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| Subject: | Belfast Agenda Statement of Progress (Nov 2023-Nov 2025) |
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| 1.0 | Purpose of the Report |
| 1.1 | The purpose of this report is to update Members on the Community Planning Partnership's (CPP) development and forthcoming publication of a Belfast Agenda Statement of Progress and accompanying Data Insights Report for the period November 2023-November 2025, which is a legislative requirement for the Council and its community planning partners. |

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| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | <p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. note the statutory requirement for the Community Planning Partnership to publish a Statement of Progress (SoP) for the period November 2023- November 2025 ii. note the engagement undertaken with and input from community planning partners in developing the draft SoP (attached at Appendix 1) iii. note the inclusion and content of the Population Indicator Data Insight Report and the intention to include this with the SoP and all Statements going forward (available via CLICK HERE) iv. agree that the final SoP, taking account of feedback received from Members and community planning partners, be submitted to the Department of Communities |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| | <u>Background</u> |
| 3.1 | Members will be aware that The Local Government Act (NI) 2014 requires the Council and its community planning partners to make arrangements to monitor progress against meeting the objectives of the Belfast Agenda and the effectiveness of the actions taken in aiming to achieve these objectives. The legislation also requires the Council to publish a report (Statement of Progress) assessing progress towards the outcomes and actions taken every two years. |
| 3.2 | The fourth Statement of Progress is due to be published covering the period November 2023 to November 2025 and provides an opportunity for partners, including Council, to update the public on actions that have been undertaken that are aligned with the long-term ambitions and outcomes of the Belfast Agenda (2035) and delivery against our 4-year action plans (2024-28). |
| 3.3 | The draft SoP, attached at Appendix 1, has been developed in association with and input from community planning partners and internal council officers and highlights a number of case studies and noteworthy achievements showcasing the work of partners over the last 24 months. In addition, it demonstrates the impact of such actions on communities and local people as well as their contribution to the achievement of the ambitions and outcomes outlined in the Belfast Agenda. |
| 3.4 | Where the previous Statement had been light touch due to the significant pressure facing community planning partners recovering from the global pandemic, this Statement is accompanied by an in-depth Data Insight Report , which tracks the progress towards meeting our 5 bold ambitions and outcomes through 53 population indicators agreed by the partnership (available via CLICK HERE). It is intended that officers will monitor and update the Data Insight Report when relevant data becomes available and that this will allow partners to a) monitor the delivery of agreed Belfast Agenda outcomes for people in a robust evidence-based fashion and b) enable the partnership to reflect and prioritise areas for future action and partnership delivery. Members are |

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| | also asked to note that the Partnership will continue to advance its Data Development agenda following publication. |
| 3.5 | While this statement of progress showcases many of the positive partnership achievements, it also importantly acknowledges those strategic issues and challenges facing the city, including for example, access to social and affordable housing, increasing vulnerabilities and widening health inequalities and the impact of the poverty on people's health and wellbeing. The SoP is a call to action for continued and intensified collaborative leadership across government and with communities to bring forward new innovative solutions to addressing these most pressing challenges. |
| 3.6 | <p>Next Steps</p> <p>The intention is that the final SoP, taking account of any feedback received from Members and community planning partners, will be finalised and submitted to the Department for Communities in November.</p> |
| | Financial & Resource Implications |
| 3.7 | There are no financial or human resource implications contained in this report. |
| | Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment |
| 3.8 | There are no equality implications contained in this report. |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
| | <p>Appendix 1: Draft Belfast Agenda Statement of Progress (November 2023 – November 2025)</p> <p>Appendix 2: Population Indicator Data Insights Report (link in main report)</p> |