



<b>Subject:</b>	Area Working Update
<b>Date:</b>	23 September 2016
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Gerry Millar; Director of Property & Projects
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Sinead Grimes; Programme Manager

<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To update Members on a number of area related issues for Members consideration.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	Members are asked to – <b>AWG minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• approve the most recent round AWG Minutes from the North/East and West AWGs as attached at Appendix 1</li></ul> <b>Local Investment Fund</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• agree the recommendations from the West AWG in relation to LIF funding (Section 3.2) and note the LIF allocations as recommended by the East AWGs following the update to Committee in August (Section 3.3)</li></ul> <b>Belfast Investment Fund</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• note that there is a separate report on the agenda for discussion today in relation to BIF</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
<b>3.1</b>	<b><u>KEY ISSUES</u></b> <b>AREA WORKING GROUP UPDATES</b> Members agreed in June that the Area Working Group minutes would be taken into the SP&R Committee for approval going forward in line with the Council's commitment to openness and

transparency and to ensure a consistency in approach to the other Member-led Working Groups (e.g. Diversity Working Group, Shared City Partnership). Members are asked to approve the most recent round of AWG Minutes (*North – 24<sup>th</sup> August; West – 25<sup>th</sup> August and East – 15<sup>th</sup> September*) which are attached at Appendix 1.

### 3.2 **WEST AWG**

The West AWG at its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> August, made the following recommendations for the consideration of the SP&R Committee in relation to their LIF. These amounts are from a re-allocation of WLIF2-09 Highfield Soft Play which Committee was previously advised was no longer being taken forward.

Ref No	Project	£ Amount	Comments
WLIF2-17	Working Men's Club	£4,000	Additional allocation of £ 4k bringing total allocation to £24,000
WLIF2-22	Farset International	£18,000	

### **EAST AWG**

3.3 *LIF2 Recommendations* - The East AWG at its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> August (minutes approved 19<sup>th</sup> August) were updated that they had a remaining balance of £330,700 in their LIF2 Budget and that six projects were still under review - the total costs of which slightly exceeded the budget remaining. It was highlighted to the officers had identified a number of options to facilitate the Members in reaching a decision regarding the allocation of the remaining LIF2 budget

- Option A: To fund all projects except Dock Cafe (due to a security of tenure issue)
- Option B: To fund all projects at (an equal) reduced level; and

The East AWG requested that the Director of Property and Projects seek legal advice on whether it would be possible for the Council to provide funding for the Dock Cafe proposal and investigate whether it was likely to pass due diligence and that in the event that the legal opinion indicates that the Dock Cafe proposal does pass the requirements of due diligence, to go with Option B (i.e. to fund all projects at an equal reduced level)

The Director of Property & Projects verbally updated the Committee last month that following discussions the Due Diligence Group had agreed in principle that the Dock Cafe project would receive DD approval on the security of tenure issue subject to a number of conditions and that therefore Option B could be taken forward. Members are therefore asked to note the funding allocations for the following projects in relation to LIF -

Ref	Project	£ Amount
ELIF2-09	Carew II - Newtownards Rd Women's Group	<b>£42,912</b>
ELIF2-11	Cregagh Sports Club	<b>£178,069</b>
ELIF2-13	Community Restorative Justice	<b>£18,785</b>

ELIF2-14	The Dock Cafe Titanic Quarter	<b>£15,000</b>
ELIF2-15	St Matthews Sports and Social Club	<b>£17,523</b>
ELIF2-20	Tullycarnet Community Support Services	<b>£58,411</b>

3.4 Members are asked to note that all the above projects have been scored and have successfully met the minimum threshold and it is recommended that these projects now proceed to the Due Diligence stage of the LIF process.

3.5 **FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- Financial – £5m has been assigned to LIF 1 and £4m has been assigned to LIF2.
- Resource - Officers time to deliver projects.

Equality or Good Relations Implications

LIF has been equality screened.

3.6 **Appendices – Documents attached**

Appendix 1 – Minutes of the Area Working Groups (North – 24<sup>th</sup> August; West – 25<sup>th</sup> August and East – 15<sup>th</sup> September)