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Legal and Civic Services Department
Belfast City Council
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**Belfast
City Council**

31st March, 2022

MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will be a hybrid meeting (both remote and in person) in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, 5th April, 2022 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) Minutes
- (c) Declarations of Interest

2. **Restricted**

- (a) Community Provision Multi Annual Funding - 2023/2026 (Pages 1 - 6)
- (b) Waste Quarterly Update (Pages 7 - 144)

3. **Matters referred back from the Council/Motions**

- (a) Notice of Motion - Graffiti Removal (Pages 145 - 146)

4. **Committee/Strategic Issues**

- (a) Belfast Agenda Review (Action Planning Update) (Pages 147 - 168)

5. **Physical Programme and Asset Management**

- (a) Temporary facility support to the Midland Boxing Club (Pages 169 - 172)

6. **Operational Issues**

- (a) Installation of Sandbag Containers (Pages 173 - 182)

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Subject:	Notice of Motion: Graffiti Removal
Date:	5th April, 2022
Reporting Officer:	Siobhan Toland, Director of City Services
Contact Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a motion in relation to Graffiti Removal, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 30th March.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to consider the motion and, if the proposal is agreed, to agree that a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 30th March, the following motion, which was proposed by Alderman Dorrian and seconded by Councillor Newton, was referred to the Committee for consideration:

3.2	<p><u>Graffiti Removal</u></p> <p>“With the growth of graffiti vandalism across the city, this council will consider investing in and expanding the in-house unit charged with tackling this problem.</p> <p>At present there is a team which deals primarily with sectarian, racist and homophobic graffiti. However there has been a noticeable growth in more general graffiti, which undermines efforts to keep our city clean. This is not a problem unique to Belfast but is one for which we should consider innovative solutions alongside traditional cleaning methods</p> <p>Council will also work in an inter-agency capacity to address issues around unwanted graffiti across the city. In doing so, Council should consider how its team can be made available to other agencies on a commercial basis.”</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.



Subject:	Belfast Agenda Review (Action Planning Update)
Date:	5 April 2022
Reporting Officer:	Rose Crozier, Director Neighbourhood Services John Tully, Director of City and Organisational Strategy
Contact Officer:	Kevin Heaney, Portfolio Manager Jamie Uprichard, Business Research and Development Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update the committee on the progress of the Belfast Agenda Review, including the action planning phase.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the following report which was submitted to the March SP&R Committee outlining progress of the development of the refreshed Belfast Agenda Strategy document and supporting four-year Delivery Action Plans. ii. Consider and provide comments on the emerging strategic intents and measures of success (stretch goals) as set out in slides 12-22 in Appendix 1.

	<p>iii. Note the proposed next steps and timeline as set out in slide 33 in Appendix 1; and</p> <p>iv. Note the plans for continued elected member engagement, detailed in section 3.5.</p>
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p>The following report was submitted to April's meeting of the Strategic Policy & Resources (SP&R) Committee and sets out the emerging strategic framework for the refreshed Belfast Agenda. Given the cross-cutting nature of the priorities, objectives and targets which will provide the focus for community planning over the period 2022-26, it was agreed to bring this to the attention of members of the People & Communities Committee.</p> <p>The November 2021 SP&R Committee received an update on the emerging findings and recommendations following the initial phase of Belfast Agenda: Continuing the Conversation engagement to inform the refreshed Belfast Agenda (BA) for the period 2022-2026. As reported at the November meeting, there was broad agreement that the existing long-term vision and outcomes of the BA remain relevant, and the proposed priorities for focus were the things that stakeholders and communities believed community planning could help address over the next 4-year period. There had been feedback in relation to how some of the priorities had been framed and the need for them to be easily understood. As a result, some minor changes had been made to the framing of the priority areas such as, changing 'economic recovery' to 'Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Growth'. A summary of the current Belfast Agenda priority framework (which reflects many of the changes) is attached at Appendix 1.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Bringing focus and commitment to delivery</u></p> <p>Building on the recommendations and consensus reached through Phase I, the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) and council has committed to co-design specific and measurable actions plan(s) which would underpin the priority areas of focus. Subsequently, a small group of core partners (cross-sectoral) has been brought together to help further develop the approach to co-designing each of the priority areas and cross-cutting themes. Each task and finish group were responsible for analysing the range of outputs from phase 1 of the 'Belfast Agenda: Continuing the Conversation' engagement process; assessing relevant strategies, plans and local intelligence (including information received through the call for evidence); feedback from the community and Belfast Agenda Board engagement workshops; online and paper-based survey results; and the current delivery plans of existing Belfast Agenda Boards.</p> <p>Based on this initial analysis, partners prepared a strategic framework to help bring focus and shape the co-designed action plans consisting of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What we are trying to achieve over the next 4 years (strategic intent); 2. How will we measure success (stretch goals); and

3. How will we realise such success (**SMART Action Plan(s)**).

Figure 1 below illustrates this framework and how a structured and informed approach is being implemented with partners to ensure there is a strong thread between each of the priority areas, ambitions, measures of success and importantly the focus for collaborative action.

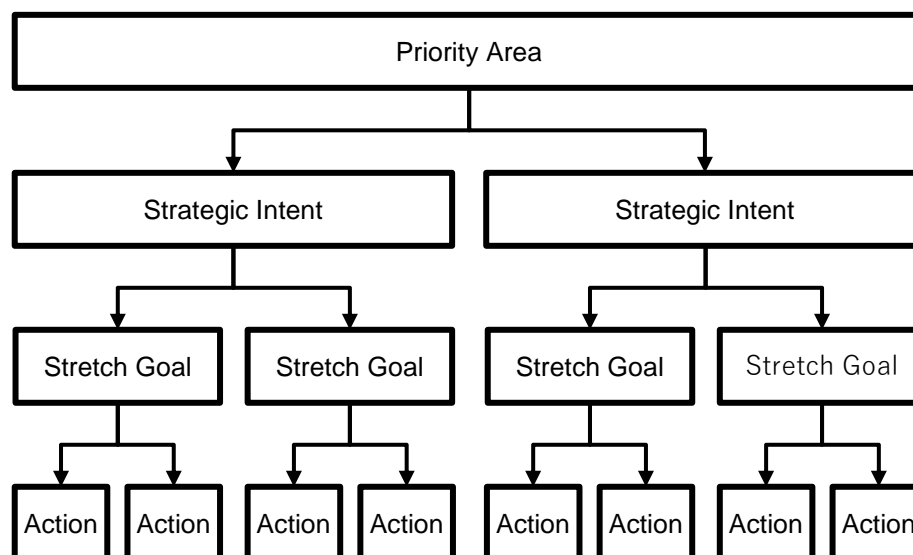


Figure 1: strategic framework adopted by partners to bring focus and shape co-designed action plans

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Output from this initial exercise will inform the next phase of the Continuing the Conversation engagement programme, where we will continue to work with partners and communities to co-design delivery plans. This represents an ongoing and complex process, which requires participation and involvement across sectors and communities at multiple levels, which has resulted in some priorities being more developed than others. The emerging frameworks for each of the priorities are attached as part of the presentation attached at Appendix 1 (slides 12 to 22) which had been discussed with the All-Party Working group on Community Planning when it met on 23 February 2022. Please note that since the working group meeting of 23 February, the strategic intents and stretch goals have been further developed, particularly the City Development elements following the Board meeting on Friday 11 March. This reflects the dynamic nature of the co-design process which remains a **work in progress**. Members are asked to consider and provide feedback on the emerging frameworks outlined by 15 April 2022 to communityplanning@belfastcity.gov.uk. This feedback will then be reflected in future iterations and can be discussed further with members as the strategy is further refined.

3.4	As discussed with the All-Party Working Group, it is proposed that the timeline for developing the refreshed Belfast Agenda strategy document and underpinning delivery plans includes sufficient time for direct and genuine engagement with partners, communities/ communities of interest and specific sectors including the business and private sector over April and May 2022. In addition, more formal and intensive consultation activities are planned on the strategy document as well as further engagement to co-design the action plans during May and June 2022. Slide 33 in Appendix 1 outlines the proposed next steps and timeline for this process. It is felt that the timeline will allow for greater input and enable valuable buy-in to the emerging plans.
3.5	<p><u>Political engagement with elected members</u></p> <p>In addition to the All-Party Working Group on Community Planning on 23 February 2022, and subsequently the Strategic Policy, and Resources Committee, it is also intended to bring a similar paper, presentation, and discussions to the Social Policy Working Group in April 2022. The intention would be to bring a further iteration of the draft strategy and emerging action plans to Party Group Briefings and Committee in April 2022 for further consideration, input, and refinement. It is important to note that the feedback and recommendations from Members received following the All-Party Working Group on Community Planning meeting (23 Feb) will be factored into the continued refinement of the BA Refresh.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Any financial implications arising from this report will be covered from existing budgets. The review process will continue to involve the participation of all community planning partners, who will need to commit their resources to the review process and the agreed action plans.</p>
3.7	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>It is recommended that the consultation and engagement activities to review the Belfast Agenda will take account of the draft Audit of Inequalities and include specific sessions with targeted harder to reach groups to ensure that equality implications are considered as part of the review process.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 Belfast Agenda Review Overview including emerging Action Planning Frameworks for agreed priorities (updated 3 rd March 2022)



All-Party Working Group on Community Planning

Continuing the Conversation to Review the Belfast Agenda


23rd February 2022 (Updated 3rd March 2022)

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Where we left off...



Vision to 2035

Belfast will be a city re-imagined and resurgent. A great place to live and work for everyone. Beautiful, well connected and culturally vibrant, it will be a sustainable city shared and loved by all its citizens, free from the legacy of conflict. A compassionate city offering opportunities for everyone. A confident and successful city energising a dynamic and prosperous city region. A magnet for talent and business and admired around the world. A city people dream to visit.

Outcomes to 2035

- Everyone in Belfast benefits from a thriving and prosperous economy
- Everyone in Belfast fulfils their potential
- Belfast is a welcoming, safe, fair and inclusive city for all
- Everyone in Belfast experiences good health and wellbeing
- Belfast is a vibrant, attractive, connected and environmentally sustainable city

Priority themes 2022-2026

- Economic recovery
- Employability and skills
- Housing
- Health inequalities
- Climate, resilience and sustainability
- Active and sustainable travel
- Educational attainment
- Community recovery and neighbourhood regeneration

Cross-cutting themes

- Inclusive growth
- Children and young people
- Good relations and shared future
- Older people

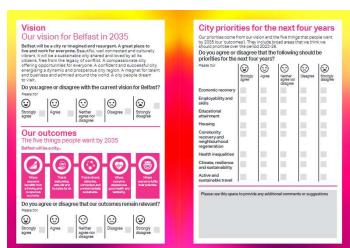
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Phase 1: Engagement & Co-design



- 6 participatory workshops
- 130 participants from 63 organisations
- Board workshops / Online platform / social media/ 435 survey responses (online and paper based)
- Utilising local assets (libraries and community centres)



Target Audience

1	South Belfast Stakeholders
2	Elected Members
3	North Belfast Stakeholders
4	West Belfast Stakeholders
5	East Belfast Stakeholders
6	Communities of Interest

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We Asked, You Said, We Did...



Participants discussed the need for targets and indicators in order to measure progress against the priorities.



Participants broadly agreed that what economic recovery meant needed to be more accurately defined... focus should be on how inclusive it would be, and how economic inequalities across the city would be addressed.



Participants felt that this was a central and urgent issue that connected to all the other priority themes.

- Agreement that long term vision and outcomes are still relevant
- Public engagement, outcomes, accountability and measuring success emphasized as part of the action planning process
- City Development included as an additional priority area; Connectivity added to Active and Sustainable Travel
- Economic Recovery refocused as **Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Growth**
- Focus being given to interrelated or cross-cutting actions to avoid creation of silos

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What do the priorities mean for your community? E.g.

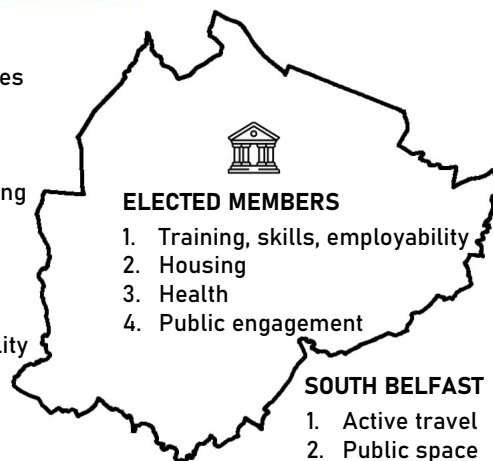


NORTH BELFAST

1. Access to services
2. Regeneration
3. Mental health
4. Housing
5. Health & Wellbeing

WEST BELFAST

1. Housing
2. Implementation
3. Outcomes and accountability
4. Public engagement
5. Poverty



ELECTED MEMBERS

1. Training, skills, employability
2. Housing
3. Health
4. Public engagement

SOUTH BELFAST

1. Active travel
2. Public space
3. Development, housing and regeneration

EAST BELFAST

1. Good relations/social cohesion
2. Public engagement
3. Implementation and outcomes
4. Health inequalities
5. Education, skills and employability

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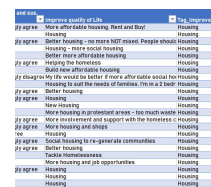
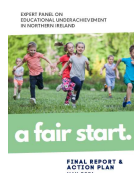
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Action Planning Process to date

Creating Alignment through to Delivery



- Convening leads identified to form small task and finish group for each priority
- Group tasked with consideration of **inputs** and preparing a starting point for the co-design process



For example: Education Authority, Department of Education and Belfast City Council officials have considered all inputs and drafted proposals based on wider engagement with Educational Inequalities subgroup (Belfast Area Partnerships, QUB, UU and CCMS)

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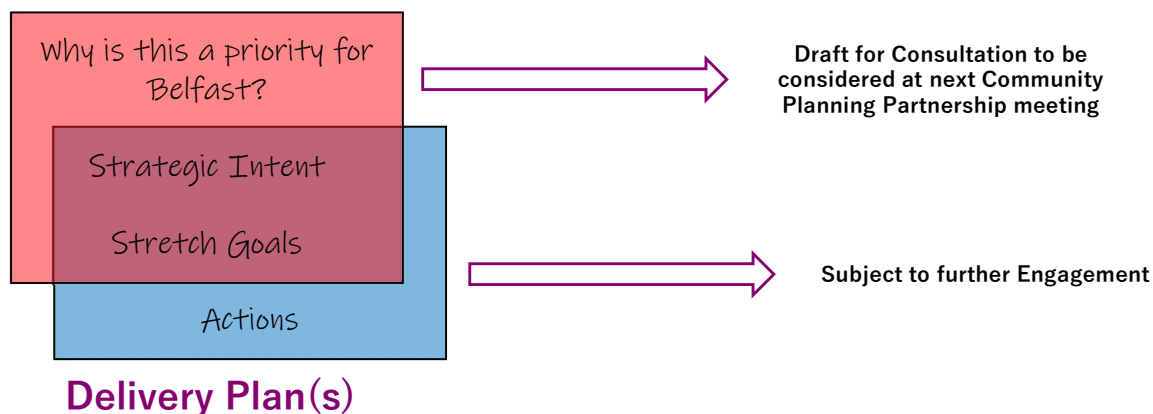
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Our Commitments and Milestones

Link between strategy document and delivery plans



Strategy Document (and Easy Read version)



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Action Planning Process to date

Ensure actions meet agreed guiding principles



✓ Adding clear value	We can achieve significant gains by collaborating across our partnership and sectors in a way we cannot through our existing single agency or thematic 'business as usual'.
✓ Impact for Belfast's people, place, economy	The work we deliver together will be felt in practical ways by individuals, families, communities, residents and businesses in Belfast, delivering tangible outcomes .
✓ With Belfast's Communities	The work we do will fully engage Belfast's residents, communities and businesses , building on their strengths and ensuring their voice is central to planning and delivery. We will work ' with and alongside ' our Communities, not 'To or For' them.
✓ Intelligence led priorities and action	We will focus our collaboration on the things that data, evidence and community insights tell us matter most to Belfast and we will deliver together in ways that evidence tells us will make a real difference .
✓ Resourcing	Delivery will require joint resourcing and effort, (i.e. staff time, services or investment). Should be a leadership commitment to jointly resource the initiative.

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Action Planning our Agreed Priorities

Creating Alignment through to Delivery



CLIMATE, RESILIENCE
& SUSTAINABILITY



CONNECTIVITY, SUSTAINABLE
& ACTIVE TRAVEL



HOUSING-LED
REGENERATION



HEALTH
INEQUALITIES



FUTURE CITY
CENTRE

Inclusive growth

Children and young people

Good relations and shared future

Older people



EDUCATIONAL
INEQUALITIES



EMPLOYABILITY &
SKILLS



SUSTAINABLE & INCLUSIVE
ECONOMIC GROWTH



COMMUNITY &
NEIGHBOURHOOD
REGENERATION



CITY REGENERATION
& INVESTMENT

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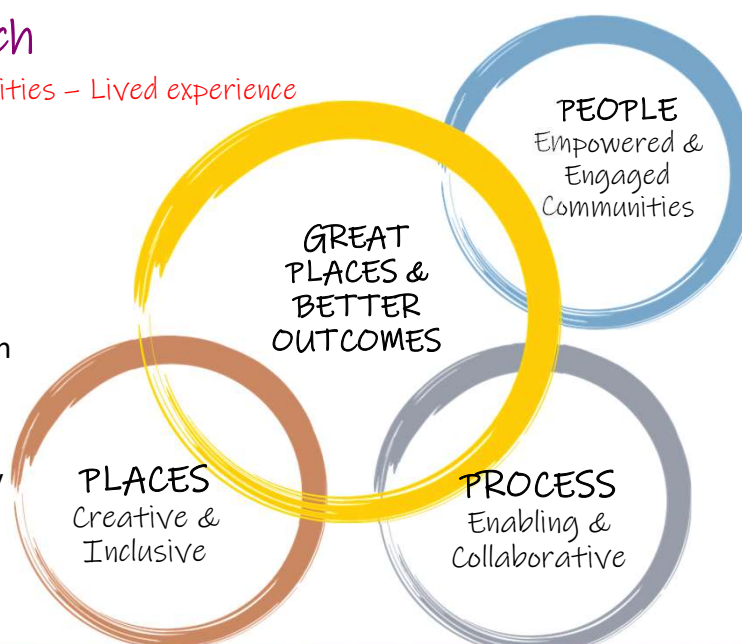
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Co-Designed Approach

Ensuring delivering for communities – Lived experience

- Widen voices into the planning and prioritisation process.
- Localised engagement N|S|E|W - Phase 1 and Phase 2
- Increases ownership and connection
- Encourages active participation in solving local problems
- Stimulates innovation and creativity
- Build capability to support delivery.
- Multiple layers of engagement and participation



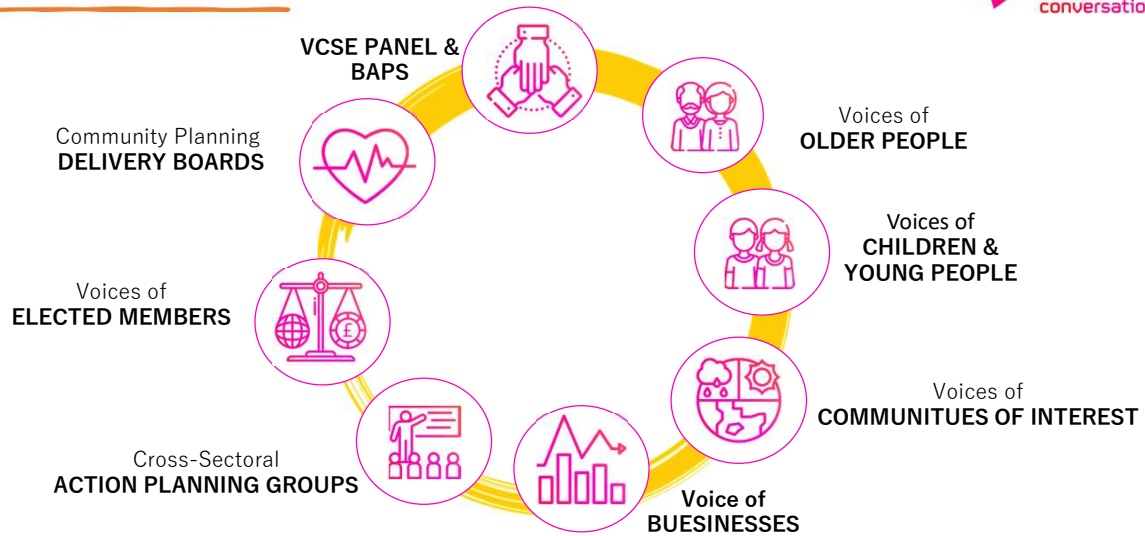
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Co-Designed Approach

Ensuring delivering for communities – Lived experience

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Emerging Draft Framework

Enabling the co-design action plans

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**WORK
IN PROGRESS**

PRIORITY



CLIMATE, RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY

STRATEGIC INTENT

Support the people of Belfast to transition to an inclusive, zero-emissions, climate-resilient economy in a generation

STRETCH GOALS

Reduce carbon emissions (scope 1 and 2) by 66% (on 2000 levels)

Increase investment in the green economy by XX and created XX new jobs

XX homes will have adopted at least one energy efficiency measure

Increase the number of battery electric vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles in the public transport service.

Protect at least 1,770 homes and businesses from tidal and fluvial flood risk.

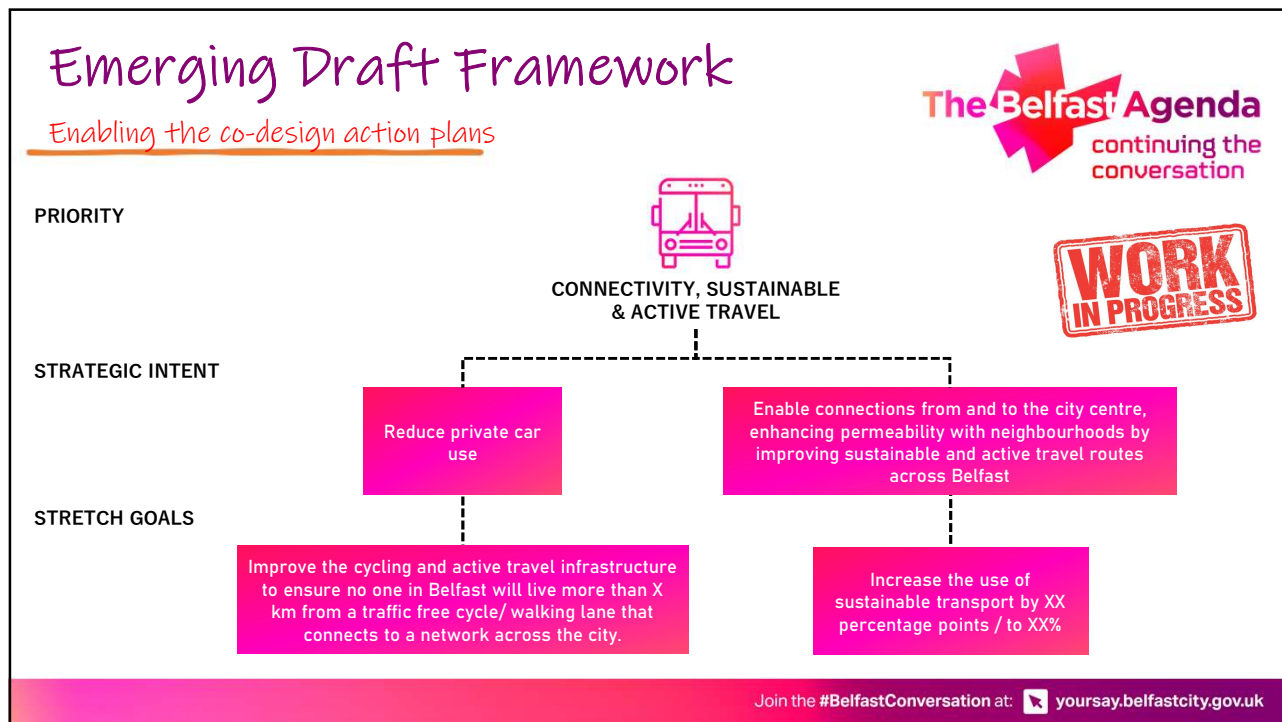
Plant 30,000 trees to improve air quality

Reduce residual waste sent to landfill

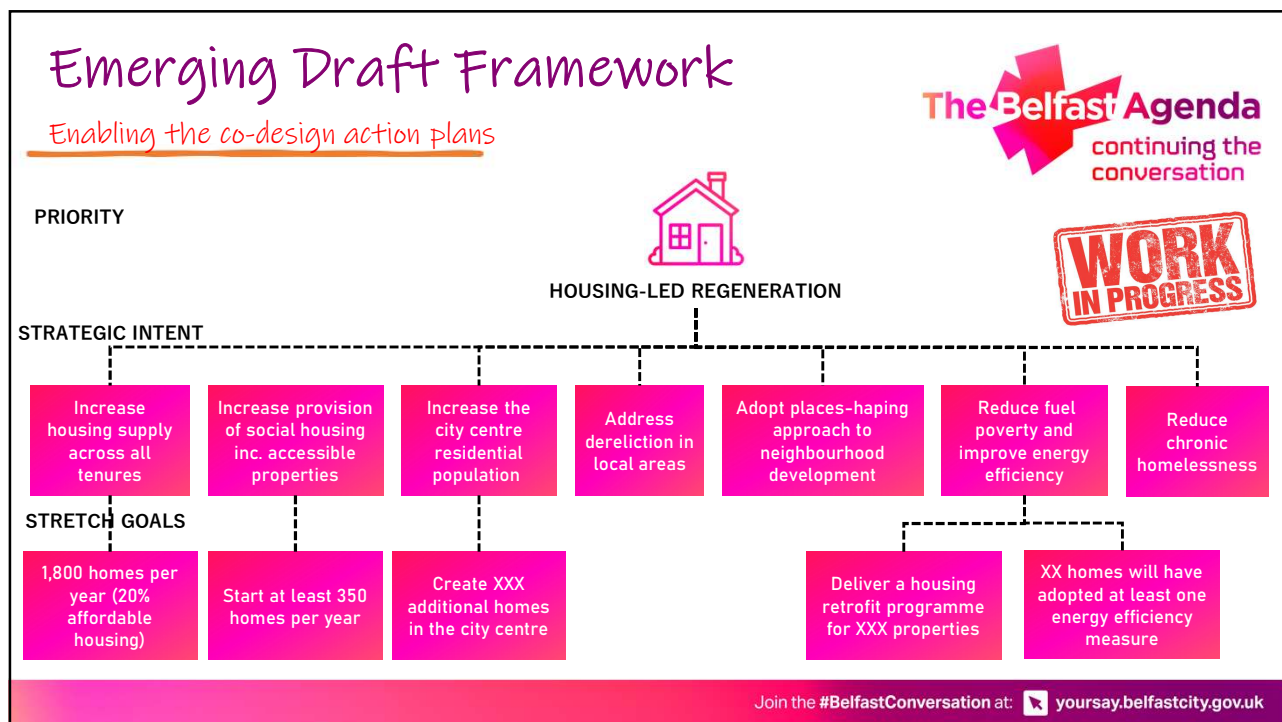
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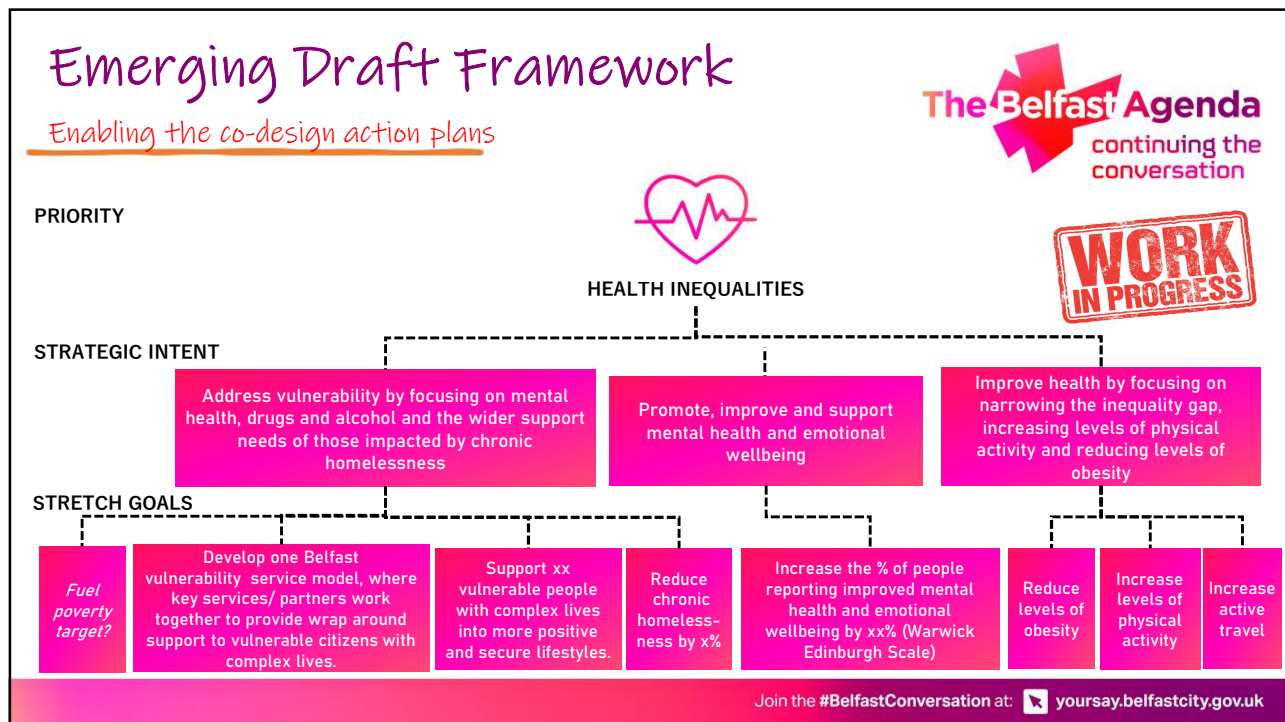
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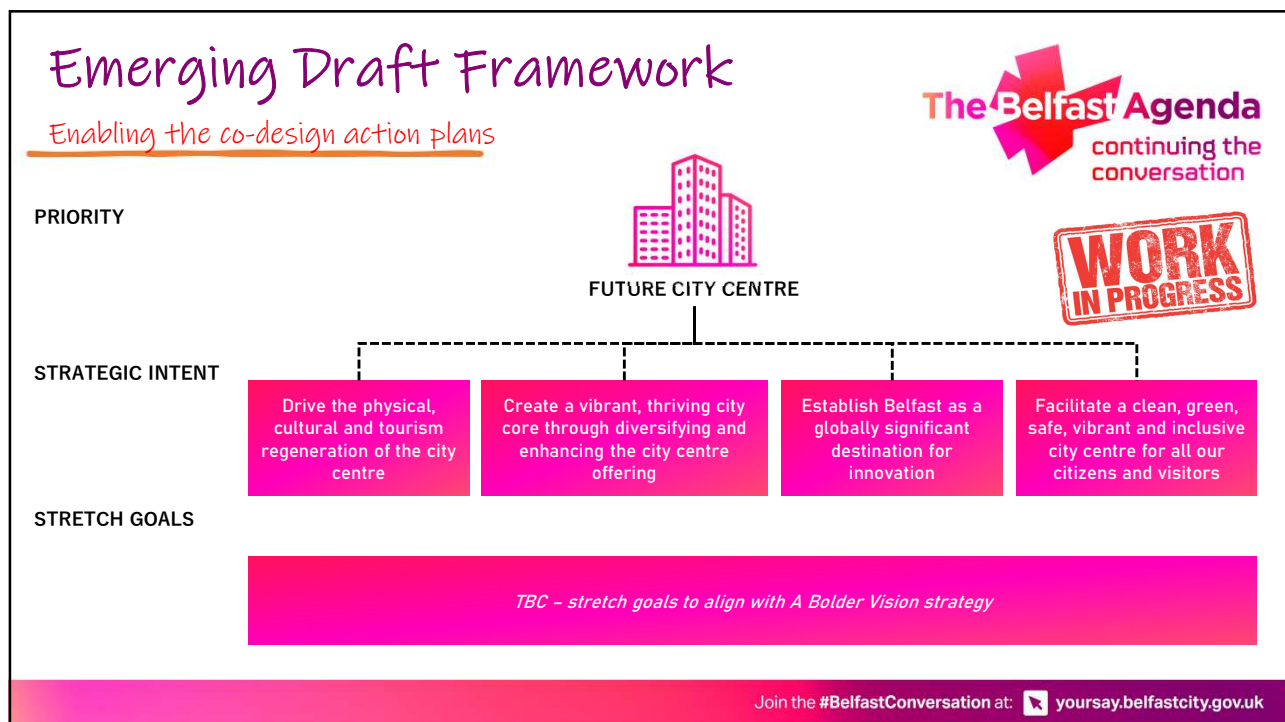
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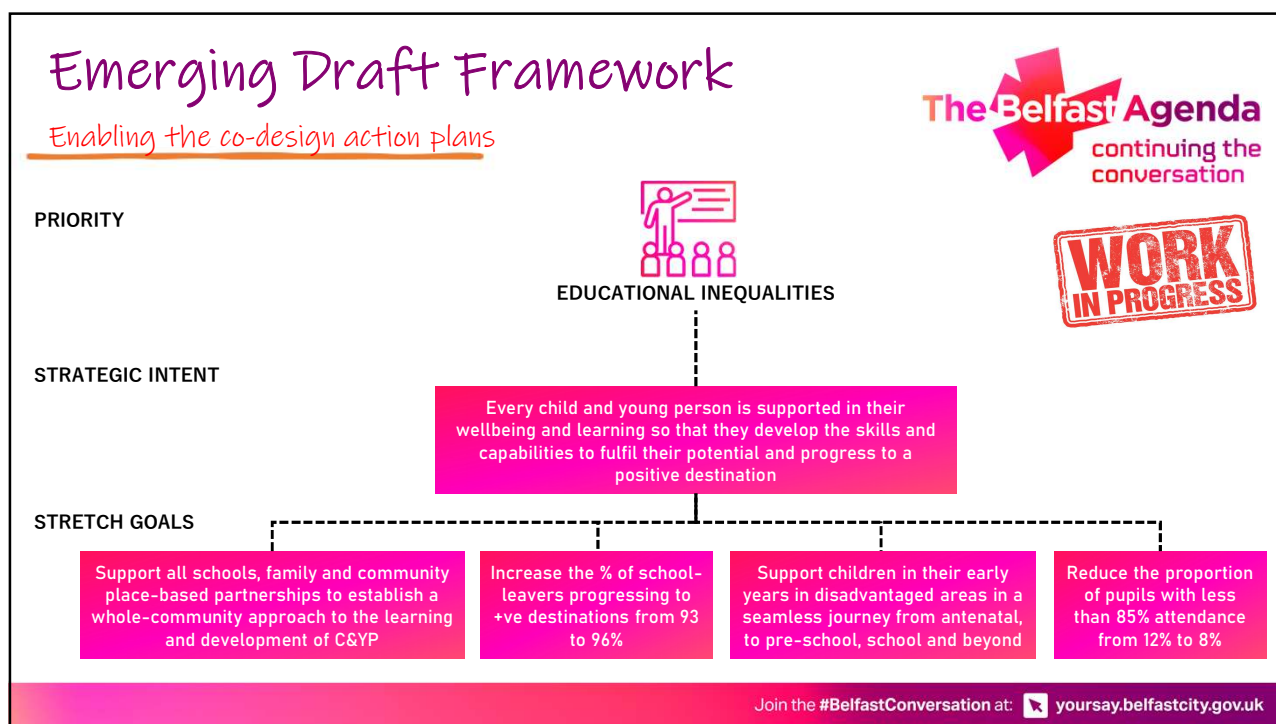
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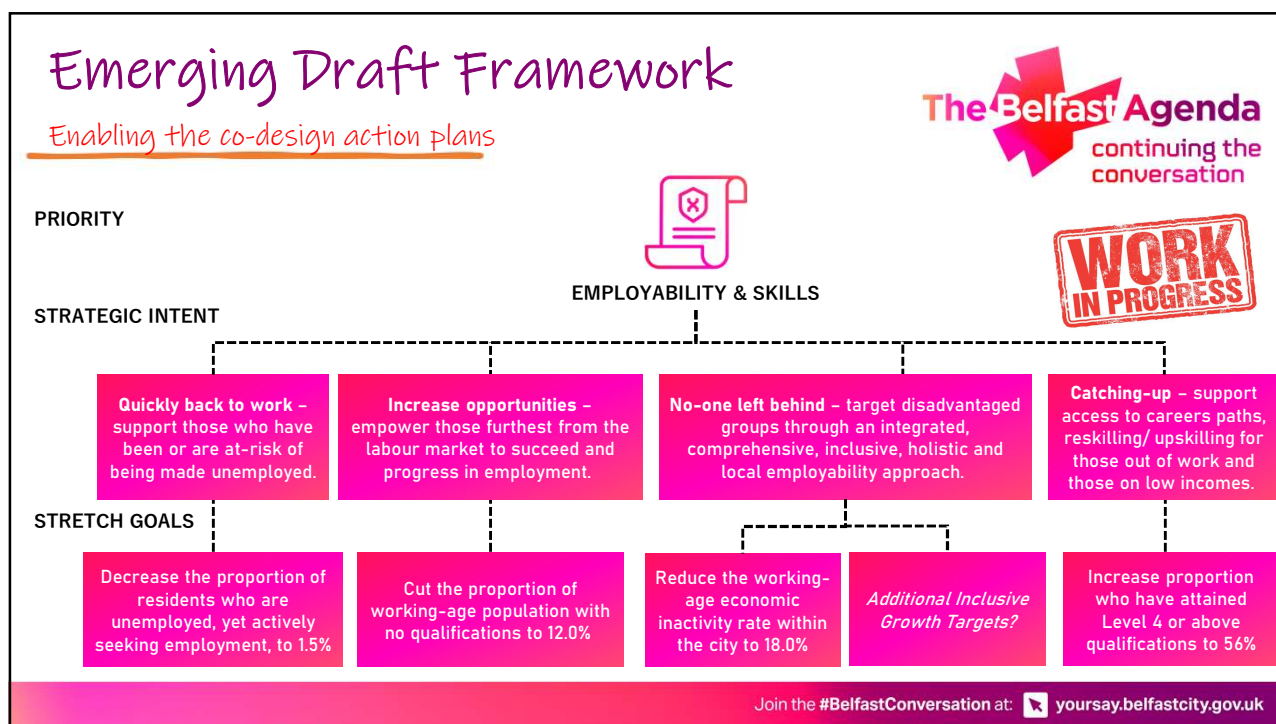
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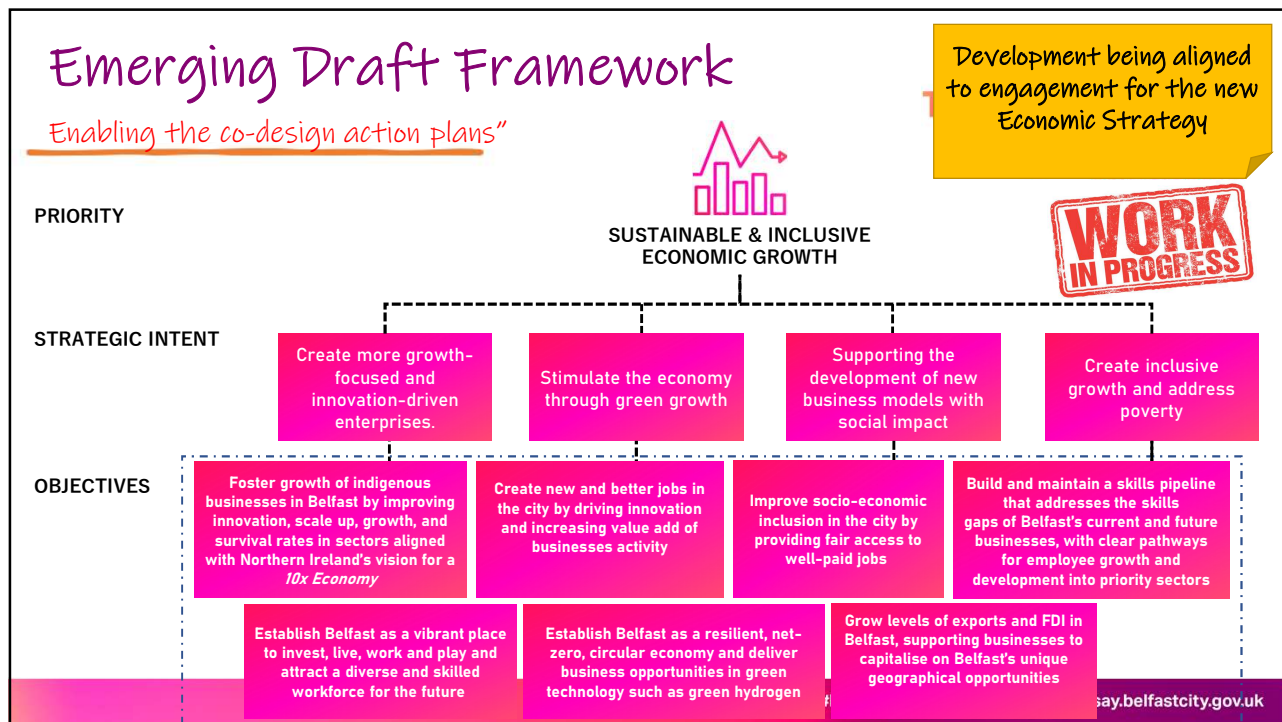
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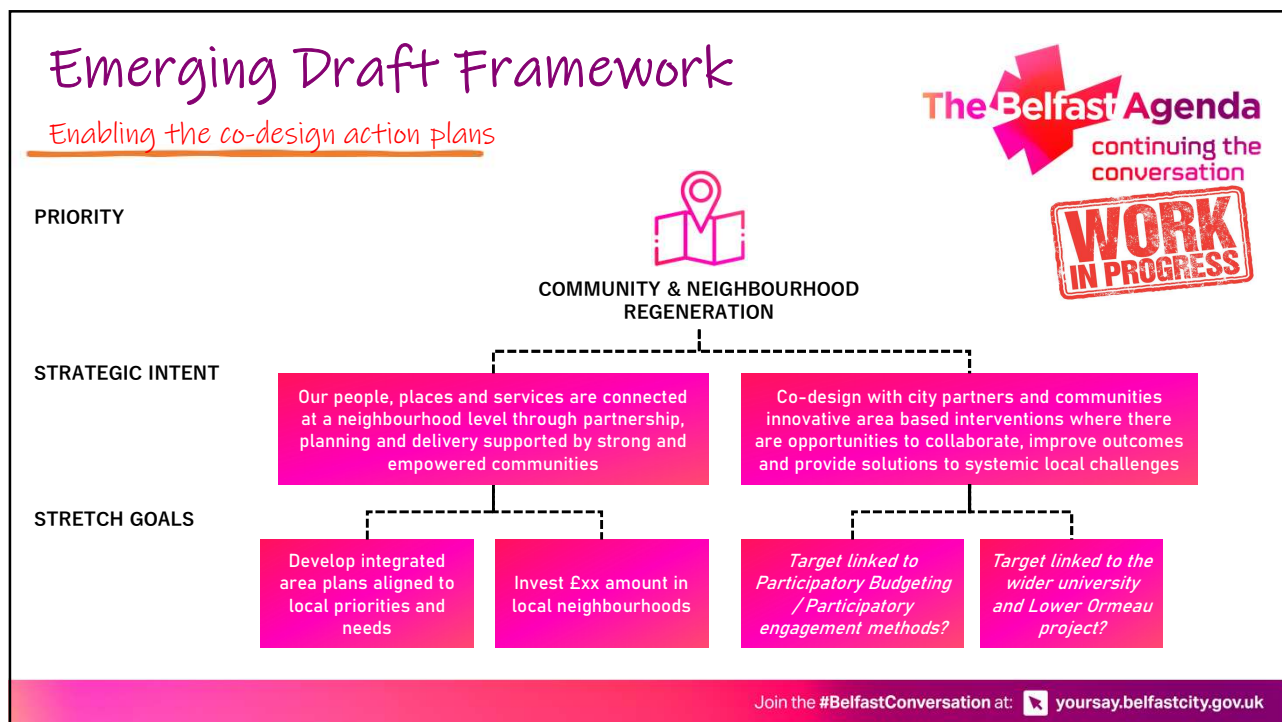
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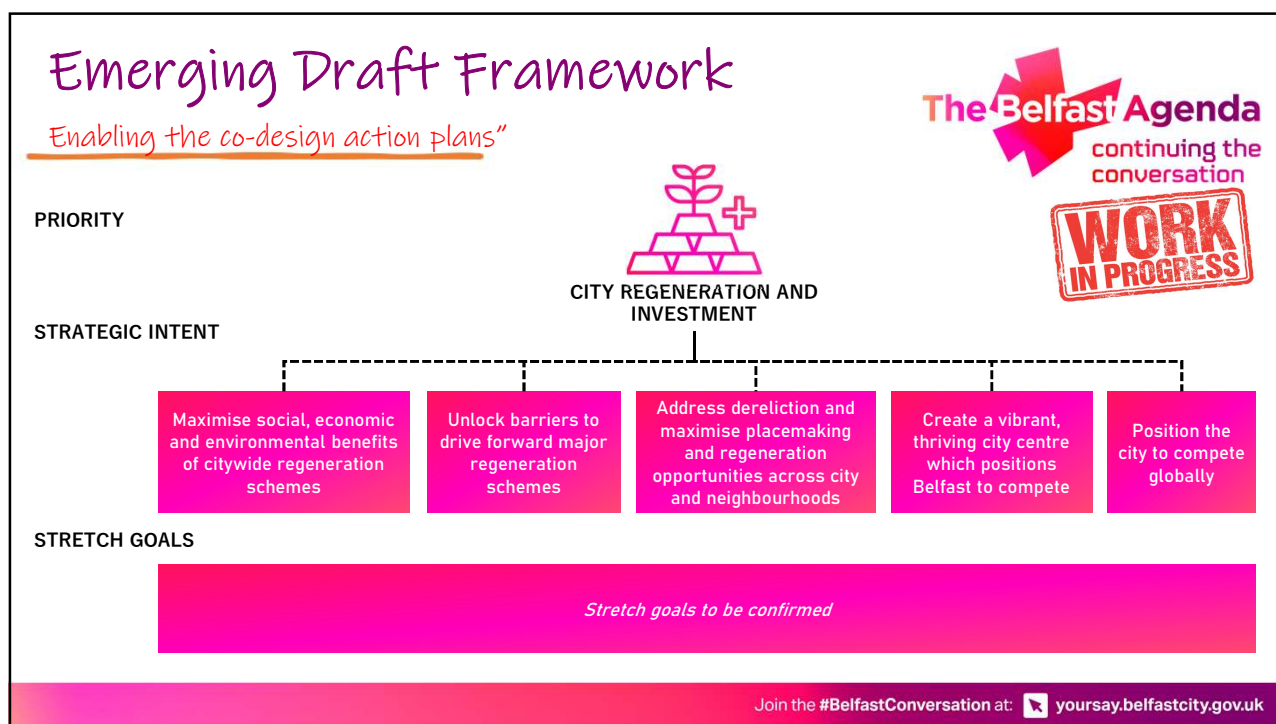
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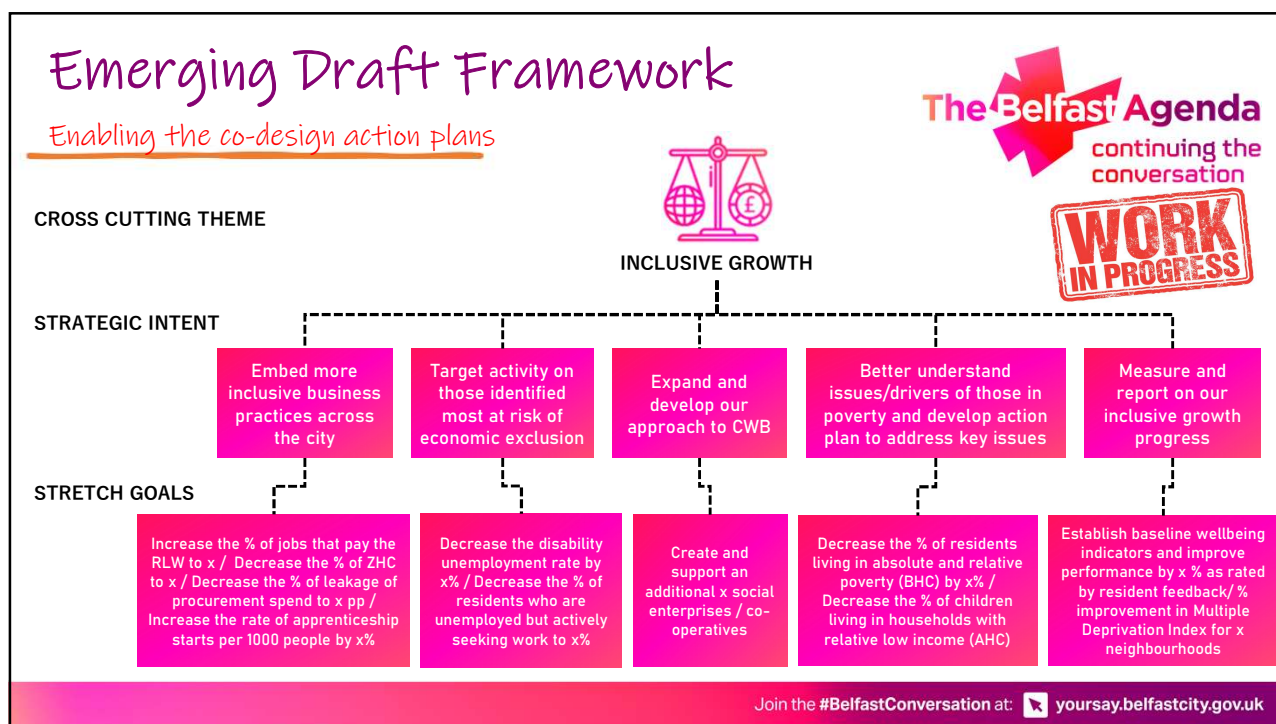
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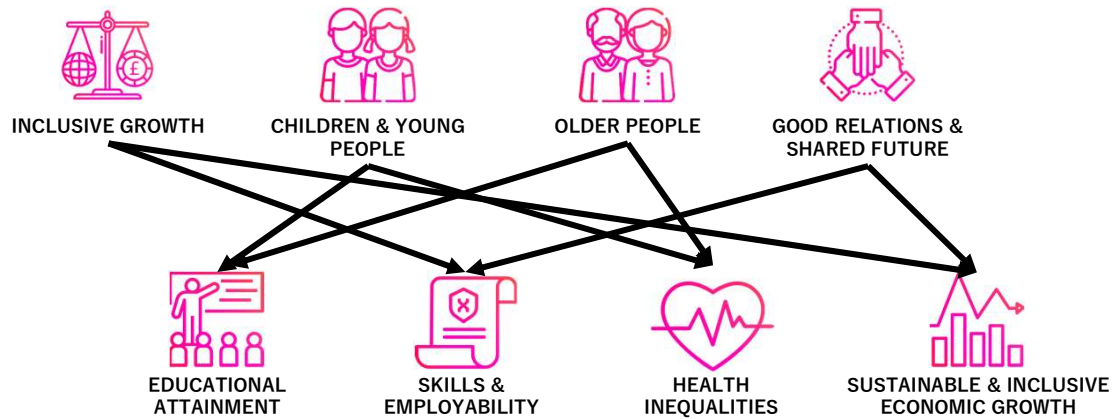


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Cross Cutting Themes...



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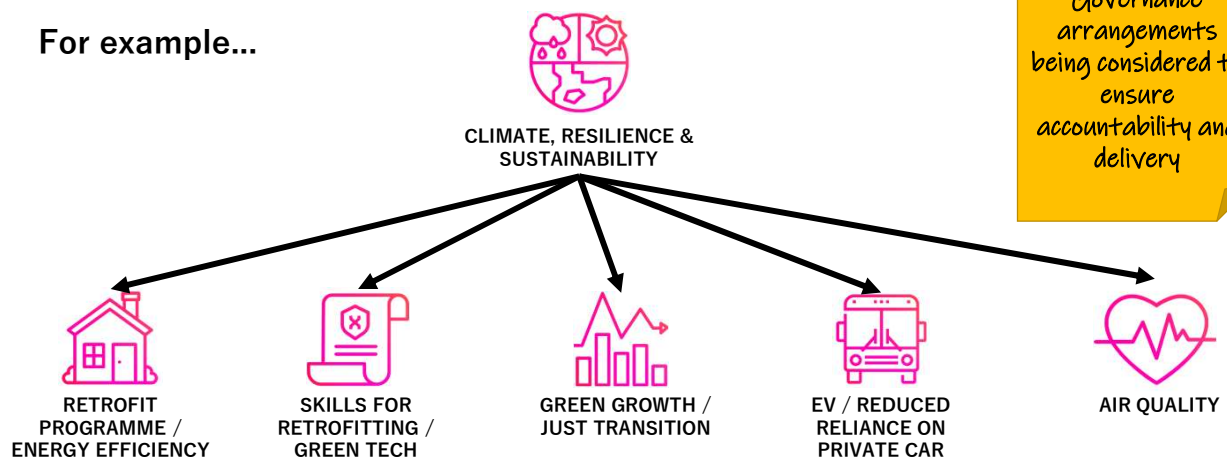
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Priorities are also cross-cutting

Need further consideration to agree governance arrangements



For example...



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Belfast Agenda Refresh & Delivery Plan(s)

Example: Educational Inequalities



STRATEGIC INTENT	TARGETS / STRETCH GOALS	ACTIONS
Every young person is supported through their education journey to ensure that upon leaving education they progress into a destination	By 2026 we will increase the percentage of school-leavers progressing into positive destinations from 93 per cent to 96 per cent	1. Develop impactful interventions based on identified need that align with the regional 'Reducing Educational Disadvantage' Programme 2. Implement the most appropriate support mechanisms to enable boys to maximise educational outcomes, in keeping with A Fair Start Report
	By 2026 we will effectively support transitions for children and young people especially those identified as being at risk of underachievement – How can we measure impact and make this a SMART target? (Surestart Hanen Measures and others within FairStart?)	3. Maximise the proportion of children ready to start school through a range of support programmes for children aged 4 and younger and their parents 4. Support young people 'at risk' as they transition through their learning journey 5. Pro-actively provide young people at risk of underachieving with supports to remove barriers to learning, and support them to see the benefits of education through physical and extra-curricular activities. [DN: Suggest merging or cross referencing Actions 2, 5 and 8 together]
		7. Develop a collaborative community and school approach to support parental engagement and empowerment 8. Support a community approach to education as referenced in Fair Start by developing capacity, skills and expertise within the community [DN: Suggest merging or cross-referencing Actions 2, 5 and 8 together]
	By 2026 we will have supported 125 primary schools & 25 post-primary schools to deliver School Development Plan priorities that focus on developing parental and community engagement	9. Engage Area Learning Communities across this city and provide opportunities for citywide collaboration, sharing of best practice and learning

This is what we're seeking to co-design by mid April

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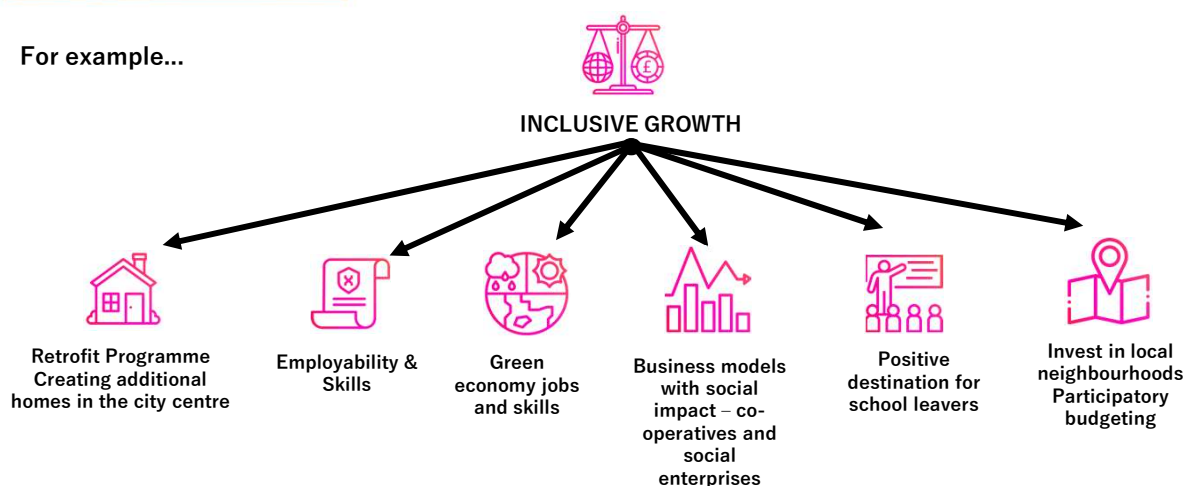
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Cross-cutting themes: an inclusive growth lens

Need further consideration of governance arrangements and action planning



For example...



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Inclusive Growth: creating the right conditions

Working together...



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Inclusive Growth

Illustrative Actions



Implement the Belfast Business Promise

- Seek all CPP members to sign up as Supporters with the aim of achieving Membership accreditation within 2 years.
- Additional 50 organisations signed up as Supporters by end of year 1
 - ✓ create more high-quality jobs,
 - ✓ lower levels of poverty,
 - ✓ build stronger healthier communities,
 - ✓ reduce inequality in the workplace and
 - ✓ work towards a more sustainable local economy.

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Belfast Business Promise

Illustrative Actions



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Inclusive Growth

Illustrative Actions



Implement Anchor Institution Commissioning & Procurement Group

Further define and focus on specific cohorts

Design & Implement Inclusive Growth Decision Making Framework

Establish business sector/advisory group

Support establishment of Poverty Truth Commission

Establish Inclusive Growth Oversight Group

Expand and develop our approach to Community Wealth Building

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Community Wealth Building



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Population Indicators

Reviewed in line with the emerging stretch goals

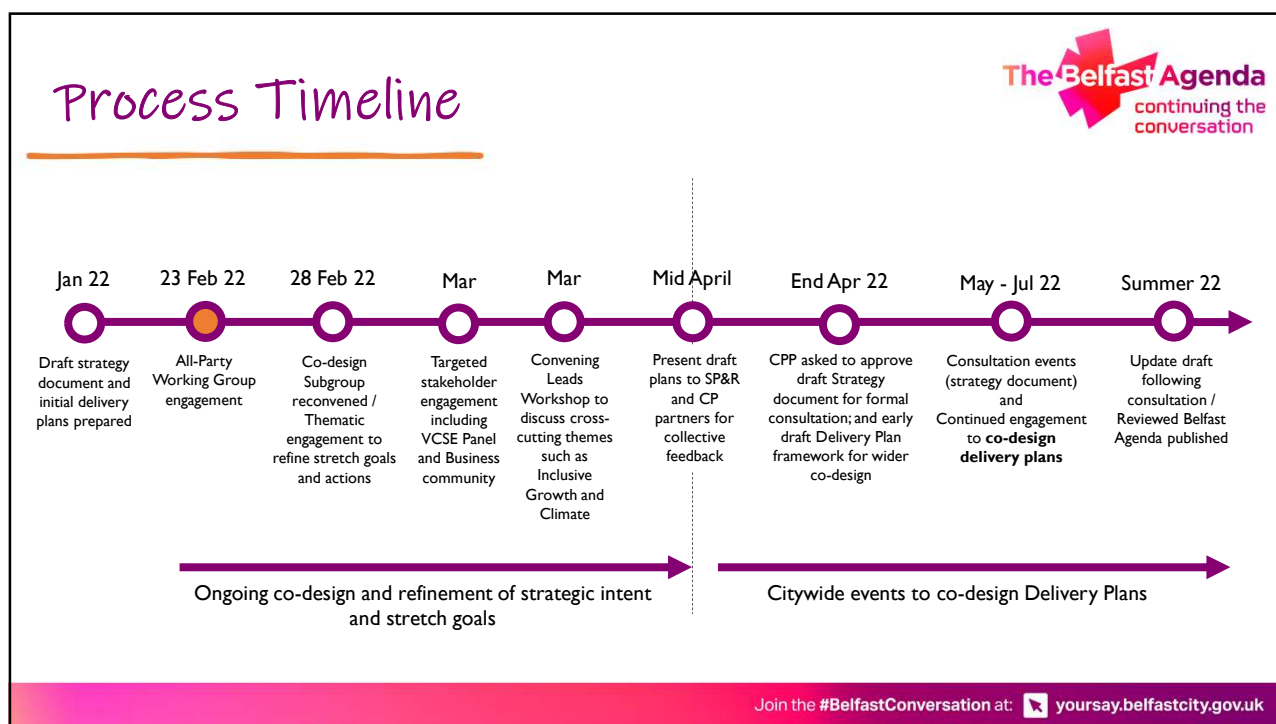
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- Currently 51 indicators which measure the contribution towards our 5 outcomes over the long-term
- Framework currently being reviewed, ensuring it is consistent with the current priorities and emerging measures of success
 - Possible new indicators include carbon emissions, biodiversity, proportion of working age population with no qualifications, homelessness...
 - Technical Assessment Process (TAP) used by TEO for PfG also being applied to streamline the 'curves we want to turn'.



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For Discussion

- Are the emerging stretch goals the correct measures of success?
- Are they ambitious enough?
- Anything missing?
- Further engagement? Party Group Briefings?

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Subject:	Temporary relocation of Midland Boxing Club to Woodvale Bowling Pavilion
Date:	5 th April 2022
Reporting Officer:	Rose Crozier, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Cate Taggart, Neighbourhood Services Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Committee is asked to note that Midland Boxing Club premises will be closed for re-development from June 2022 until March 2023. This project is being funded by the Belfast Investment fund and will be delivered by the council's Physical Programme department. Council officers are currently working with the club to identify suitable alternative premises for interim use to enable them to continue to deliver their boxing programme to their 60+ members.
1.2	Outside of boxing, they also support the delivery of youth outreach programmes in North Belfast and their premises are normally used for hosting interface diversification activities in summer months. This has helped to strengthen good relations with other clubs from across the interface and tackle anti-social behaviour in periods of peak tension.

1.3	The club currently train 5 nights a week Monday to Friday, 5pm – 9pm and some Saturday mornings. While their premises are closed during the redevelopment, they require a suitable building with toilet and changing facilities that can be used for boxing activities and the delivery of other youth activities.
1.4	The club is also used by Midland Social & Recreational club who deliver a day-time programme Monday to Friday for older people in the local community. Ideally the club would like to find a suitable temporary premise to cater for the social and recreational club as well.
1.5	Woodvale bowling pavilion, which is situated in Woodvale Park, has been identified as a possible temporary home for both clubs. The bowling green and pavilion has not had a resident bowling club or interest from casual bowlers for over 5 years. This would offer an opportunity for community usage of the facility and could be the catalyst for local interest when the boxing club return to their own premises.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant authority for officers to repurpose Woodvale bowling pavilion as a temporary home for Midland Boxing Club and Midland Social and Recreation Club whilst their premises are being redeveloped. • Officers have met with the club on site and the facilities are considered to be suitable. Committee is further asked to grant authority for a key handling arrangement to be drafted between Council and Midland Boxing Club to enable the clubs to access the facility without the need for Council staff.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Officers have explored the option with representatives from Midland Boxing Club and confirmed that Woodvale bowling pavilion is a suitable venue to house their range of activities. A meeting took place with the club on site on Thursday 31 March 2022. The building is sizeable with a main hall, a side room, large kitchen facilities, toilets and changing rooms. The interior ceiling is pitched, so the height is suitable for the boxing ring to be erected on one side of hall.

3.2	There are adequate parking facilities within the park so it is not envisaged that increased usage and traffic at the site will cause any disruption to local residents or existing park users.
3.3	Following due diligence, it is likely that a level of training will need to be carried out with representatives from the clubs who have responsibility for facility management. Midland Boxing Club successfully manage their own premises and therefore with adequate training around health and safety, security and fire evacuation procedures, officers are confident that the club should be able to manage the building via temporary facility management and key handling arrangement.
3.4	Midland Social and Recreation Club are in receipt of a Council revenue grant. It is envisaged this grant will be transferable to cover some running costs of the temporary venue.
	<u>Financial & Human Resource Implications</u>
3.5	Midland & Social Recreation are currently in receipt of a £4500 revenue grant which could be transferred over to cover eligible costs at the interim facilities. BIF capital budget also included scope to cover storage of boxing equipment during the period of redevelopment.
	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u>
3.6	Council officers will carry out adequate training with representatives from Midland who have responsibility for facility management. A temporary facility management and key handling agreement will be drafted by legal services.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.7	There are no known implications.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Installation of sandbag containers
Date:	5 th April 2022
Reporting Officer:	Siobhan Toland Director of City Services
Contact Officer:	Trevor McDonald Emergency Planning Officer

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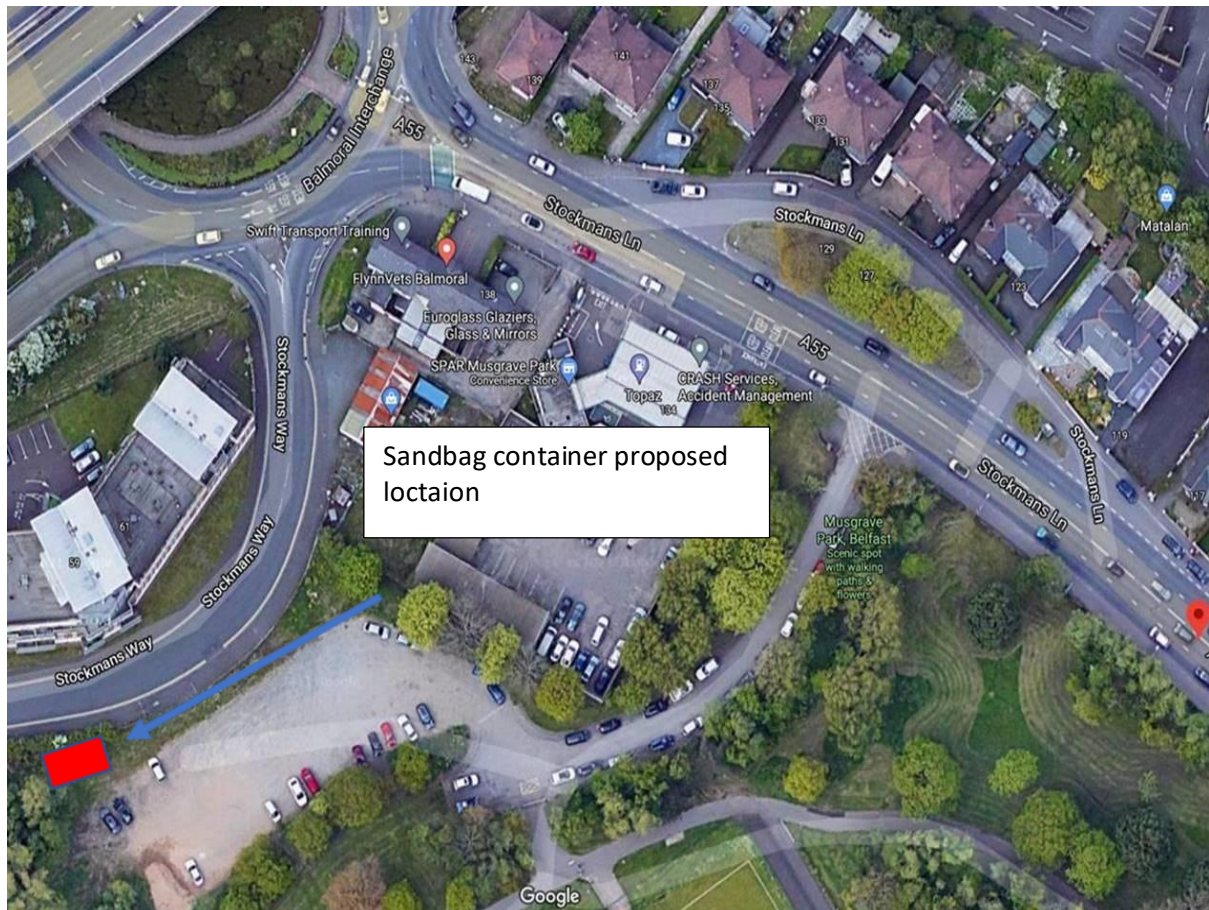
1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Members to consider the locating of three new sandbag containers on Council land as part of a Multi – Agency partnership approach to help mitigate and support communities across Belfast impacted by flooding.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the proposal in this report to locate three new sandbag containers at Stockmans Lane, Shore Road and Ardoyne Community Centre. This proposal will enhance community resilience within flooding 'hot spot' areas, support residents, Elected Members and Community Groups to be more resilient in times of potential flooding.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Emergency Planning working with partner agencies within the Regional Community Resilience Group (RCRG), specifically DFI Rivers have identified three new locations which would benefit from sandbag containers across Belfast.</p> <p>Site 1. - Stockman's Lane (Musgrave Park)</p> <p>Site 2. - Shore Road, Shore Road Playing Fields (green space beside existing container)</p> <p>Site 3. - Ardoyne Community Centre (All Maps/photos included in Appendix 1).</p>
3.2	<p>The Stockman's Lane area is prone to flooding. In February 2021 emergency services responding to property flooding in this area and DFI Rivers deployed urgent sandbag deliveries to protect properties. This area has experienced flash flooding on a regular basis over the past number of years.</p>
3.3	<p>The Shore Road location has been a problem area for flooding in recent years particularly around the Whitewell Rd and Shore Rd area. Locating a container at this site would cover off sandbag availability to residents at risk from flooding in this part of North Belfast.</p>
3.4	<p>During August 2021 the Ardoyne Community area suffered flash flooding and approx. 200 sandbags were deployed by BCC Open Spaces and Street Scene Staff to protect homes. Since this flash flooding episode in August 2021 multi-agency debrief meetings have been held with partner agencies and Elected Members. Due to the topography of Ardoyne this location can be prone to flash flooding and over the past few years Emergency Planning and OSS have had to support Elected Members and residents with requests for sandbag deliveries to protect homes. The location of a sandbag container in the grounds of Ardoyne Community Centre will help to support the local community to protect their homes.</p>
3.5	<p>Once containers are put in place Regional Community Resilience Group members will engage with residents to establish Community Resilience groups in these areas. There is the possibility of using existing community groups to enhance this community resilience work.</p> <p><u>Key Issues</u></p>
3.6	<p>Emergency Planning have completed site visits with colleagues from DFI Rivers and OSS at Stockman's Lane and Shore Road locations. Provisional locations for containers on both sites have been agreed in principle subject to necessary approvals.</p>

3.7	In December 2021 the Emergency Planning Team visited Ardoyne with DFI Rivers and NI Water colleagues. Following on from this site visit liaison has taken place with colleagues in Community Provision to agree the location of a container within the centre carpark.
3.8	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>DFI Rivers will provide three metal containers measuring 8ft x 12 ft and stock with sandbags. Emergency Planning have liaised with BCC colleagues regarding proposed costs for site works, including ground works and installation 2 x concrete bases for the proposed containers at Stockman's Lane and Shore Road. Estimated costs of £2,000 per site (£4,000 total)</p>
3.9	It is not anticipated that the installation of the container at Ardoyne Community Centre will have any cost implications
3.10	Emergency Planning propose to finance these installations within their 2022 - 2023 budget expenditure.
3.11	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix A – Proposed site location maps of new sandbag containers.</p> <p>Appendix B – Existing sandbag containers located on BCC land.</p>

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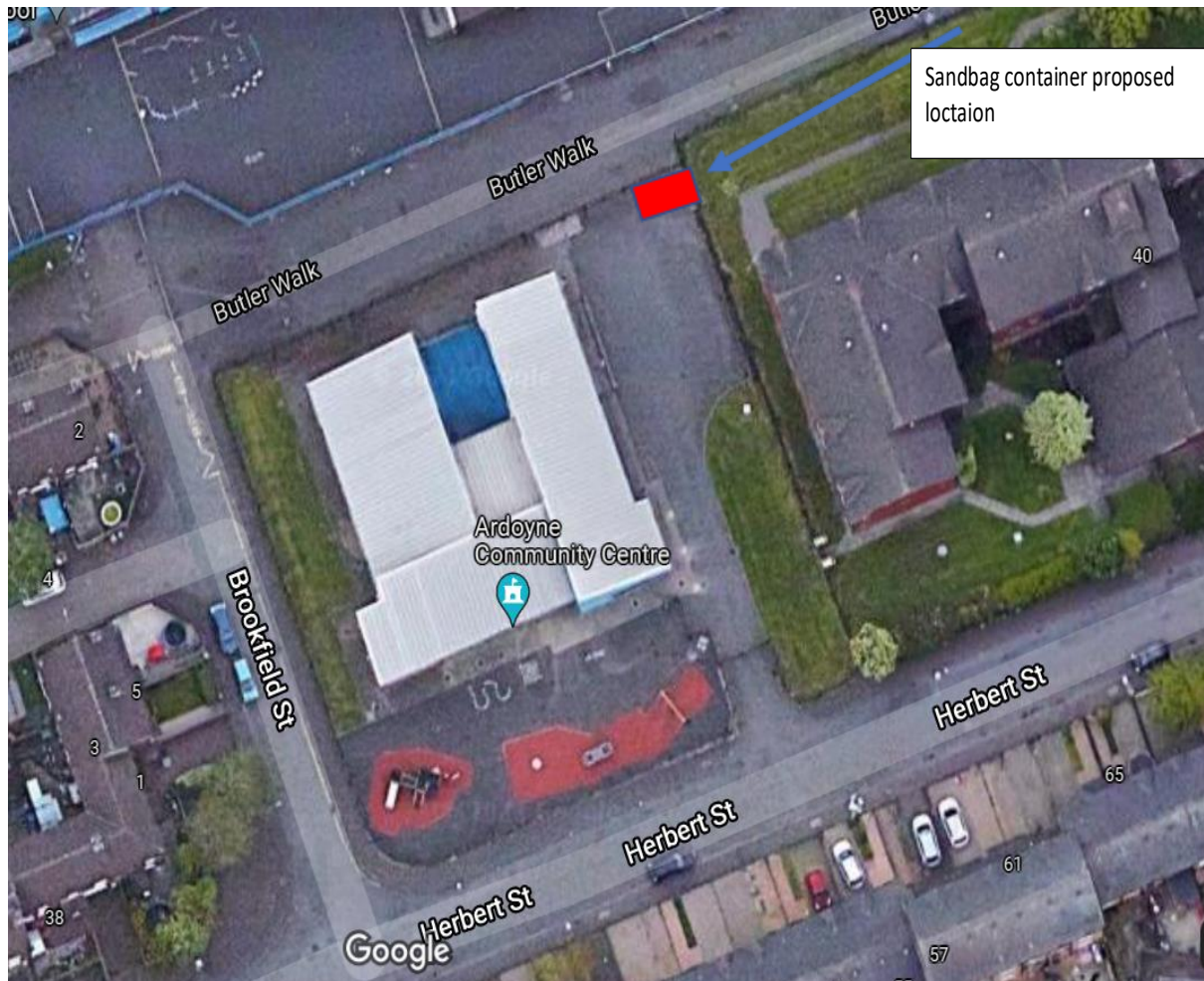
6.1 - Proposed Location – Site 1 - Stockman's Lane



6.2 - Proposed Location – Site 2. – Shore Road



6.3 - Proposed Location – Site3. – Ardoyne Community Centre



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Community Sandbag Container Locations

East Belfast

Location
Knocknagoney Linear Park, Knocknagoney Drive/Avenue
Sydenham Railway Halt, Inverary Drive
Strand Church, Connsbrook Avenue
Sydenham Pumping Station, Park Avenue
Knockvale Grove
Clarawood House
Clarawood Crescent
Sandhill Green
Dixon Playing Fields, Grande Parade
Cregagh Community Centre
Braniel, Whincroft Road
Braniel Community Centre, Warren Grove
Montgomery Road
Sunderland Road

South Belfast

Location
Drumglass Park, Lisburn Road
Orchardville Day Centre, Orchardville Crescent

West Belfast

Location
St John the Baptist School, Finaghy Road North
Whiterock Leisure Centre
Mount Eagles Crescent

North Belfast

Location
Glencairn Park

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