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## **MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** **-REPORTS TO FOLLOW**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet both online and in-person, in the Lavery Room, City Hall on Friday, 23rd January, 2026 at 9.30 am, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

### **AGENDA:**

#### **3. Restricted Items**

- (f) Organisational Reviews and Change Programme (Pages 1 - 6)

#### **5. Belfast Agenda/Strategic Issues**

- (b) Performance Improvement Plan 2026/27 (Pages 7 - 14)
- (c) Planning Information (Pages 15 - 32)
- (e) Procedure for Renaming of Streets (Pages 33 - 38)



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| <b>Subject:</b>           | Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2026-27   |
| <b>Date:</b>              | 23 January 2026  |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b> | John Tully, Director of City and Organisational Strategy   |
| <b>Contact Officer:</b>   | Kevin Heaney, Head of Inclusive Growth and Anti-Poverty<br>Karen Anderson-Gillespie, Strategic Performance Manager<br>Geoff Dickson, Strategic Policy and Planning Manager |

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| <b>1.0</b>  | <b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>  |   |  |                     |  |                                   |   |                  |  |                   |   |                    |   |                           |   |
| 1.1   | The purpose of this report is to obtain Committee approval of the draft performance improvement objectives and indicative actions for 2026-27 (Appendix 1) and to approve their issue for public consultation.   |   |  |                     |  |                                   |   |                  |  |                   |   |                    |   |                           |   |
| <b>2.0</b>  | <b>Recommendation</b>  |   |  |                     |  |                                   |   |                  |  |                   |   |                    |   |                           |   |
| 2.1   | <p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. consider and agree the Council's proposed 2026-27 draft performance improvement objectives and indicative actions (Appendix 1), subject to minor edits based on feedback.</li> <li>ii. agree that the proposed 2026-27 draft performance improvement objectives and indicative actions (Appendix 1) are issued for public consultation for a period of 8 weeks. The draft performance improvement objectives are summarised below for Members:</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Draft performance improvement objectives 2026-27</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Our services</b></td><td>We will continue to adapt and improve our services to better meet the needs of our residents and stakeholders.</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Our people and communities</b></td><td>We will improve our local areas and provide opportunities to support our residents to become healthier and engaged.</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Our place</b></td><td>We will create a more vibrant, attractive, and connected city (including the city centre).</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Our planet</b></td><td>We will champion climate action; protect the environment and improve the sustainability of Belfast.</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Our economy</b></td><td>We will stimulate inclusive growth and innovation, help businesses to start-up and grow and create opportunities for more and better jobs and employment.</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Compassionate city</b></td><td>We will support our most vulnerable people to make Belfast a more caring, safe, and inclusive city.</td></tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. note the next steps, as outlined in paragraph 3.4 below.</li> </ul> | <b>Draft performance improvement objectives 2026-27</b> |  | <b>Our services</b> | We will continue to adapt and improve our services to better meet the needs of our residents and stakeholders. | <b>Our people and communities</b> | We will improve our local areas and provide opportunities to support our residents to become healthier and engaged. | <b>Our place</b> | We will create a more vibrant, attractive, and connected city (including the city centre). | <b>Our planet</b> | We will champion climate action; protect the environment and improve the sustainability of Belfast. | <b>Our economy</b> | We will stimulate inclusive growth and innovation, help businesses to start-up and grow and create opportunities for more and better jobs and employment. | <b>Compassionate city</b> | We will support our most vulnerable people to make Belfast a more caring, safe, and inclusive city. |
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| <b>Our services</b>                                     | We will continue to adapt and improve our services to better meet the needs of our residents and stakeholders.   |   |  |                     |  |                                   |   |                  |  |                   |   |                    |   |                           |   |
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| <b>Compassionate city</b>                               | We will support our most vulnerable people to make Belfast a more caring, safe, and inclusive city.  |   |  |                     |  |                                   |   |                  |  |                   |   |                    |   |                           |   |
| <b>3.0</b>  | <b>Main Report</b>   |   |  |                     |  |                                   |   |                  |  |                   |   |                    |   |                           |   |
| 3.1   | <p><b><u>Background</u></b></p> <p>Members will be aware that Councils have a statutory performance improvement duty that requires them to develop and consult on an annual Performance Improvement Plan, which must be published by 30 June each year.</p>  |   |  |                     |  |                                   |   |                  |  |                   |   |                    |   |                           |   |



| 3.2   | Potential improvement areas for inclusion in the Performance Improvement Plan 2026-27 have been identified through the corporate planning and estimating process as well as a desk-based review of the evidence base. Draft improvement objectives and indicative actions are provided for Committee in Appendix 1.   |        |          |   |             |   |            |  |                              |  |                  |   |            |   |               |  |            |  |             |
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| 3.3   | <p>We will formally consult on the draft performance improvement objectives and indicative actions using the online YourSay Belfast platform for a period of 8 weeks (16 February – 13 April 2026) and we will use a range of other communication methods to help raise awareness and encourage participation/ reach. Members will note that during the public consultation period, the Performance Improvement Plan for 2026-27 (i.e., KPIs and targets) will continue to be refined and a final draft will be brought back to Committee in April 2026 for approval.</p> <p><b><u>Next steps and timeline</u></b></p>  |        |          |   |             |   |            |  |                              |  |                  |   |            |   |               |  |            |  |             |
| 3.4   | <p>To ensure the Performance Improvement Plan 2026-27 is published before the statutory deadline of 30 June 2026, the table below sets out the timetable for finalising the plan:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Action</th><th>Deadline</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>SP&amp;R Committee agree for officers to consult on the draft performance improvement objectives and proposed indicative actions.</td><td>23 Jan 2026</td></tr> <tr> <td>Council ratify Committee decision to consult on the draft performance improvement objectives and proposed indicative actions.</td><td>2 Feb 2026</td></tr> <tr> <td>Commence 8-week public consultation on the draft performance improvement objectives.</td><td>16 Feb – 13 April 2026 - TBC</td></tr> <tr> <td>The Strategy, Programmes and Partnership team continue to work with Departments to refine actions, KPIs and targets.</td><td>Feb - April 2026</td></tr> <tr> <td>CMT agree the draft Corporate Delivery Plan and the draft Performance Improvement Plan 2026-27.</td><td>April 2026</td></tr> <tr> <td>SP&amp;R Committee agree the final draft of the Corporate Delivery Plan and the Performance Improvement Plan 2026-27.</td><td>24 April 2026</td></tr> <tr> <td>Council ratify Committee decision to agree the Corporate Delivery Plan and the Performance Improvement Plan 2026-27.</td><td>5 May 2026</td></tr> <tr> <td>Publish the Performance Improvement Plan 2025-26 (submit to the NIAO).</td><td>26 May 2026</td></tr> </tbody> </table> | Action | Deadline | SP&R Committee agree for officers to consult on the draft performance improvement objectives and proposed indicative actions. | 23 Jan 2026 | Council ratify Committee decision to consult on the draft performance improvement objectives and proposed indicative actions. | 2 Feb 2026 | Commence 8-week public consultation on the draft performance improvement objectives. | 16 Feb – 13 April 2026 - TBC | The Strategy, Programmes and Partnership team continue to work with Departments to refine actions, KPIs and targets. | Feb - April 2026 | CMT agree the draft Corporate Delivery Plan and the draft Performance Improvement Plan 2026-27. | April 2026 | SP&R Committee agree the final draft of the Corporate Delivery Plan and the Performance Improvement Plan 2026-27. | 24 April 2026 | Council ratify Committee decision to agree the Corporate Delivery Plan and the Performance Improvement Plan 2026-27. | 5 May 2026 | Publish the Performance Improvement Plan 2025-26 (submit to the NIAO). | 26 May 2026 |
| Action  | Deadline  |        |          |   |             |   |            |  |                              |  |                  |   |            |   |               |  |            |  |             |
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| <b>4.0</b>  | <b>Financial and Resource Implications</b>  |        |          |   |             |   |            |  |                              |  |                  |   |            |   |               |  |            |  |             |
| 4.1   | All priorities are identified through the rate setting process. All agreed activity and performance targets will be reflected within Committee Plans, Departmental Plans, and programme plans, thereby ensuring that they are resourced and managed and improvement is embedded within our planning, performance, and delivery processes.   |        |          |   |             |   |            |  |                              |  |                  |   |            |   |               |  |            |  |             |
| <b>5.0</b>  | <b>Equality of Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</b>   |        |          |   |             |   |            |  |                              |  |                  |   |            |   |               |  |            |  |             |

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| 5.1        | There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications arising directly from this report. |
| <b>6.0</b> | <b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b>   |
| 5.1        | Appendix 1: Draft performance improvement objectives and indicative actions 2026-27.                 |

**Appendix 1: Draft Council performance improvement objectives and indicative actions 2026-27 – for public consultation.**

| Draft improvement objectives 2026 -27<br>(subject to consultation and engagement)  | What we will deliver – proposed indicative actions 2026-27<br>(subject to consultation and engagement)  |
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| <b>Our Services</b><br>We will continue to adapt and improve our services to better meet the needs of our residents and stakeholders.                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to deliver the <b>Planning Service Improvement Plan</b>.</li> </ul>   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to deliver the <b>Customer Focus Programme</b>, to enhance our services and customer experience.</li> </ul>   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver a <b>street cleansing programme</b> to create a cleaner and greener city.</li> </ul>   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver <b>phase three of the kerbside glass expansion programme</b> to enhance customer service and improve recycling rates.</li> </ul>   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalise the development of the <b>Asset Management Strategy</b> and commence implementation to ensure Council owned and managed land and property assets will be used effectively to support service delivery and the delivery of objectives in the Corporate Plan and the Belfast Agenda.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Our People and Communities</b><br>We will improve our local areas and provide opportunities to support our residents to become healthier and engaged. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress the development and delivery of the <b>Council's Physical Programme</b> to enable needs led investment across the city i.e. Capital Programme, Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund, Belfast Investment Fund, Local Investment Fund, Social Outcomes Fund, PEACEPLUS, Urban Villages and other initiatives.</li> </ul>                               |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress development of the <b>next phase of the Leisure programme</b> to transform the quality of Council leisure facilities.</li> </ul>  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress the development of projects in the <b>Pitches Strategy</b> to enhance the quality and availability of sports pitches across the city.</li> </ul>  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Enhance our playgrounds</b>, to ensure that we continue to provide high quality facilities and equipment across the city (Playground Improvement Programme).</li> </ul>   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver <b>animation and outreach activities</b> in community, play and leisure development programmes.</li> <li>Progress delivery of the <b>£10.28m Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund</b> to help develop facilities that support neighbourhood tourism, improved environmental sustainability and social economy activity within communities.</li> </ul> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of <b>people using our leisure centres</b>, to participate in sport and physical activity.</li> <li>• Deliver <b>improvements to parks and open spaces</b> to improve people's health and wellbeing through multimillion pound transformational schemes.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Our Place</b><br>We will create a more vibrant, attractive, and connected city (including the city centre).           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oversee the delivery of the <b>2026 Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann</b>, the world's largest annual festival of Irish music, song and dance.</li> <li>• Undertake work to <b>safeguard and enhance Council's historic, heritage and tourism assets</b> including Belfast Zoo, Historic Cemeteries, Wilmont House, Floral Hall, St. George's Market, Assembly Rooms and the Palm House.</li> <li>• Continue to progress <b>infrastructure works at the North Foreshore</b> to support the development of the site.</li> <li>• Continue to work with the developer on emerging development specifications for the <b>250-acre Giant's Park site</b> as set out in the Master Development Agreement.</li> <li>• Deliver the <b>Greenways and the Access to the Hills Programme</b> to improve the connectivity of the city.</li> </ul>                        |
| <b>Our Planet</b><br>We will champion climate action; protect the environment and improve the sustainability of Belfast. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver <b>effective waste management services</b> across Belfast.</li> <li>• Progress the <b>planet section of the Belfast Agenda</b>, which aims to create a sustainable, nature positive city (including investable local energy projects, sustaining and monitoring the UPSURGE demonstrator and satellite sites and a neighbourhood retrofit pilot).</li> <li>• Deliver <b>year two of the Council Corporate Climate Action Plan</b> to increase the climate resilience of Council assets and services and progress towards Council net zero emissions, (over 20 priorities including a Sustainable Food Policy, energy audits of Council buildings and retrofitting of Council buildings).</li> <li>• Continue to deliver the <b>Council's Tree Strategy and action plan</b> to help manage and improve the tree scape in the city.</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Our Economy</b></p> <p>We will stimulate inclusive growth and innovation, help businesses to start-up and grow and create opportunities for more and better jobs and employment.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the <b>Enterprise Support Service to deliver ‘Go Succeed’</b> to increase the number of new business starts.</li> <li>• Deliver <b>employment and upskilling academies</b> to support business growth by promoting inclusive labour market opportunities in line with industry demand.</li> <li>• Support our suppliers by helping business cashflow through the <b>prompt payment of invoices.</b></li> <li>• Deliver the <b>Smart Belfast urban innovation programme</b> to enhance Belfast’s capacity for digital innovation.</li> <li>• Deliver the <b>Belfast Learning Festival</b> to increase awareness of the opportunities to engage in lifelong learning across the city.</li> <li>• Deliver an <b>enhanced Belfast Business Promise programme</b> implementing learning and recommendations from the programme review.</li> <li>• Continue to <b>recruit suitable entry level posts, e.g. placement opportunities</b>, as part of the Council’s People Strategy action plan, to support our inclusive growth ambitions.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Compassionate City</b></p> <p>We will support our most vulnerable people to make Belfast a more caring, safe and inclusive city.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver <b>local community action plans</b> as part of the Peace PLUS programme, to fund community activities and infrastructure project that help build peace and reconciliation in Belfast.</li> <li>• Deliver a <b>Community Support Plan</b> to support local communities and residents across the city.</li> <li>• Progress the delivery of up to 5 capital projects across the city as part of the <b>Peace PLUS Local Action Plan</b> to promote inclusive and shared spaces across Belfast i.e. Sanctuary Theatre, Distillery Street Redevelopment Project, Annadale Open Space, Access to the Hills and LGBTQIA+ Hub.</li> </ul>   |

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| <b>Subject:</b>              | Planning Information                                    |
| <b>Date:</b>                 | 23 January 2026   |
| <b>Reporting Officer(s):</b> | Kate Bentley, Director of Planning and Building Control |
| <b>Contact Officer(s):</b>   | Ed Baker, Planning Manager (Development Management)     |

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues</b>  |
| 1.1        | To provide an update on Major planning applications and applications that have been determined by the Planning Committee. |

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| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Recommendation</b>   |
| 2.1        | The report is for notation.   |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Main Report</b>  |
|            | <b><u>Background</u></b>  |
| 3.1        | The Committee received an update on Planning Performance at its meeting on the 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2024. At that meeting and previously, the Committee sought a regular update on Major applications and applications that have been determined by the Planning Committee, especially those where a Decision Notice has yet to be issued.   |
| 3.2        | All Major applications must be determined by the Planning Committee. The Key Performance Indicator (given in weeks) is calculated from when an application is considered to be valid to when the Decision Notice ("Green Form") is issued. This means that any delays either pre- or post- committee will impact on the KPI. The target for determining a Major application is 30 weeks.  |
|            | <b><u>Major applications</u></b>  |
| 3.3        | Appendix 1 sets out the Major applications that are currently with the Council to determine. Details are given on the location, proposal, the validation date and target date for determination (using the 30 week target set out in the Key Performance Indicator) as well as a status update.   |
|            | <b><u>Applications determined by Committee</u></b>  |
| 3.4        | Appendix 2 sets out the applications that have been determined by Committee since February 2022 which are yet to issue. For completeness information is also given on those applications determined by Committee which have had their Decision Notice issued. Details are given on the time taken (in weeks) to bring the applications before Committee and where decisions are yet to be issued, information is given relating to the main reason for the delay. |
| 3.5        | Following further discussion at the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in May 2025, this table has now been amended to include a new non statutory target date and to give more detailed reasons for any delays in determination.   |
|            | <b><u>Conclusion</u></b>  |
| 3.6        | This report will be brought to each Planning Committee and to each Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for information on an ongoing basis.  |
|            | <b>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</b>  |
| 3.7        | There are no financial or resource implications associated with this report.  |
|            | <b>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</b>   |
| 3.8        | There are no equality or good relations / rural needs implications associated with this report.   |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>  |



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|  | Appendix 1 – Major planning applications at January 2026<br>Appendix 2 – Applications determined by Committee at January 2026 |
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Live Major Applications not previously considered by Committee @ 13.01.26

| Number | Application No.  | Category | Location   | Proposal   | Date Valid | Target Date | Status              |
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| 1      | LA04/2023/2633/F | Major    | St Teresa's GAC, 2 Glen Road Heights, Belfast BT11 8ER   | Proposed extension to existing clubhouse to provide indoor sports hall, changing rooms, reception, and fitness suite. Proposed relocation of grass pitch and new 3G training pitch with integrated ball walls. Proposed annex building with club store and matchday shop. Site works including increased parking, fencing, catch nets, floodlighting, dugouts, paths, and other associated amenities.  | 14-Mar-23  | 10-Oct-23   | Under Consideration |
| 2      | LA04/2023/3799/F | Major    | Vacant lands (partial site of the former Wolfhill Flax Spinning Mill) located to the south, of Wolfhill Manor, north of Wolfhill Grove and west of Mill Avenue, Ligoniel Road, Belfast, BT14 8NR   | New single storey 10-class based primary school, separate nursery school accommodation and school meals accommodation to facilitate the relocation of St. Vincent De Paul Primary School and Nursery from existing site on Ligoniel Road, Belfast. Proposal includes new pedestrian and vehicular accesses onto Mill Avenue, car parking, covered cycle storage area and hard play areas. Hard and soft landscaping including wildlife walkway, fencing, retaining walls, underground drainage system to include the reinstatement of underground storm sewer and headwall into adjacent DFI River wayleave. Includes temporary contractors compound and all associated site works.  | 09-Oct-23  | 06-May-24   | Under Consideration |
| 3      | LA04/2023/4181/F | Major    | Lands comprising the existing Sydenham Wastewater Pumping Station west of Park Avenue, Connswater River and King George V Playing Fields, to the south of the Sydenham By-Pass, east of The Oval football stadium, north and east of Parkgate Gardens and north of Parkgate Crescent, Parkgate Parade and Mersey Street, Belfast | Demolition of existing Wastewater Pumping Station (WwPS) with reinstatement of site as a landscaped area. Construction of a replacement WwPS including associated control building and hardstanding, the raising of site levels, in-channel works, provision of new rising main, other ancillary buildings, the creation of an access road on lands within the King George V Playing Fields to serve the facility, landscaping and other ancillary works. Provision of a temporary working area on lands within the King George V Playing Fields, the creation of a temporary access road from Mersey Street to facilitate construction traffic on lands to the rear of 1-35 Parkgate Gardens, the creation of a temporary footway adjacent to 88 Park Avenue and other ancillary development and landscaping restoration works. | 14-Nov-23  | 11-Jun-24   | Under Consideration |
| 4      | LA04/2024/0015/F | Major    | Lands at Cabin Hill, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4   | Erection of 53 residential units (including 43 dwellings and 10 apartments) including creation of access, internal roads, landscaping and associated works (revised information).  | 22-Dec-23  | 19-Jul-24   | Under Consideration |
| 5      | LA04/2024/0570/F | Major    | Stormont Hotel, 587 Upper Newtownards Road BT4 3LP and adjacent property 37-39 Summerhill Park, Belfast.   | Change of use of from hotel, conference centre and offices (sui generis) to a 97-bed care home (Use Class C3(b) and 1,559sqm diagnostic medical facility (Use Class D1(a), associated access, car parking, landscaping and open space.   | 04-Apr-24  | 31-Oct-24   | Under Consideration |
| 6      | LA04/2024/0569/O | Major    | Stormont Hotel, 587 Upper Newtownards Road BT4 3LP and adjacent properties at Castlevue Road (nos. 2, 4, 6, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 & 30), Summerhill Parade (nos. 18, 20 & 22), and Summerhill Park (nos. 37 & 39) and rear of 160 Barnetts Road, Belfast (amended address)  | Outline planning permission with all matter reserved for independent living (Use Class C1) units and up to 62no. assisted living units (Use Class C3), associated internal access roads, communal open space, revised access from Castlevue Road, associated car parking, servicing, amenity space and landscaping.  | 04-Apr-24  | 31-Oct-24   | Under Consideration |

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| 7  | LA04/2024/0910/F  | Major | 70 Whitewell Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 7ES Site at Hazelwood Integrated College   | Redevelopment of Hazelwood Integrated College to include demolition of existing building and development of new school campus, new sports pitch, outdoor play areas, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and retention and refurbishment of the Listed Building (Graymount House) and other associated site works including a temporary mobile village during the construction process.   | 23-May-24 | 19-Dec-24 | Under Consideration |
| 8  | LA04/2024/1836/F  | Major | Lands between Ballygomartin Road and Upper Whiterock Road and to the west (rear) of Moyard Parade and New Barnsley Crescent, Belfast Co. Antrim BT13 3QZ | Proposed development of new walking trails linking Black Mountain Shared Space Project building (approved under LA04/2022/0853/F) on the Ballygomartin Road with the Upper Whiterock Road and Moyard Parade. Proposal to include gated accesses, stockproof fencing, seated areas, information signage, landscaping and associated site works.   | 25-Nov-24 | 23-Jun-25 | Under Consideration |
| 9  | LA04/2024/2024/RM | Major | Royal Ulster Agricultural Society, the Kings Hall, 488-516 Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9 6GW  | 41no. retirement living apartments at Plot 6, parking and landscaping in accordance with outline planning permission LA04/2020/0845/O, seeking approval of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping details   | 18-Dec-24 | 16-Jul-25 | Under Consideration |
| 10 | LA04/2024/2145/F  | Major | Lands at North Foreshore / Giant's Park Dargan Road, Belfast, BT3 9LZ  | Creation of a new Adventure Park comprising a community / visitor hub building including café, creche, flexible exhibition / community space, ancillary office space and maintenance yard. Development includes community gardens, bmx track, crazy golf, dog park, walking/running/cycle paths, outdoor amphitheatre, bio diversity zones,and recreational facilities. Associated landscaping and infrastructure (drainage, lighting, car / coach parking, WC block etc). | 15-Jan-25 | 13-Aug-25 | Under Consideration |

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| Page 25 | 11 | LA04/2025/0012/F | Major | Lands at the Waterworks Park, located off the Cavehill Road; and lands at Alexandra Park, located between Castleton Gardens and Deacon Street; extending along Castleton Gardens and Camberwell Terrace to the road junction approximately 30 metres to the north west of 347 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 2HF | <p>Refurbishment and safety work to the Waterworks upper and lower reservoirs, and Alexandra Park Lake reservoir, to be complemented with wider environmental, landscape and connectivity improvements.</p> <p>The reservoir works comprise of a new overflow structure with reinforcement and protection of the return embankment parallel to the by-wash channel at Waterworks Upper reservoir. Repairs to the upstream face of Waterworks Lower reservoir with the addition of wetland planting to reduce the overall capacity of the reservoir. Removal of an existing parapet wall and embankment reinforcement at the Alexandra Park Lake reservoir.</p> <p>Improvements at Waterworks Park comprise the demolition of the existing Waterworks Bothy and replacement with a new building to include public toilets, Changing facilities, multi-purpose community room and kitchenette. Extension to existing Cavehill Road gatehouse building. Entrance improvements, new events space including multipurpose decking; resurfacing of footways; new pedestrian lighting along key routes; a dog park; replacement platforms and viewing area. New 3-on-3 basketball court; replacement surface to existing small sided 3G pitch; and upgrades to existing Queen Mary's playground.</p> <p>Improvements at Alexandra Park include the resurfacing of footways; new pedestrian lighting along key routes; new reinforced grass event space; new lake viewing area; new public toilets and changing places; entrance improvements. 2no existing bridges replaced; new pedestrian entrance; reimagined peace wall; new multi-sport synthetic surface with cover; and upgrades to existing play parks.</p> <p>Streetscape improvements along Camberwell Terrace and Castleton Gardens include resurfacing of footways with new kerbs; resurfaced carriageways and new tactile paving at pedestrian crossings; and all associated works.</p> | 20-Dec-24 | 18-Jul-25 | Under Consideration |
|         | 12 | LA04/2024/2134/F | Major | Site of the former Dunmurry Cricket Club, Ashley Park, Dunmurry, Belfast BT17 0QQ, located north of 1-10 Ashley Park and south of 1-20 Areema Grove and Areema Drive, Dunmurry.  | Mixed use scheme for new community recreational facilities, including basketball court, parkland and residential development comprising 37no social/affordable housing units with landscaping and associated works.  | 21-Dec-24 | 19-Jul-25 | Under Consideration |
|         | 13 | LA04/2025/0088/F | Major | Lands adjacent and south west of Monagh By-pass, north west of Nos. 17, 19 and 22 Black Ridge Gardens and c.150 metres south east of Nos. 38 to 70 (evens) Black Ridge View (part of the wider Glenmona mixed-use development), Belfast  | Proposed mixed use development (in lieu of the previously approved employment zone under LA04/2020/0804/F) comprising a three storey building of 36 no. Category 1 (over 55's) social housing apartments and 7 no. single storey Class B1/B2 Business/Light Industrial Units. Development includes 2 no. access points, car parking, landscaping and all associated site works   | 17-Feb-25 | 15-Sep-25 | Under Consideration |
|         | 14 | LA04/2025/0184/O | Major | 38-52 Lisburn Road, Malone Lower, Belfast, BT9 6AA   | Seven storey building (39.3m AOD) mixed use development comprising of Use Class B1 (c): Business, Research & Development and Use Class, D1: Community and Cultural Uses, including landscaping, parking, and servicing (Amended Description).  | 10-Feb-25 | 08-Sep-25 | Under Consideration |
|         | 15 | LA04/2025/0574/F | Major | Surface level car park at lands to east of Lanyon Place Station Mays Meadow, Belfast, BT1 3NR  | Erection of eight storey building comprising seven floors of grade A office accommodation, ground floor retail / business units together with car parking (15 no. spaces), cycle parking and plant areas: and public realm improvements including dedicated drop-off area to front of building   | 17-Apr-25 | 13-Nov-25 | Under Consideration |

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| 16 | LA04/2025/0974/F | Major | Site to the south of the former Knockbreda High School. Lands bounded by the A55 Upper Knockbreda Road to the south and south-east, Wynchurch Road to the north-east, Knockbreda Primary School to the north and Knockbreda Park to the west. | Development of a new primary school building for Forge Integrated Primary School. including development of a nursery unit, hard and soft play areas, landscaping, car parking, internal drop-off areas and new access arrangements onto the A55 Knockbreda Road via a new signalised junction; demolition of no. 138a Knockbreda Park and associated site works  | 04-Jun-25 | 31-Dec-25 | Under Consideration |
| 17 | LA04/2025/1272/F | Major | Harberton North Special School 29a Fortwilliam Park, Belfast, BT15 4AP  | Erection of temporary mobile classroom village to facilitate future refurbishment and extension of existing Harberton North Special School, comprising 3 no. 2-storey blocks of temporary classroom accommodation, temporary hard play areas, temporary staff and visitor parking areas, tree removal and landscaping. (Amended Plans)   | 31-Jul-25 | 13-Nov-25 | Under Consideration |
| 18 | LA04/2025/1716/F | Major | Santander House, 1 Mays Meadow, Belfast, BT1 3PH  | Proposed change of use from class B1(a) office to short term Transitional Care Unit (Use Class D1 Medical) comprising of 73 no. ensuite beds, associated ancillary facilities including café, rehabilitation suites and treatment rooms, laboratory, consulting rooms, 2 no. external terraces and all other ancillary, staff and storage rooms. Development includes ambulance drop off bay, replacement of existing windows, and all other associated site and access works. | 05-Nov-25 | 03-Jun-26 | Under Consideration |
| 19 | LA04/2025/1896/F | Major | Former Belfast Metropolitan College Campus Whiterock Road, Belfast, BT12 7PH  | Proposed mixed use development comprising of 77 No. social housing units (mix of 26 dwellings and 51 apartments) and a new children's centre, car parking, landscaping, open space, access and all associated site works including the installation of a new substation.(amendment to planning permission ref: LA04/2024/0122/F).  | 06-Nov-25 | 04-Jun-26 | Under Consideration |
| 20 | LA04/2025/2013/F | Major | Netherleigh House, 1 Massey Avenue, Belfast, BT4 2JP  | Change of use of Netherleigh House and existing office block to provide residential and nursing care facilities. Extensions to existing office block including a fourth storey floor, eastern and western gable extension and two front projections from the northern elevation. Erection of 36 no. assisted living apartments over two four storey blocks. Site parking, landscaped amenity areas, woodland trails and all associated site works                              | 18-Nov-25 | 16-Jun-26 | Under Consideration |
| 21 | LA04/2025/1991/F | Major | Makro, 97 Kingsway, Belfast, BT17 9NS   | Subdivision of the existing cash and carry building and the change of use of 4,750 sq,m gross floorspace for use as a Class A1 retail; erection of new loading bay in service yard; minor external alterations to building; reconfiguration of car park.   | 03-Dec-25 | 18-Mar-26 | Under Consideration |
| 22 | LA04/2025/2113/F | Major | St. Marys Christian Brothers Grammar School St Marys Christian Brothers Grammar School 147a Glen Road, Andersonstown, Belfast, BT11 8NR   | The construction of a new Sports Hall, Gymnasium and P.E Facility and footbridge connecting to existing GAA playing field  | 09-Dec-25 | 07-Jul-26 | Under Consideration |
| 23 | LA04/2025/2183/F | Major | Units 2a and 2b 38 Boucher Road, Belfast, BT12 6HR  | Removal of conditions 14 and 15 from the permission referenced LA04/2024/0714/F (Contamination)  | 18-Dec-25 | 16-Jul-26 | Under Consideration |
| 24 | LA04/2025/2215/F | Major | Halifax Building, 24 Cromac Place, Building, BT7 2JB  | Proposed change of use from offices to nursing home comprising 156 no. bedrooms, ancillary scanning unit and all associated accommodation including dining/ café areas, day rooms and lounges, hairdressers, cinema rooms, treatment rooms and internal courtyard. The proposal also includes ancillary offices, landscaping, cycle parking, external alterations and all other site and associated works.   | 19-Dec-25 | 17-Jul-26 | Under Consideration |

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| 25 | LA04/2025/2210/O | Major | Lands to the east of Corporation Street, north of Donegall Quay, west of Albert Quay, south of Albert Dock, south, east and south west of Pilot Street, and south and south east of Corry Road, Belfast. | <p>Hybrid planning permission is being sought for the following development:</p> <p>Outline Planning Application (no matters reserved) for Plots A &amp; B to provide 456No. residential units (apartments) and 1,600sqm of ground floor commercial uses including retail (Class A1), Financial and Professional (Class A2), Community and Cultural Uses (Class D1), Assembly and Leisure (Class D2), and café, bar and restaurant uses, landscaping, open space, play equipment, public realm improvements and all associated site and access works including servicing from Corporation Street.</p> <p>Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) for Plots C, D, E and F for a mixed-use development comprising residential (apartments and dwellings), a Hotel/Apart Hotel, ground floor commercial uses including retail (Class A1), Financial and Professional (Class A2), Community and Cultural Uses (Class D1), Assembly and Leisure (Class D2), and café, bar and restaurant uses, the change of use (principle only) to the listed Clarendon Building, Furnace House and Pump House (to include cafe and restaurant uses), re-purposing of Clarendon Dock for leisure uses and all associated site, access and infrastructure works.</p> | 05-Jan-26 | 03-Aug-26 | Under Consideration |
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# Planning Applications Discussed at Committee Between 01 Apr 2019 and 13 Jan 2026

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| Application No.             | Location  | Proposal   | Category | Date Valid | Statutory Target Date | Statutory Target Weeks | Current number of Weeks | Committee Date | Weeks between Valid date and Comm date | Weeks Since Committee | Previous New Non-statutory Target Date | New Non-statutory Target Date | Reason decision not issued  |
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| LA04/2022/2059/F<br>Page 29 | Lands south of 56 Highcairn Drive Belfast BT13 3RU<br>Site located at junction between Highcairn Drive and Dunboyne Park Belfast. | Social Housing Development comprising of 12 no. 3p/2b semi-detached dwelling houses with incurtilage parking and associated site works. (amended description and site location plan)   | LOC      | 04-Nov-22  | 17-Feb-23             | 15                     | 167                     | 29/06/2023     | 33                                     | 132                   | 31/01/2026                             | 28/02/2026                    | Awaiting Section 76 Agreement - land ownership issues on the applicant's side |
| LA04/2021/2016/F            | 21-29 Corporation Street & 18-24 Tomb Street Belfast.   | Demolition of existing multi-storey car park and the erection of 298no. build for rent apartments (19 storey) including ground floor commercial unit (A1/A2), car/cycle parking provision along with associated development. (Further information received). | MAJ      | 26-Aug-21  | 24-Mar-22             | 30                     | 229                     | 16/01/2024     | 124                                    | 104                   |  |                               | Permission Granted  |

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| LA04/2024/0483/F   | 34-44 Bedford Street and 6 Clarence Street, Belfast  | Proposed change of use from Office (B1) and restaurant (Sui Generis) to Hotel comprising of 88 no. bedrooms, two storey rooftop extension, restaurant and bar offerings, gym facilities, including new dormer windows on roof, internal and external refurbishment and alterations, and all associated site works. | MAJ | 19-Mar-24 | 15-Oct-24 | 30 | 95  | 15/10/2024 | 30 | 65 | Unknown | Unknown | Awaiting Section 76 Agreement - issues to be resolved on the applicant's side   |
| LA04/2024/0480/DCA | 34-44 Bedford Street and 6 Clarence Street, Belfast  | Part demolition of existing buildings (stripping back of roof, shopfront and other external alterations to facilitate change of use and extension of buildings to hotel use.   | LOC | 29-Mar-24 | 12-Jul-24 | 15 | 94  | 15/10/2024 | 28 | 65 | Unknown | Unknown | See above   |
| LA04/2024/0369/F   | Lands at Former Monarch Laundry site, and Broadway Hall Site, No's 451 - 457 Donegall Road, Belfast, BT12 6HD. | Proposed Specialist Nursing and Residential Care Facility comprising approximately 158 no. beds, day/dining rooms, treatment rooms, staff rooms, office/store rooms, including car parking provision, cycle parking, refuse storage, landscaping, and associated site and access works.                            | MAJ | 08-Feb-24 | 05-Sep-24 | 30 | 101 | 12/11/2024 | 39 | 61 | Unknown | Unknown | Awaiting Section 76 Agreement and new contamination issues - development commenced without planning permission and awaiting updated contaminated land survey from applicant |

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| LA04/2023/2557/F | Lands East of Meadowhill, North of Glencolin Court, North and East of Glencolin Rise, East of Glencolin Grove, North and West of Glen Road Rise, and North of Glen Road Grove. Belfast.   | 260 no. dwellings, children's play area and other ancillary and associated works.   | MAJ | 24-Feb-23 | 22-Sep-23 | 30 | 151 | 10/12/2024 | 93 | 57 | Unknown | Unknown | Clauses in s76 agreed following specialist legal advice and discussion with applicant. Certificate of Title to be resolved |
| LA04/2023/4543/F | 885 Shore Road, Belfast, BT36 7DH   | Proposed new changing pavilion, enhancing grounds entrances including turnstiles, ancillary facilities and upgrade to existing car park. Proposed 3G surfacing to existing grass pitch with flood lighting.   | LOC | 01-Feb-24 | 16-May-24 | 15 | 102 | 17/06/2025 | 71 | 30 | Unknown | Unknown | DAERA NIEA recently provided its consultation response - advising that bat surveys required                                |
| LA04/2024/1036/F | Lands to the east of the River Lagan located between Lagan Gateway Phase 1 and Belvoir Park Forest, running adjacent to the west of Belvoir Park Golf Club and approximately 120 metres to the east of Newtownbreda Water Treatment Plant, Galwally Ave, Belfast BT8 7YA. | Lagan Gateway Phase 2 – Proposed greenway connection extending between Lagan Gateway Phase 1 at Annadale Embankment to Belvoir Forest Park. Comprising compacted gravel paths; a new elevated (4-5 meter high) timber boardwalk (approximately 85m long); landscaping works, new cycle stands, bollards, seats and bins; and all associated works | LOC | 10-May-24 | 23-Aug-24 | 15 | 88  | 17/06/2025 | 57 | 30 | Unknown | Unknown | Further information requested from applicant following request from DAERA NIEA   |

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| LA04/2025/0535/F | Lands West of Monagh By-Pass South of Upper Springfield Road & 30-34 Upper Springfield Road & West of Aitnamona Crescent & St Theresa's Primary School. North and East of 2-22 Old Brewery Lane, Glanaulin, 137-143a Glen Road & Airfield Heights & St Mary's CBG School Belfast | Variation of conditions 1, 2, ,3, 4 ,5, 11, 14, 17, 18, 19, 36, 37 and 41 of approval LA04/2023/2390/F and LA04/2020/0804/F to facilitate removal of 31 previously approved dwellings and retaining structure along northern boundary of site adjacent to Upper Springfield Road. Retention of existing sloping ground levels and landscaping at this location. | MAJ | 27-May-25 | 23-Dec-25 | 30 | 33 | 17/06/2025 | 3  | 30 | 31/01/2026 | 28/02/2026 | Awaiting conclusion of S77 agreement (amendment to S76 agreement). Applicant to address issues raised by DfI Roads  |
| LA04/2024/1654/F | 432 Falls Road, Belfast, BT12 6EN  | Change of use from a 7-bedroom dwelling house (C1) to a 7 bed/ 9 person House of Multiple Occupancy (Sui Generis)   | LOC | 21-Oct-24 | 03-Feb-25 | 15 | 64 | 12/08/2025 | 42 | 22 | 30/11/2025 | 31/01/2026 | Gathering additional information to support refusal reason  |
| LA04/2024/1865/O | Land between No 22 Squires View and Nos 57 & 59 Squires Hill Road, Belfast.  | 3no. detached dwellings part 2 storey part 3 storey (amended plans)   | LOC | 28-Oct-24 | 10-Feb-25 | 15 | 63 | 12/08/2025 | 41 | 22 | 31/01/2026 | 28/02/2026 | Late objections received. Planning Service requested additional information from applicant in respect of land instablithy issue. Application to be reported back to Committee |

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| LA04/2024/2077/F | Adelaide Business Centre<br>2-6 Apollo Road,<br>Belfast, BT12 6HP    | Proposed change of use from office space (B1) and storage or distribution (B4) to Bowling Alley, Restaurant, Indoor Golf, Children's Soft Play, VR Zone & Amusements, Smoking Area, Car Parking and Associated Site Works. Proposal includes changes to elevations. (Amended Plans Received).                                    | MAJ | 29-Jan-25 | 27-Aug-25 | 30 | 50  | 12/08/2025 | 27  | 22 | 31/01/2026 | 31/01/2026 | Late objection received from neighbouring premises. Application to be reported back to 20th January Committee |
| LA04/2022/1819/F | 39 Upper Dunmurry Lane<br>Dunmurry<br>BT17 OPT.                      | Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 32 apartments in 3No. blocks (7@ 1no. bedroom & 25@ 2no. bedrooms) (6no. wheelchair adaptable) and associated site works.   | LOC | 07-Oct-22 | 20-Jan-23 | 15 | 171 | 14/10/2025 | 157 | 13 |            |            | Permission Granted  |
| LA04/2024/0626/F | 1 Havelock House<br>Havelock Place,<br>Ormeau, Belfast,<br>BT7 1EB . | Erection of 104no. social rented residential units (comprising a mix of General Social Housing and Category 1 over 55's accommodation) across two detached blocks [ranging between 3 and 5 storeys], landscaping, communal and private amenity space, ancillary cycle and car parking provision, and other associated site works | MAJ | 17-Apr-24 | 13-Nov-24 | 30 | 91  | 11/11/2025 | 81  | 9  | 31/01/2026 | 28/02/2026 | Completion of s76 agreement delayed due to Certificate of Title issue   |

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| LA04/2024/1576/F | 733-735 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 4EL   | Demolition of existing buildings at no. 733 & no. 735 Antrim Road to facilitate proposed residential social housing development comprising of 2no. buildings containing 34no. units with associated in-curtilage parking and landscaping (Amended description)                | LOC | 18-Sep-24 | 01-Jan-25 | 15 | 69 | 11/11/2025 | 59 | 9 |  |  | Permission Granted |
| LA04/2025/0556/F | Lands at no's 10-22 Ann Street Belfast (including 8-10 Crown Entry and 12 Crown Entry) BT1 4EF | Proposed change of use from restaurant, public house, 2 no retail units and office use to public house, 2 no. restaurants, hotel with an additional 2no.storeys associated with the hotel use, and all external façade alterations (change of description and amended plans). | LOC | 27-Mar-25 | 10-Jul-25 | 15 | 42 | 09/12/2025 | 36 | 5 |  |  | Permission Granted |

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| LA04/2025/0557/DCA                  | Lands at no's 10-22 Ann Street Belfast (including 8-10 Crown Entry and 12 Crown Entry) | Demolition to include; ground floor facades remodelling, removal of window detailing to upper floors, removal and replacement of windows and doors, creation of new door and window openings, removal of roof to rear return and internal wall and roof demolition to accommodate reconfiguration of buildings and associated development for proposed change of use. | LOC | 27-Mar-25 | 10-Jul-25 | 15 | 42 | 09/12/2025 | 36 | 5 |     |            | Consent Granted                             |
| <div>Page 35</div> LA04/2025/0605/F | 341-345 Albertbridge Road, Ballymacarret, Belfast, BT5 4PY                             | Erection of a four storey building to create 29no. short-term let accommodation units with ancillary roof-mounted solar panels  | LOC | 09-Apr-25 | 23-Jul-25 | 15 | 40 | 09/12/2025 | 34 | 5 | N/A | 31/01/2026 | Deferred for site visit                     |
| LA04/2025/1454/F                    | The Lockhouse 13 River Terrace Belfast BT7 2EN   | New community wellbeing centre and cafe extension to existing lockhouse building  | LOC | 17-Sep-25 | 31-Dec-25 | 15 | 17 | 09/12/2025 | 11 | 5 | N/A | 28/02/2026 | Awaiting outstanding consultation responses |
| LA04/2025/1525/F                    | Units 2a and 2b 38 Boucher Road, Belfast, BT12 6HR                                     | Removal of condition 9 of LA04/2024/0714/F (Removal of fuel storage tanks)  | MAJ | 09-Sep-25 | 07-Apr-26 | 30 | 18 | 09/12/2025 | 13 | 5 |     |            | Permission Granted                          |

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| LA04/2022/0809/F | Lands to the south and west of Woodland Grange to the north of Blacks Gate and to the east of Moor Park Mews Belfast. | Amendments to approved schemes ref. Z/2008/0993/F (erection of 53 No. dwellings) & ref. Z/2013/0120/F (erection of 46 No. dwellings); to reduce overall density from 99 No. dwellings to 94 No. dwellings and associated and ancillary works. | MAJ | 21-Apr-22 | 17-Nov-22 | 30 | 195 | 09/12/2025 | 189 | 5 | N/A | 28/02/2026 | Awaiting S76 agreement |
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| <b>Subject:</b>           | <b>Procedure for renaming of streets</b>  |
| <b>Date:</b>              | 23 January 2026   |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b> | Kate Bentley, Director of Planning and Building Control   |
| <b>Contact Officer:</b>   | Ian Harper, Building Control Manager, ext. 2430<br>Alan Mayrs, Principal Building Control Surveyor, ext. 2428 |

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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
5. Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained
6. Information showing that the council proposes to (a) to give a notice imposing restrictions on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction
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**

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| 1.1        | To outline the legislation, policy and procedural considerations relating to the re-naming of streets in the City.   |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Recommendation</b>  |
| 2.1        | <p>Members are asked to note the approved procedure to be followed when a proposal to re-name a street is received and to decide whether to move forward with the renaming process for Prince Andrew Park and Prince Andrew Gardens in the absence of an application from an individual.</p> <p>Should Members be minded to trigger the renaming process, it is recommended that an initial petition is not carried out but that officers work with Elected Members in the appropriate DEA to generate alternative street names to be included in the survey of persons affected by the renaming proposal.</p> |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Main Report</b>   |
|            | <b><u>Background</u></b>   |
| 3.1        | The power for the Council to name streets is contained in Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995.   |
| 3.2        | This legislation contains no procedural advice regarding the naming or re-naming of streets and in this regard the procedures to be applied are covered by policy and practice.  |
| 3.3        | The current policy on re-naming streets in Belfast is contained in the Street Naming and Building Numbering Policy approved by Council in February 2009 (Appendix 1).  |
| 3.4        | The Council need to carefully consider any application for renaming of streets within its boundaries, as renaming of streets has profound implications on address management for the city, emergency services and the public. In practice this will primarily impact residents and any businesses owners and their tenants whose personal, business and legal documentation associated with their current address will need to be changed. This will be the responsibility of residents and local businesses.  |
| 3.5        | At the Council meeting in November 2025, Members asked for a report on the process for renaming streets given that two streets within Belfast contain the name "Prince Andrew"; namely Prince Andrew Park and Prince Andrew Gardens.   |
|            | <b><u>Overview of the Procedure and key considerations</u></b>   |
| 3.6        | Relevant policy considerations are outlined below: -   |
|            | <b><u>Application</u></b>  |
| 3.7        | The Street Naming and Building Numbering Policy as approved assumes that an individual will make an application to rename a street.  |
|            | <b><u>Initial petition.</u></b>  |
| 3.8        | Any application for re-naming of a street is expected to be accompanied by an initial petition of not less than one third of all residents of the street showing a positive interest in changing the street name. The adopted policy sets out that a request from an individual without support of survey or signed petition will not be considered and the individual will be informed accordingly.   |
| 3.9        | There is no definition of resident, or explanation of how a petition of residents would be verified, however a resident could be considered to be any person whose name appears in   |

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|      | the current Electoral Register plus the owners or tenants in actual possession of commercial premises given that business premises would also be impacted by this name change.  |
| 3.10 | <p><u>Alternative names</u></p> <p>In accordance with current practice under the street naming process, the initial application and petition would indicate what name is being proposed with a second choice of street name which would be included on the survey form.</p>   |
| 3.11 | <p><u>Survey</u></p> <p>Any application received by the Service for the renaming of a street which has the requisite support outlined above would be presented to Council seeking its approval before proceeding with the application.</p>  |
| 3.12 | If the application is approved, the opinions of persons affected by the renaming proposal would be sought. The policy states that this shall be through a survey of residents over the age of 18 and whose name appears on the current Electoral Register, requesting an indication of their support for or opposition to the proposed name change.   |
| 3.13 | It should be noted that this does not include the owners or tenants in actual possession of commercial premises, residential landlords or residents not on the electoral register, whose views would not be taken into account, but who would be affected by any renaming.  |
| 3.14 | If the result of the survey shows that at least two thirds of residents surveyed agree with the proposed name change then a recommendation will be placed before the People and Communities Committee for agreement of the change of name.  |
| 3.15 | If the application is granted approval, Council will supply and erect new street name plates to replace the existing nameplates and will notify relevant stakeholders and the applicant that the street renaming has been approved.   |
| 3.16 | Under the current policy any request or re-application to change a street name which has been refused will not be accepted until a minimum period of 2 years has elapsed.   |
| 3.17 | <p><b>Prince Andrew Park and Prince Andrew Gardens</b></p> <p>The Council has not received an application from an individual to rename Prince Andrew Park and Prince Andrew Gardens. For information, it should be noted that there are only residential properties within the two streets, there are no commercial premises.</p>   |
| 3.18 | Members may decide that despite the agreed process set out in Appendix 1, and in the absence of an application from an individual to rename the two streets, the renaming process should be started for both Prince Andrew Park and Prince Andrew Gardens.  |
| 3.19 | If this is the case, members should consider whether the requirement set out in the policy for an initial petition should be waived. The usefulness of the initial petition (built into the process to illustrate to members that the process should be triggered) should be considered and it may be that it is members may deem it unnecessary both in terms of staff resource and duplication of the survey that will ultimately be undertaken and presented to committee. |
| 3.20 | If the renaming process is agreed to be started for both streets, alternative names will be required to be included in the survey undertaken, As these alternative names will not be included in an initial application, it is proposed that officers work with elected Members from Botanic DEA (where the two streets are located) to determine alternative street names alongside residents.   |
| 3.21 | <p><u>Next Steps</u></p> <p>If members agree to start the renaming process for the two streets, a further report will be presented to a future People and Communities Committee detailing the results of the initial</p>  |

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|            | <p>petition (if required) and outlining the proposed first and second alternative street names. If that report is agreed, the final survey will be undertaken and the results presented to a further committee.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>3.22 There may be financial and resource implications if it is decided that an application is not required to change the name of Prince Andrew Park and Prince Andrew Gardens and if Council Officers are tasked with undertaking the initial petition of residents. If the renaming is ultimately approved, Council will supply and erect new street name plates to replace the existing nameplates.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> |
| 3.3        | None  |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Appendices</b>   |
|            | Appendix 1: Street Renaming policy  |

## 6.0 Renaming a Street

- 6.1 The ability to rename streets is one which is allowed for in legislation governing the naming of streets and persons can make applications as such. The Council will carefully consider any application for renaming within its boundaries, as it is conscious that renaming of streets has profound implications on address management for the city, emergency services and the general public.
- 6.2 Therefore any application received by the Service for the renaming of a street which has the requisite support shall be presented to Council seeking its express approval before proceeding with the application. If approved by Council, the Service officers will then undertake surveys as set out below to progress the application.
- 6.3 The application/request for re-naming of a street should be accompanied by an initial petition of not less than one third of residents of the street showing a positive interest in changing the street name. A request from an individual without support of survey or signed petition will not be considered and the individual will be informed accordingly.
- 6.4 The opinions of all persons affected by a renaming proposal may then be sought. This shall be through survey of all residents listed under the electoral register for that street. All persons over 18 years of age shown as dwelling in a property on the electoral register will be written to requesting an indication of their support for or opposition to the proposed name change.
- 6.5 Only where the support of at least two thirds of occupiers aged over 18 and identified on the electoral register has been demonstrated in any street, will the Council consider a request for renaming. Royal Mail will always be consulted and if the renaming involves a duplicate street name then relevant emergency services will also be consulted as to their views on the proposed street name.
- 6.6 If the result of the survey shows that at least two thirds of the residents are in agreement with the proposed name change then a recommendation will be placed before the Health & Environmental Services Committee for agreement of the change of name.
- 6.7 If approval is granted a notification of the change of street name will be sent to the applicant and other stakeholders for information. The applicant will also be notified if the application for a change of street name is not approved.
- 6.8 Another request or re-application to change a street name which has been refused will not be accepted until a minimum period of 2 years has elapsed from the previous application date for change of the street name.

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