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**Belfast
City Council**

27th May, 2025

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY GROWTH AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet both online and in-person in the Lavery Room, City Hall on Wednesday, 28th May, 2025 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. **Routine Matters**

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Declarations of Interest

2. **Presentations (Restricted)**

- (a) Department for Infrastructure - Eastern Transport Plan/Belfast Cycle Network (Pages 1 - 30)
- (b) Department for Infrastructure - York Street Interchange (Pages 31 - 64)

3. **Belfast Culture Forum Event (Pages 65 - 68)**

4. **Standing Order 14 - Submission of Minutes**

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Subject:	Belfast Culture Forum event
Date:	28 May 2025
Reporting Officer:	Damien Martin, Strategic Director of Place and Economy
Contact Officer:	Chris McCreery, Culture Development Manager

Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.

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1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information)
4. Information in connection with any labour relations matter
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7. Information on any action in relation to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To advise the committee of a planned event to engage with cultural stakeholders at the mid-point of the ten-year cultural strategy, <i>A City Imagining 2020-2030</i> .
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Note the proposed Belfast Culture Forum event; II. Approve hospitality of up to £1700 for the event scheduled for 13 June in the Great Hall.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>At the mid-way point of our ten year cultural strategy, <i>A City Imagining 2020-2030</i>, it is proposed to bring together the city's cultural leaders, creatives and innovators, city policymakers and implementers.</p> <p>The Belfast Culture Forum, which is expected have an audience of over 100 people from across the cultural sector, provides a unique platform to connect, collaborate and exchange ideas about our collective role in improving people's lives through culture.</p>
3.2	<p>At the proposed event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belfast City Council will share the latest updates about the work of the council, our partners and our cultural sector in context of a challenging backdrop. • Discussions will highlight culture's role in building an inclusive city and region, creating social and economic value, and inspiring positive climate action. • The focus will be on current and future collaboration to move forward as a cohesive city, and how we can do this better. • Belfast City Council will talk about how we could do all this during the next five years of implementing Belfast's cultural strategy, <i>A City Imagining!</i>
3.3	<p>This forum will help form the foundation of wider planning and development of an implementation plan for the next 5 years of the cultural strategy. This development will include future members engagement sessions with a view to bringing a draft implementation plan to members in Autumn 2025.</p>
4.0	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>It is proposed to provide hospitality for the event at a cost of up to £1700 to be resourced from the 2025/26 budget from existing departmental budgets for the Culture and Tourism section of the Economic Development division of the Place and Economy.</p>

5.0	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> <p>There no direct equality implications from the event. The cultural strategy, A City Imagining has been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) and a Rural Needs Assessment (RNA).</p>
6.0	Appendices
	None

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