key decisions to be made in line with the SPA.