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**Belfast  
City Council**

10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

**MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Tuesday, 17th December, 2019 at 9.30 am, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

**AGENDA:**

1. **Routine Matters**

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes
- (c) Declarations of Interest
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7. **Finance, Resources and Procurement**
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8. **Equality and Good Relations**
- (a) Minutes of the Meeting of the Shared City Partnership
  - (b) International Women's Day 2020 (Pages 355 - 358)
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- (a) Requests for Use of City Hall and the provision of Hospitality (Pages 367 - 370)
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- (d) Audit and Risk Panel Report and Minutes of meeting of 3 December 2019
- (e) Minutes of Party Group Leaders Consultative Forum (Pages 379 - 382)
- (f) Minutes of the Meeting of the Active Belfast Ltd. Board (To Follow)

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<b>Subject:</b>	Consultation on Council decision to erect bilingual/multilingual external naming and internal directional signage in Andersonstown, Lisnasharragh, Olympia and Templemore Leisure Centres – Special Meeting
<b>Date:</b>	17 December 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Sarah Williams, Governance and Compliance Manager

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee’s authority to hold a special meeting to consider the results of the public consultation in respect of the Council’s decision to erect bilingual/multilingual external naming and internal directional signage in Andersonstown, Lisnasharragh, Olympia and Templemore Leisure Centre.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>The committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree that a special meeting be held at 9.30 am on Friday, 31 January, 2020 to consider the results of the public consultation</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree, in view of the time within which decisions would be required, to the suspension of the call-in process</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	At a Special Council meeting on 11 October 2019, the Council agreed to engage in a citywide consultation in respect of bilingual and multilingual naming and the type of signage to be used in centres designated to have a citywide catchment, together with local consultation. In addition, it was agreed to grant delegated authority to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee permitting it to authorise the bilingual and such other signage to be procured and installed for the opening of Andersonstown Leisure Centre and for the committee to meet no later than week commencing 26 January 2020.
3.2	The public consultation opened on Tuesday 5 November 2019 and is due to close on Monday 10 January 2020. In order for results to be analysed and a report to be prepared for Committee, it is recommended to hold a special committee meeting on Friday 31 January 2020 at 9.30am.
3.3	It is also recommended that in accordance with Standing Order 47(2)(c) that this decision should not be subject to call-in, on the basis that an unreasonable delay could be prejudicial to the Council's or the public's interest.
3.4	Council also agreed to apply the Council policy on bilingual naming of local facilities in respect of Brook Leisure Centre and to agree to the principle of the installation of bilingual signage, subject to review at the close of the consultation period. Bilingual signage for Brook has been ordered and is due to be installed in the coming weeks to be in place for the official opening in January. A short local consultation exercise is due to be carried out in relation to signage at Brook leisure centre which will inform future decisions about this signage. Under the Language Strategy, an overarching policy will be developed and consulted on to cover future Council projects.
	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>
3.5	The cost of the activities related to the public consultation are covered within existing budgets.

3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>The promotion of equality of opportunity and good relations are key principles within which the Council's language strategy is delivered. The screening document and Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) was included as part of the public consultation and comments incorporated into an updated screening and RNIA.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	Motion – City Tree Initiative
<b>Date:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> December, 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider a motion on a City Tree Initiative, which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider the motion and if the proposal agreed a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	At the Council meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December, the following motion was proposed by Councillor McLaughlin and seconded by Councillor O’Hara: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>“This Council has ambitious plans to plant over one million trees over 15 years.</i>”</p>

	<p><i>However, it acknowledges that there are several sites across Belfast that breach current legal guidelines in terms of air pollutants.</i></p> <p><i>Air pollution is often hidden in plain sight, but it can have potentially life-threatening consequences. Exposure to high levels of air pollution can lead to chronic respiratory problems and increased risk of developing cancer. Having access to clean air is a human right.</i></p> <p><i>To reduce levels of air pollution, we need to reduce our reliance on carbon as well as finding innovative solutions to air pollution.</i></p> <p><i>One such innovative solution is to introduce the City Tree initiative, which is in many European cities such as Amsterdam, Brussels and London. The City Tree does the work of 275 trees in 1% of the space. Each tree holds 1,682 pots of moss, which extract particulate matter, soot, dirt and other pollutants from the air.</i></p> <p><i>This Council agrees that a report be submitted to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee which will identify sites in each quarter of the city that are heavily polluted, explore the costs associated with the purchase of the trees and the potential public-private partnership in regards to the advertising space which comes with the tree, which could be used to offset the cost of the purchase.”</i></p>
3.2	<p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion was referred without debate to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p>
3.3	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	<p><b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>None</p>





<b>Subject:</b>	Motion – Pridestrian Animation
<b>Date:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> December, 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider a motion on Pridestrian Animation, which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider the motion and if the proposal agreed a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	At the Council meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December, the following motion was proposed by Councillor Garrett and seconded by Councillor Flynn: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>“This Council recognises and values the huge contribution which our LGBTQ+ citizens make to the city of Belfast and beyond.</i>”</p>

<p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p>	<p><i>We commend the progressive approach taken by Belfast City Council in its support of Belfast Pride, the bid to secure Euro Pride, the illumination of and the flying of both the Rainbow and the Transgender Flags at the City Hall.</i></p> <p><i>Building on this progressive approach and, as a demonstration of our continued solidarity with the LBGTQ+ community, including our commitments to create a city that is welcoming, safe, fair and inclusive for all, we call on this Council to follow best practices elsewhere throughout the world in the creation of permanent Rainbow Pride themed animation.</i></p> <p><i>We call on this Council to directly engage with the Department for Infrastructure and other Government departments, where, in partnership with the Council, we create permanent animation at appropriate points along the Pride Parade route ahead of the 2020 Pride festival. This should include, but not be limited to, pedestrian crossing points and public realm points along the route.”</i></p> <p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion was referred without debate to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None</p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>None</p>



<b>Subject:</b>	Motion – Homelessness
<b>Date:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> December, 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider a motion on a Homelessness, which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider the motion and if the proposal agreed a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	At the Council meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December, the following motion was proposed by Councillor Corr and seconded by Councillor Garrett: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>“This Council notes that today, 2nd December, marks the start of Homelessness Week and acknowledges the fact that the right to a home is a basic human right. It commends the ambition set out within the Belfast Agenda to build 1,800 social homes by 2021 and</i></p>

3.2	<p><i>calls upon the Council to scope all publicly-owned sites and land within the city boundary, to ascertain their potential for building homes on them. We support that public housing continues to be a priority within the Belfast Agenda.”</i></p> <p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion was referred without debate to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p>
3.3	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	<p><b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>None</p>



<b>Subject:</b>	Delivering a Smart Belfast
<b>Date:</b>	17 December 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Ronan Cregan, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Resources
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Deborah Colville, City Innovation Manager Mark McCann, Programme Lead

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	<p>The Smart Belfast programme aims to foster greater collaboration between our universities, industry and the public sector. In doing so it seeks to develop innovative solutions to complex urban challenges while at the same time supporting local businesses to develop their capabilities in cutting-edge digital technologies.</p> <p>Smart Belfast also seeks to influence initiatives of our partners to ensure that their investments (whether public or private) can maximise the opportunities of digital</p>

	technologies. The Smart Belfast approach has greatly informed the Digital Pillar of the Belfast Region City Deal and was an important element in securing this investment from Treasury.
1.2	Belfast City Council is now working directly with key partners to ensure that these digital investments will not only build the city's resilience to technological change, but also position us as a globally significant location for private sector innovation.
1.3	This report provides a short update on a number of current Smart Belfast projects and seeks Members' approval on a number of emerging opportunities.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To retrospectively approve the second-stage submission for the €7.5 million Hub-In Horizon 2020 project.</li> <li>2. To retrospectively approve support to the scoping stage of the £6 million Active &amp; Empowered Community Innovation project (Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund).</li> <li>3. To note that the second stage of the £213,000 'Amazing Spaces, Smart Places' project is now under way.</li> <li>4. To approve a one-third contribution to a budget of approximately £150,000 for the development of the BRCD Digital Outline Business Case(s).</li> <li>5. To note the role a proposed Digital Commissioner for Belfast and, subject to an assessment, approve a potential one-quarter contribution of approximately of £50,000 per annum for an initial two years.</li> </ol>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p>The Smart Belfast programme encourages greater collaborative innovation between our universities, industry and the public sector. Delivery is through a project 'pipeline' which, during its first two years, has proven to be a powerful mechanism for attracting co-investment (eg) funding for the establishment of the Commissioner for Resilience, £100,000 for the city's first Internet of Thing network, and over £150,000 for the development of a Business Rates tool which has subsequently led to the creation of commercially successful products by a local technology company. Members will find more detail on these and other projects at the Smart Belfast website: <a href="http://smartbelfast.city">http://smartbelfast.city</a></p> <p>Members are now asked to consider a number of current significant projects:</p>
3.2	<b>Entrepreneurship For the Transformation of Historic Urban Areas (Hub-In)</b>

	<p>Working with six other European cities and the Connected Places Catapult, Belfast City Council was successful in a first-stage application to a <b>€7.5 million</b> Horizon 2020 project that proposes to work with local communities to develop entrepreneurial skills in relation to opportunities arising from the transformation on historic urban areas.</p>
3.3	<p>Focusing on the regeneration of the city's maritime port and harbour areas, Belfast has bid for <b>€700,000</b> to assist communities and local partners (including Titanic Foundation, Tourism NI and Ulster University's Future Screens NI) to work directly with citizens over a four year period to create entrepreneurial opportunities using innovative digital technologies.</p>
3.4	<p>The proposal is now going through its second (and final) stage of approval with a decision expected in February 2020. Members are asked to provide retrospective approval for this second stage submission (which due to time constraints could not be brought to committee previously). If successful, a report with proposals for next steps will be brought to Members in March 2020.</p>
3.5	<p><b>Active &amp; Empowered Community Innovation project</b></p> <p>Following workshops facilitated by Smart Belfast, a local consortium representing Cisco, Ulster University's Connected Health Innovation Centre, Clarion Social Housing and others have bid to the £98 million UK Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund for a Health Ageing project in Belfast.</p>
3.6	<p>The first stage application (the closing date was 27 November) will establish a business case for a <b>£6 million</b> smart cities project that would allow planners and the city's health and social care partners to rethink how neighbourhoods are designed to help people remain active and productive in later life. The project would seek to utilise a wide range of emerging digital technologies, and fits well with the Council's aims to develop a Smart District and Testbed programme.</p>
3.7	<p>Members are asked to retrospectively approve Belfast City Council's support for the scoping stage of the project. A decision is expected in February and, if successful, a report will be presented to Members with further details of the next steps.</p>
3.8	<p><b>Amazing Spaces, Smart Places</b></p> <p>Members should note that Phase two of the 'Amazing Spaces, Smart Places' Small Business Research Initiative is now under way. The two-part project which was launched in October</p>

	<p>2019, is receiving <b>£215,000</b> funding from NI Government Departments. The aim is to work with innovative businesses to adopt technologies that can better inform how the Council manages its parks and open spaces.</p>
3.9	<p>Working with the Department of Justice, Department for the Economy and Strategic Investment Board, and City and Neighbourhoods Services, the Council has now appointed two SMEs to collaborate with Parks and Community Safety staff on innovative technology and data-driven solutions that can help us manage safe, accessible and enjoyable parks and open spaces in Belfast. Phase two will continue until March 2021.</p>
3.10	<p><b>Digital Pillar of the Belfast Region City Deal</b></p> <p>The Smart Belfast approach has been influential in shaping the design and content of the Digital Pillar of the Belfast Region City Deal. The aim of this £150 million investment is to ensure that our city region is well-positioned to address the disruption that new technologies are likely to have on our economy and the way we design and deliver public services.</p>
3.11	<p>The Digital pillar is also being shaped to ensure that it will support businesses to build their innovation capabilities and therefore be better placed to exploit the opportunities that emerging technologies represent. It is also seeking to leverage co-investment from private sector partners on joint projects. Members will be aware this work is already underway with the renowned Fraunhofer Institute (via BABLE) to provide specialist advice and to facilitate this engagement with industry.</p>
3.12	<p>In addition to this programme development, the City Deal process also requires that each project requires HM Treasury Green Book compliant Outline Business Cases (OBCs). While the work that BABLE is undertaking will go some way to informing the content of the OBCs, further work is required to determine the financial and commercial elements of the projects and to produce the actual documents which will be submitted to UK Government and the Northern Ireland Civil Service.</p>
3.13	<p>It is therefore recommended that a tender is published to procure these services, which is estimated to be in the region of £150,000. Members should note that the cost of this will be split between the BRCD partners based on the EPP, with Belfast City Council paying approximately one third of the total cost.</p>



<p>3.14</p> <p>3.15</p> <p>3.16</p> <p>3.17</p> <p>3.18</p>	<p><b>Belfast Digital Commissioner</b></p> <p>Building on the Smart Belfast approach and the development of the City Deal Digital Pillar, work is now under way with the Vice-Chancellors of both local universities, Belfast Harbour and Catalyst Inc to develop a small number of transformative investments in the city – which collectively have the potential to secure Belfast’s position as a globally significant location for innovation-led investments.</p> <p>Members will be aware of Belfast Harbour’s commitment to invest £254 million over the next five years to contribute to its aims to be the smartest regional port in the world. Partners are now considering opportunities to complement this investment with plans for an FDI- focused innovation district; and a Belfast City Council-led ‘Smart District’ (for which over £40 million has been identified in the City Deal Digital pillar).</p> <p>The value of the Smart Cities market is estimated to be worth over £2 trillion within the next five years. Partners have agreed that there is significant potential for Belfast to be part of this market if the city builds on a shared proposition around these three significant investments.</p> <p>In support of this aim, the Council is working with the universities and Harbour on proposals for a Digital Commissioner who would work with industry to grow the city’s strengths and reputation as a place to invest in technological innovation. This type of position has been a critical factor in other smart cities (including Eindhoven, London, Helsinki and Amsterdam). Initial work is under way with the Strategic Investment Board to identify the specific roles that a Commissioner could play in Belfast, and to consider the most appropriate mechanisms through which this person could deliver the most benefit for the city.</p> <p>Members are asked to the note the important of a Digital Commissioner role for Belfast and, subject to a further assessment, approve a potential one-quarter contribution of approximately of £50,000 per annum for two years to the establishment of the post.</p>
	<p><b>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</b></p>
<p>3.19</p> <p>3.20</p>	<p>At this development stage the Hub-In and Active &amp; Empowered Community Innovation Testbed projects require an in-kind contribution of officer time only.</p> <p>The £150,000 for the Digital BRCD Outline Business Cases will be split across the six partner councils. The council’s contribution will be met from the City Deal Budget.</p>

3.21	When confirmed by partners, the budget for the Digital Commissioner will be split across four organisations with Belfast City Council making a one-quarter contribution to the total cost for two years (approximately £50,000 per annum). This is included within the City Deal budget.
	<b>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</b>
3.22	None.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None.



<b>Subject:</b>	Proposed adoption of the Green & Blue Infrastructure Plan (GBIP)
<b>Date:</b>	17 December 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Aidan Thatcher, Director of Planning & Building Control
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Mark Whittaker, Senior Planning Officer

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The Council's draft Green and Blue Infrastructure Plan (GBIP) was subject to public consultation from June to September 2019. This consultation was in tandem with the draft Belfast Open Spaces Strategy (BOSS), which is being led by City and Neighbourhood Services Department. It is proposed to make some minor revisions to the draft GBIP to take account of consultation feedback prior to the adoption and publication of the GBIP. Proposed responses, actions and changes are set out at <b>Appendix 1</b> .
1.2	It is anticipated that the BOSS will be considered for adoption early in 2020.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• note the update on the draft GBIP consultation process and to agree to revise the GBIP in accordance with the proposed responses, actions and changes set out at <b>Appendix 1</b>.</li> </ul>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<p data-bbox="272 192 448 226"><b>Background</b></p> <p data-bbox="165 241 1469 528">3.1 The Council agreed to the draft GBIP for consultation purposes in June 2018. The GBIP is a high level plan that recognises the many functions, including for health, biodiversity and environmental resilience, of our green areas and water features. It represents an over-arching strategy that will guide more detailed strategies and action plans over time. These include the new BOSS, which was prepared in tandem with it. A draft BOSS was agreed for public consultation purposes by the Council in April 2019.</p> <p data-bbox="165 595 1437 730">3.2 The BOSS, including the data collected during its preparation, forms part of the evidence base for the Local Development Plan (LDP). The GBIP also supports the LDP and represents supplementary planning guidance it once the LDP is adopted.</p> <p data-bbox="272 797 576 831"><b>Consultation Process</b></p> <p data-bbox="165 846 1453 1227">3.3 Given the linkages between the GBIP and BOSS, it was agreed to undertake a joint public consultation exercise and the consultation questionnaire allowed respondents to comment on either document or both. Analysis of the responses to the draft BOSS is being undertaken by the City and Neighbourhood Services Department. Analysis of the draft GBIP has been undertaken by the Development Planning and Policy team. The consultation period was from 17th June to 20th September 2019, during which officers attended 6 events across the city to raise awareness and get feedback from a wide range of interests.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1301 1078 1648">3.4 The events were:</p> <ul data-bbox="325 1352 1078 1648" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer Rose Fair - Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park</li> <li>• Sounds from Bank Square</li> <li>• Summer Fun Day - Mount Eagles</li> <li>• A World Of Rhythms - CS Lewis Square</li> <li>• Summer Fun Day - Waterworks</li> <li>• Pride - Village at Custom House Square</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="165 1715 1469 1895">3.5 Consultation was also undertaken with the Youth Forum and a group from Age Friendly Belfast. At all events people were asked to fill in a brief postcard questionnaire on what comes to mind when thinking of green and blue infrastructure in Belfast how can we make these spaces better. A total of 337 postcards were completed.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1962 1254 2051">3.6 During the consultation period we received a total of 96 detailed responses:</p> <ul data-bbox="325 2018 783 2051" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 67 responses via Citizen Space</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 hard copy questionnaire responses</li> <li>• 13 general written submissions</li> </ul> <p>68 responses were from individuals, with 28 from groups/organisation.</p>
3.7	<p><b>Consultation findings</b></p> <p>High-level findings are outlined below and further details and proposed responses and actions are attached at <b>Appendix 1</b>.</p>
3.8	<p><u>The Vision</u></p> <p>86% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the draft vision that “<i>By 2035 green and blue infrastructure will be strategically planned to enhance ecosystem services that benefit all living, working in and visiting Belfast.</i>” However, a significant number of respondents were concerned with the 2035 timeframe for the vision, particularly given the declared climate emergency. In this regard, the vision date aligns with the vision dates for the Belfast Agenda and new Belfast Local Development Plan and is considered appropriate. Nevertheless, this does not mean that the principles set out in the GBIP will not be realised until 2035. Rather, these principles will immediately start to inform council operations and decision-making.</p>
3.9	<p><u>The Strategic Principles</u></p> <p>The draft GBIP has five strategic principles to provide the framework for achieving the vision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SP1: Biodiverse</li> <li>○ SP2: Planned, interconnected networks</li> <li>○ SP3: Integrated into the urban environment</li> <li>○ SP4: Well designed and managed</li> <li>○ SP5: Appropriately funded</li> </ul>
3.10	<p>87% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the draft Strategic Principles are the correct ones to achieve the vision. However many respondents were concerned at the apparent lack of actions or clear commitments and targets arising from the Plan. In this regard, the GBIP is not intended as an action plan. Rather, it is an over-arching strategy recognising the many benefits of green and blue infrastructure (GBI) and how these can be incorporated into projects across the city. Its implementation will be through its influence on other plans, strategies, programmes and projects, including through the new Local Development Plan and decision-making and council investment in projects.</p>
3.11	<p><u>Other Feedback</u></p> <p>In line with the strong level of agreement for the vision and principles, many respondents commended and supported the council for developing the plan, particularly its clear</p>

	<p>recognition of the critical role of green and blue infrastructure (GBI) in addressing climate change and enhancing biodiversity and ecosystems services. The linkages to the BOSS were welcomed as it can play a major role in integrating and protecting vital city assets. In addition, respondents recognised the importance of certain areas for biodiversity and the need for special protection/management measures. There was also support for sustainable drainage systems (SuDS), opportunities for de-culverting and the use of green roofs to benefit the city and help address climate change.</p>
3.12	<p>A number of respondents thought that the GBIP should include more detail or further emphasis on certain issues, such as the duty to further biodiversity and need to urgently address climate change. Many suggested additional wording. Others sought greater clarification of some of the main terminology or concepts, including 'ecosystem services'. Many of such comments have merit and it is proposed to amend the wording of some sections accordingly. Nevertheless, such changes are minor in nature and do not represent any change to the overall direction of the Plan.</p>
3.13	<p>The responses received through the public events postcards raised a number of issues, including the need to provide more open space and improve biodiversity. Other issues raised generally related to operational matters, such as maintenance and provision of facilities.</p>
3.14	<p>Overall, some of the other key messages in responses included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need to protect existing green and open spaces from development.</li> <li>○ Need to create new open spaces, especially city centre green spaces.</li> <li>○ Council should include commitment to lead by example throughout its own estate.</li> <li>○ Importance of green active travel and interconnecting of assets.</li> <li>○ Suggestion that a natural capital accounting approach should be adopted.</li> </ul>
3.15	<p>Many of the above matters are included the GBIP and are being addressed by the Council, including through other plans and strategies, including the new LDP and the BOSS. As regards the Council leading by example, the final BOSS will address operational matters and there are ongoing inter-departmental discussion around a co-ordinated approach to maximise GBI benefits to the city, including through its emerging Resilience Strategy and Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Plan.</p>
3.16	<p>In summary, the wide support for the GBIP is welcomed, including the very strong support for its vision and strategic principles. A number of the comments received suggested some additional or revised wording of parts of the draft GBIP, either by way of emphasis or clarification. Following analysis, and having regard to the high-level nature of the GBIP and</p>

	<p>its influence on other emerging plans and strategies, the overall approach in the draft GBIP remains appropriate. Nevertheless, some revisions are proposed to improve or clarify draft wording and some of the accompanying maps and diagrams. These are summarised at Appendix 1 of this report and do not change the direction of the GBIP or its strategic principles.</p> <p>3.17 It is understood that any proposed revisions to the draft BOSS will be brought to the Council in the new year. In this regard, as the GBIP is an over-arching framework its principles help to inform the BOSS. The BOSS will include more detail and actions that will help deliver the GBIP principles.</p> <p><u>Equality screening and rural need assessment</u></p> <p>3.18 A draft equality screening and a rural needs analysis were completed and were included in the public consultation. There were 10 responses on the equality screening and rural needs assessment. The issues raised generally related to the protection of open space, health &amp; wellbeing and addressing disadvantaged communities. As with the general responses to the draft GBIP, some specifically related to the loss of green space at Glassmullin (Andersonstown). One respondent said a full equality impact assessment should have been undertaken. The feedback provided will be summarised and the final screening and assessment will be updated for publication with the final GBIP.</p> <p><b>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</b></p> <p>3.19 There are no resource implications directly associated with the GBIP. Its principles will help inform other council plans, strategies and projects and should be taken into account in the relevant budgetary considerations at that time.</p> <p><b>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</b></p> <p>3.20 The final GBIP will be subject to an equality screening and rural needs assessment in line with the Council's process.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Document Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 - Summary of Key Issues and Recommended Response and Action.

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## Appendix 1

Key Issue Raised	Council Response and Action
Commend and support BCC for developing the plan which provides clear recognition of the critical role and benefits of GBI, including for ecosystems services, health and wellbeing and biodiversity.	<p>We welcome the support given to our vision, together with the constructive comments and suggestions put forward in the responses we received.</p> <p><b>No action required.</b></p>
Concerns were raised regarding target date being too long in the future. Some respondents suggested 2031 or sooner to reflect the climate emergency.	<p><b>Comments noted.</b> The vision date aligns with the Belfast Agenda (BA) and new Belfast Local Development Plan (LDP) timeframe and is considered appropriate. The principles set out in the Green and Blue Infrastructure Plan (GBIP) will immediately start to inform council operations and decision-making.</p> <p><b>No action required.</b></p>
Concern raised over the implementation and delivery of the GBIP and its lack of actions and targets.	<p><b>Comments noted</b> The GBIP is not intended as an action plan. It is an overarching strategy recognising the many benefits of green and blue infrastructure (GBI) and how these can be incorporated into projects and plans across the city. The effective delivery of the vision and principles will be implemented through its influence on other plans, strategies, programmes and projects, including through the new LDP, Belfast Open Space Strategy (BOSS) and Local Biodiversity Strategy and council investment in projects. Also through engagement with other Government departments and bordering local Councils who have similar responsibility and functions.</p> <p><b>No action required.</b></p>
Greater emphasis should be given to benefits of biodiversity and the council's duties in furthering biodiversity.	<p><b>Comments noted and agreed.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed action:</b> Add reference to the WANE Act 2011 and the council statutory duty to further biodiversity, along with minor consequential wording edits in relevant sections of document.</p>
Clarification required on definitions of ecosystems and their services.	<p><b>Comments noted and agreed.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed action:</b> Definitions of ecosystems and ecosystem services to be included in final GBIP.</p>

<p>Suggestion made for specific recognition of ancient woodland and long established woodlands and the multi-benefits associated from trees and hedges relating to biodiversity, air quality and flooding.</p>	<p><b>Comments noted and agreed.</b> Trees are mentioned throughout the GBIP. It is accepted that ancient trees and hedges are not specifically referred to and it is agreed that mention should be made. However, the GBIP is a strategic framework document and is unable to include every possible natural asset for detailed discussion in the Plan.</p> <p><b>Proposed action:</b> Add references to ancient trees/hedges in introductory text.</p>
<p>Various suggestions for minor rewording to help clarify or emphasise key points throughout draft document.</p>	<p><b>Comments noted and agreed.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed action:</b> Minor wording amendments throughout document to aid clarity or emphasis that do not alter the overall direction or strategic principles set out in the draft document.</p>
<p>Suggestion that some of the mapping could be improved.</p>	<p><b>Comment noted and agreed</b> The GBIP is a strategic framework and the mapping is illustrative and not site-specific. Nevertheless, it is accepted that the environmental designations map may be confusing and could be simplified.</p> <p><b>Proposed action:</b> Simplification of the environmental designations map.</p>
<p>Suggestion that the diagram showing LDP and Belfast Agenda (BA) linkages could be improved.</p>	<p><b>Comment noted.</b> This diagram illustrates the potential linkages between GBI and the priorities of the BA and LDP. It is illustrative only. Nevertheless, it is agreed that a clearer description should be added, along with footnotes for data sources.</p> <p><b>Proposed action:</b> Revise the diagram description/heading and add footnotes.</p>
<p>Suggested that council should lead by example in GBIP.</p>	<p><b>Comment Noted.</b> The effective delivery of the vision and principles will be implemented through its influence on other plans, strategies, programmes and projects, including through the new LDP, the BOSS, Local Biodiversity Action Plan and council investment in projects.</p> <p><b>No further action required</b></p>
<p>Suggestions to revise the wording of the vision to simplify it and make it more explicit in relation to Biodiversity.</p>	<p><b>Comments noted.</b> The vision statement is concise and considered appropriate, given the nature of the document. It should be read in the context of the entire GBIP. Nevertheless, the proposed changes to clarify definitions and emphasise biodiversity outlined above will also help address suggestions made.</p> <p><b>No further action required</b></p>

<p>Comments stress the need to protect, enhance and preserve existing open spaces and create new open spaces, especially a city centre green space.</p>	<p><b>Comments noted.</b> This is addressed in the GBIP, which includes specific reference to opportunities to green the city centre. This will be delivered through other plans, strategies and projects by the council and its partners.</p> <p><b>No action required</b></p>
<p>Suggestion regarding management principles for a healthy public realm and natural environment.</p>	<p><b>Comments Noted.</b> The LDP includes planning policies in relation to the natural environment and public realm, which will address the concerns highlighted.</p> <p><b>No action required.</b></p>
<p>Comment that the rural portion of the area deserves a much more prominent and detailed emphasis.</p>	<p><b>Comment noted.</b> It is considered that this strategic framework document, including associated illustrative mapping, clearly shows how the urban area sits with its countryside setting and that all areas have a part to play.</p> <p><b>No action required.</b></p>
<p>Comment that sustainable transport should have greater emphasis and the importance of connectivity and to include wildlife corridors between green spaces.</p>	<p><b>Comment noted.</b> It is considered that this strategic framework document, including associated illustrative mapping, clearly recognises the opportunities for, and importance of, sustainable and active travel, including greenways. The GBIP aims to improve sustainable transport means and connectivity between greenspaces where possible and this will be implemented through the existing planning policies and the new LDP.</p> <p><b>No action required.</b></p>
<p>A number of respondents raised concern over the loss of green open space to development of 3G pitches - in particular Glassmullin Green.</p>	<p><b>Comments noted.</b> This is a site specific matter that is not directly relevant to the GBIP, which is a strategic framework document. This specific matter was subject to due planning process.</p> <p><b>No action required</b></p>

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<b>Subject:</b>	I. Dunmurry Station Footpath – Temporary Licence II. North Queen Street Community Centre – Holy Family & Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Club – New Licence III. Plot 84 Balmoral Estate – Proposed lease extension
<b>Date:</b>	17 December 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Sinead Grimes, Director of Physical Programmes
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Pamela Davison, Estates Team Leader

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Members to asset related disposal, acquisition and estates matters.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p><b>I. Dunmurry Station Footpath – Temporary Licence</b></p> <p>Members are asked to approve a temporary licence agreement between Belfast City Council and John Graham Construction Ltd for their proposed closure, use and part development of the Dunmurry Station Footpath in connection with the wider Blacks Road improvement scheme on behalf of the Department for Infrastructure.</p>

A map showing the Dunmurry Station Footpath has been attached at Appendix 1 whereby the path has been shaded in green with the portion of the path that John Graham Construction Ltd are proposing to develop has been shaded in yellow.

**II. North Queen Street Community Centre – Holy Family & Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Club – New Licence**

Members are asked to approve the grant of a new Licence to Holy Family & Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Club, subject to detailed terms being agreed to by the Estates Unit and Legal Services.

**III. Plot 84 Balmoral Estate – Proposed lease extension**

Members are asked to approve the extension of the current 99 year ground lease to Killultagh Estates Limited in respect of Plot 84 Balmoral Estate to 125 years with effect from 1 January 1975 subject to the payment of a premium of £5,000.

**3.0 Main report**

**I. Dunmurry Station Footpath – Temporary Licence**

Key Issues

3.1 John Graham Construction Ltd are seeking approval for the closure of the Dunmurry Station Footpath from 6 January 2020 until 5 October 2020 in order to develop and raise a portion of the Council's path so that it may form a link with a new pedestrian footbridge also being constructed in the area.

Financial & Resource Implications

3.2 The Council will enter into a temporary licence for a period of 9 months from 6 January 2020 until 5 October 2020 with John Graham Construction Ltd. There will be a nominal licence fee payable of £1.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

3.3 None.

**II. North Queen Street Community Centre – Holy Family & Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Club – New Licence**

Key Issues

3.4 Holy Family & Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Club have been a user of the facilities at North Queen Street Community Centre since the late 1960s. The Council have managed

the Community Centre since the mid-1970s and formalised a Licence Agreement with the club in 2004.

- 3.5 The Licence Agreement in respect of the Boxing Club is now due for renewal. The Licence Agreement will be based on the same terms and conditions of the previous agreement. It is proposed that Council enter into a new 5 year agreement from 1 October 2019 with Holy Family & Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Club, subject to a rent of £1,175 per annum.

Financial & Resource Implications

- 3.6 Revised rent of £1,175 per annum is payable by Holy Family & Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Club. The previous annual rent on the property was £1,075 per annum.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

- 3.7 None.

**III. Plot 84 Balmoral Estate – Proposed lease extension**

Key Issues

- 3.8 Plot 84 Balmoral Estate is currently leased to Killultagh Estates Limited on a 99 year ground lease (the Head Lease) from 1 January 1975. The current rent passing is £113,500 per annum. The tenant has developed the Plot as a retail park and has entered into sub leases with the consent of Council and in accordance with the terms of the terms of the Head Lease. A map showing Plot 84 Balmoral Estate is attached at Appendix 2 to the report.

- 3.9 Killultagh Estates Limited has approached Council with a request to extend the current 99 year Lease to 125 years. The unexpired term of this lease is 54 years.

- 3.10 A Deed of Variation will be required to record the extended term if approved by members.

Financial & Resource Implications

- 3.11 The Estates Unit and Legal Services will prepare the Deed of Variation. Killultagh Estates Limited will pay a premium of £5,000 in consideration of the Deed. The current rent of £113,500 per annum is due to be reviewed in January 2024.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

3.12	None.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices- Document Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 – Map showing the Dunmurry Station Footpath in green with the portion of the path that John Graham Construction Ltd are proposing to develop being shaded in yellow.  Appendix 2 – Map showing Plot 84 Balmoral Estate



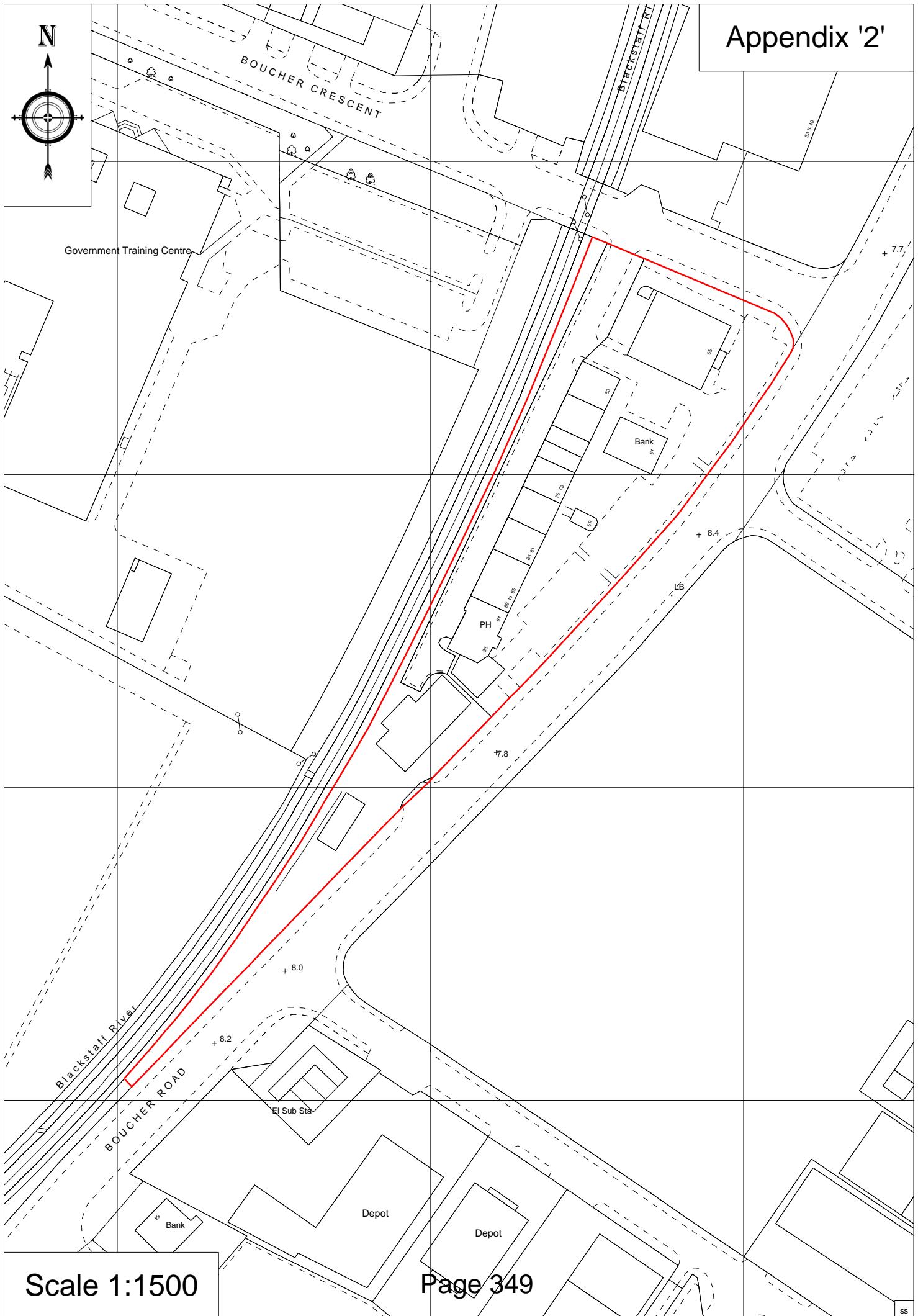
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<b>Subject:</b>	Contracts Update
<b>Date:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Ronan Cregan, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Resources
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Noleen Bohill, Head of Commercial and Procurement Services

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• seek approval from members for tenders and STAs over £30,000</li> </ul>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the public advertisement of tenders as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (<b>Table 1</b>).</li> <li>• Approve the award of STAs in line with Standing Order 55 exceptions as detailed in Appendix 1 (<b>Table 2</b>).</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Section 2.5 of the Scheme of Delegation states Chief Officers have delegated authority to authorise a contract for the procurement of goods, services or works over the statutory limit

	of £30,000 following a tender exercise where the council has approved the invitation to tender
3.2	Standing Order 60(a) states any contract that exceeds the statutory amount (currently £30,000) shall be made under the Corporate Seal. Under Standing Order 51(b) the Corporate Seal can only be affixed when there is a resolution of the Council.
3.3	Standing Order 54 states that every contract shall comply with the relevant requirements of national and European legislation
	<u>Single Tender Actions (STAs)</u>
3.4	In autumn 2019, the Council conducted a procurement exercise (T1998) to provide catering at Belfast Castle (Lot 1), Malone House (Lot 2), The Stables Coffee Shop (Lot 3) and Belfast Zoo (Lot 4). Bids were received for Lots 1, 2 and 3 and these Lots have now been awarded but no bids were received for Belfast Zoo. The Contracts Concessions Regulations 2016 permit a direct award in the event of no bids being received in response to an advertised tender. Negotiations are underway with USEL, a social enterprise, to provide the service at Belfast Zoo. USEL have been selected as a potential service provider as they were recently awarded Lot 3 The Stables Coffee Shop and are a social enterprise, which will help assist the Council in achieving its Inclusive Growth/ Social Value aspirations. The current contract with Amadeus to provide catering at Belfast Zoo expires on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020.
	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>
3.5	The financial resources for these contracts are within approved corporate or departmental budgets
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.6	None
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 - Table 1 Publically Advertised Tenders Table 2 Single Tender Actions (STA)

**Table 1 – Publically Advertised Tenders**

<b>Title of Tender</b>	<b>Senior Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Proposed contract duration</b>
Tender for the provision of Residentials for groups of youths on the PEACE IV programme (T2032)	Nigel Grimshaw	From award until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022
Tender for provision of energy management services (T1991)	Ronan Cregan	Up to 5 years
Tender for Provision of Civic Dignitaries Car (T2031)	Nigel Grimshaw	4 year lease
Tender for the manufacture, supply and installation of signage (T1943)	Nigel Grimshaw	Up to 3 years
Tender for the supply, fitting and maintenance of fire extinguishers	Sinead Grimes	Up to 3 years
Tender for Consultancy Services to Provide a Programme OBC for the Digital Projects within the Belfast Region City Deal	Ronan Cregan	Up to 1 year

**Table 2 - Direct Award Contracts (Single Tender Action)**

<b>Title of tender</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Annual estimate</b>
T1998 (b) - Tender for the Provision of Catering at Belfast Zoo	USEL	Up to £500,000 turnover per annum at the venue.

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<b>Subject:</b>	International Women's Day 2020
<b>Date:</b>	17 December 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Lisa McKee, Democratic Services Officer Bridgeen O'Neill, Equality and Diversity Support Officer

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The Committee is requested to note the information regarding the International Women's Day event, which will be held on 7 March 2020.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	It is recommended that the Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes the contents of this report.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Council, at its meeting on 2 December 2013 unanimously passed the following Notice of Motion: <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March is acknowledged globally as a day on which to celebrate the achievements of women across the world. For the past four years,</p>

	<p>the women’s sector in Belfast has marked this special day with a public rally to the City Hall. This public event would be a simple way of demonstrating our acknowledgement of this special day and pledging our commitment to working towards greater equality of opportunity for all women in Belfast”.</p>
3.2	<p>At a meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 24 January 2014 it was recognised that this was likely to be a recurring annual expenditure and approval for this expenditure has been agreed through the Gender Action Plan budget.</p>
3.3	<p>The 2020 event will take place on 7 March, with the rally arriving at City Hall at 1pm for speeches, music etc on the cobbled area outside the front gates of the City Hall. The theme of the 2020 event is “Rights in Sight”. There will be a light lunch for 200 people in the City Hall at the close of the rally.</p>
3.4	<p>The Women’s sector in Belfast should maintain its support for the International Women’s Day and has provided estimated costs for similar provision this year.</p>
	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p>
3.5	<p>It is expected that the Council funding contribution will be allocated to cover costs of a temporary stage and sound system for the public rally and a lunch for 200 participants in the City hall following the rally (similar to costs covered for the 2019 event). The budget of £6,500 will be provided through the Gender Action Plan budget.</p>
	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.6	<p>The purpose of the proposal in this report is to assist the Council to meet its equality and diversity aspirations. This proposal has been agreed following an initial meeting with the organisers of International Women’s Day. It is in line with the Council’s stated aims as set out in its gender equality action plan.</p> <p>We do not consider this initiative to have relevance to the social and economic needs of persons living in rural areas.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	Equality and Diversity: Quarter 2 Equality Screening and Rural Needs Outcome Report
<b>Date:</b>	17 December 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Lorraine Dennis, Equality and Diversity Officer Lisa McKee, Democratic Services Officer

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To provide members with a summary of equality screenings and rural needs impact assessments for Quarter 2 July to September 2019.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• note the contents of the report.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	One of the main requirements of the Council's Equality Scheme is to carry out the screening of new and revised policies. This allows any impacts related to equality of opportunity and/or good relations to be identified and addressed.

3.2	<p>The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland also recommends that, once a policy has been screened and it has a major potential to impact on equality of opportunity and good relations, then it should be subjected to an EQIA. An EQIA is a thorough and systematic analysis of a policy, whether that policy is formal or informal and, irrespective of the scope of that policy or the size of the public authority. The primary function of an EQIA is to determine the extent of any differential impact of a policy upon the section 75 categories and to determine if the differential impact is adverse. An EQIA can assist in decision-making and improve policy making by adding to the evidence base available.</p>
3.2	<p>In addition, the Council has a statutory duty under the Rural Needs (NI) Act 2016 to consider rural needs in the development of new policies, plans or strategies or in any service design/delivery decisions and is required to ensure that annual reporting returns are submitted to DAERA.</p>
3.3	<p>An equality screening and rural needs impact assessment template is completed by the relevant officer, in collaboration with the Equality and Diversity Unit. On a regular basis, the Unit collates all completed templates into a screening outcome report and publishes onto the Council's website along with the relevant completed templates. The current screening outcome report for July to September 2019 is attached at <b>Appendix 1</b>.</p>
	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p>
3.4	<p>None</p>
	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.5	<p>The actions outlined contribute to our legal compliance regarding the promotion of equality, good relations and rural needs.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 - Quarter 2 Screening Outcome and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report



**Belfast**  
**City Council**

**Equality Screening Outcome Report and Rural Needs Impact  
Assessment**

**July to September 2019**

## Introduction

### Legislation – An Overview

#### Section 75 Statutory Equality Duties

Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 requires the Council, when carrying out its functions in relation to Northern Ireland, to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between nine categories of persons, namely:

- between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation;
- between men and women generally;
- between persons with a disability and persons without; and
- between persons with dependants and persons without.

Without prejudice to its obligations above, the council must also have regards to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.

The Council's Revised Equality Scheme was formally approved by the Equality Commission in March 2015. The revised Scheme outlines how we propose to fulfil our statutory duties under Section 75. Within the Scheme, the council gave a commitment to apply the screening methodology below to all new and revised policies and where necessary and appropriate to subject new policies to further equality impact assessment.

- What is the likely impact of equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy/proposal, for each of the Section 75 equality categories?
- Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within Section 75 equality categories?
- To what extent is the policy/proposal likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?



- Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?

In keeping with the Council's commitments in its Equality Scheme, the Council has applied the above screening criteria to new policies and proposals. Screening identifies policies that are likely to have an impact on equality of opportunity and/or good relations.

Screening identifies the impact of the policy/proposal as major, minor or none.

- If major – an Equality Impact Assessment may be carried out.
- If minor – consider mitigation or alternative policy and screen out.
- If none – screen out and give reasons.
- Ongoing screening – for strategies/policies that are to be put in place through a series of stages – screen at various stages during implementation.

The council also committed within its Revised Equality Scheme to prepare and publish for information regular reports on its screening exercises. This is screening report providing details on all screenings undertaken from the period July to September 2019

### **Rural Needs Impact Assessments**

The Council also has a statutory duty under the Rural Needs (Northern Ireland) Act 2016 to consider rural needs in the development of new policies, plans or strategies or in any service design/delivery decisions. The Council must therefore engage with rural stakeholders in relation to policy development when it is relevant and appropriate. The Equality and Diversity Unit is responsible for reporting to the Strategic, Policy and Resources Committee and for ensuring that annual reporting returns are submitted to DAERA.

To further promote openness and transparency, there is a link to each completed screening and rural needs impact assessment template on the Council's website.

[www.belfastcity.gov.uk](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk)

The templates detail all policies screened over this period and includes decisions reached.

## Consultation

The development of new policies and proposals will be supported by effective engagement processes to ensure that staff, service users and all interested parties are fully involved.

Planning for, and delivering safe and cost effective services requires close collaboration at many levels.

If you have any queries about this document, and its availability in alternative formats (including Braille, disk and audio cassette, and in other languages to meet the needs of those who are not fluent in English) then please contact:

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## Screening Outcome

The screening outcomes are outlined in the table below. Three possible outcomes are recorded:

If **Major** – an Equality Impact Assessment may be carried out. **EQIA** - subject to further scrutiny under Section 75 of the NI Act 1998 to determine the impact upon those directly affected, which in turn will require informal and formal consultation with a wide range of stakeholders.

If **Minor** – consider mitigation or alternative policy and screen out.

If **None** – screen out and give reasons.

**Screening Outcome Options**

Major= In

Minor= Out with mitigation

None= Out without mitigation

**Equality Impact Assessments (EQIAs)**

We have also added for notation purposes details of those EQIAs which are currently being undertaken by the Council.

**Rural Needs Impact Assessment Options**

Does the policy, plan, strategy or service design/delivery impact on the social and economic needs of people in rural areas?

**Belfast City Council Equality Screening Outcome Report and Rural Needs Impact Assessment**

This report includes published screenings and Rural Needs Impact Assessments for the period July to September 2019. Copies can be found at:

<http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/council/equality/eqia.aspx>

<b>Description of Policy/Proposal</b>	<b>Rural Needs Impact Assessment</b>	<b>ECNI Screening Decision and Contact</b>
Development of an Openspaces and Streetscene structure leading to restructuring of the current Parks and Street Cleansing Services	This is an employment process developed to facilitate organizational change and will therefore have no impact on residents living in rural areas	Screened Out – No EQIA necessary (no impacts) Contact: Helen Devlin ext 6462
Waterworks Pitch (Westland)	This policy is specific to an urban site and will have no impact on residents living in rural areas	Screened Out –Mitigating Actions (minor impacts) Contact: Cormac McCann ext 3421

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<b>Subject:</b>	Requests for use of the City Hall and the provision of Hospitality
<b>Date:</b>	17 December 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Aisling Milliken, Functions and Exhibition Manager

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	This paper, together with the attached appendix, contains the recommended approach in respect of each of the requests by external organisations for access to the City Hall function rooms received up to 2 December 2019 which appear to the Function Management Unit to comply with the criteria previously established by the Committee and are recommended for approval.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• approve the recommendations made in respect of applications received up to 2 December 2019 as set out in the attached appendix.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Background Information</u>
3.1	Members will be aware that the Committee, at its meeting of 6th January 2017, agreed to

	<p>modify the criteria governing access to the City Hall function rooms for external organisations.</p>
3.2	<p>The Committee also agreed to the implementation of room-hire charges for some categories of function, and also revised the approach to the provision of civic hospitality for functions on foot of the agreed efficiency programme. Some further modifications to this approach were agreed at the Committee's meetings of 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019.</p> <p><u>Key Issues</u></p>
3.4	<p>The existing revised criteria and scale of charges have been applied to the various requests received and the recommendations herein are offered to the Committee on this basis for approval.</p>
3.5	<p>The schedule attached at Appendix 1 covers a number of applications for functions, which are scheduled for 2020 and 2021 and are included in order to permit the organisers to commence their event planning and communications activity as early as possible.</p>
3.6	<p>It should be noted that one of the applications received has been dealt with by means of the authority delegated by the Committee to the City Solicitor because of the very short timescale involved, and is included in the schedule for information only.</p> <p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p>
3.7	<p>The implementation of charging for external functions has commenced, in line with the Committee's decisions in the matter.</p> <p><u>Equality and Good Relations / Rural Needs Implications</u></p>
3.8	<p>There are no direct good relations, equality or rural needs implications arising from this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 - Schedule of Function requests received up to 2 December 2019.

## DECEMBER 2019 CITY HALL FUNCTION APPLICATIONS

NAME OF ORGANISATION	FUNCTION DATE	FUNCTION DESCRIPTION	CRITERIA MET	ROOM CHARGE	HOSPITALITY OFFERED	CIVIC HQ RECOMMEND
<b>2020 EVENTS</b>						
Compassion Belfast	8 January 2020	<b>2020 Clearing the Vision</b> – Launch of collaborative working across 5 Christian denominations to develop a clear vision for engagement with the Belfast Agenda.  Numbers attending – 500	B, C & D	No (Charity)	Yes, Tea Coffee and Biscuits	<i>Approved by Delegated Authority</i>  Approve No Charge Tea and Coffee Reception
Herstory	2 February 2020	<b>Herstory International Light Festival Reception</b> – Welcome reception to mark the illuminate event celebrating women through history taking place at City Hall, pending approval at December SP&R.  Numbers attending – 60	C	No (Voluntary)	Yes, Tea Coffee and Biscuits	Approve No Charge Tea and Coffee Reception
Equality Commission for Northern Ireland	26 February 2020	<b>Recognition Event to mark 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> – celebratory event to recognise the achievements of the organisation over its 20 year history.  Numbers attending – 150 – 180	C	Charge £300  <i>(Public Body)</i>	No Hospitality  <i>(Public Body)</i>	Approve Charge £300 No hospitality
Dementia NI	28 February 2020	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</b> – celebration event to mark achievements of the charity over its 5 year history.  Numbers attending – 150	C & D	No (Charity)	Yes, Tea Coffee and Biscuits	Approve No Charge Tea and Coffee Reception
European Youth Parliament	2 March 2020	<b>NI Regional Session of Youth Parliament</b> - teams of secondary students debate and present their ideas and solutions on current topics.  Numbers attending – 60	B & D	No (Charity)	No (they provide their own lunches for attendees)	Approve No charge No hospitality

## DECEMBER 2019 CITY HALL FUNCTION APPLICATIONS

Dunlewey Addiction Services	5 June 2020	<b>Celebrating Recovery –</b> Dinner to mark achievements of service users who have recovered from addiction through services offered by the organisation.  Numbers attending – 300	C & D	No (Charity)	Yes, Soft Drink Reception	Approve No Charge Soft Drink Reception
Suicide Awareness & Support Services	6 or 13 June 2020	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration –</b> dinner to mark the successful work of the organisation over its 20 year history.  Numbers attending – 400	C & D	No (Charity)	Yes, Wine Reception	Approve No Charge Wine Reception
Labour Relations Agency	9 September 2020	<b>International Labour Relations Agencies Pre-Conference Reception and Dinner –</b> reception and dinner to mark start of a one day conference taking place in Belfast.  Numbers attending – 50	A & B	Charge £300  <i>(Public Body)</i>	No Hospitality  <i>(Public Body)</i>	Approve Charge £300 No hospitality
<b>2021 EVENTS</b>						
British Nuclear Medicine Society	25 May 2021	<b>BNMS Annual Awards Dinner –</b> welcome dinner linked to 3 day conference taking place in ICC Belfast.  Numbers attending –150	A & B	No  <i>£300 waived due to links with Visit Belfast</i>	No Hospitality	Approve No Charge No hospitality





<b>Subject:</b>	Herstory International Light Festival 2020
<b>Date:</b>	17 December 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Aisling Milliken, Functions and Exhibition Manager

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To consider a request for the Herstory International Light Festival for the use of City Hall façade and grounds for an illumination project on Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2020.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is recommended to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• approve the application for use of the City Hall for this unique illumination and projection event.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<u>Background</u> The Herstory Light Festival is an annual global event celebrating women and equality. The 2020 Herstory Light Festival takes place over Friday 31st January – Monday 3rd February 2020.

3.2	The 2020 Herstory Light Festival will feature a special celebration of Northern Ireland's peace heroines and the United Nations Headquarters in New York will be illuminated in their honour.
3.3	"Women's achievements and struggles have been lost in the shadows for too long, resulting in global inequality and a regression of women's rights. That's why Herstory is harnessing the alchemical power of light, to celebrate women and equality, spotlight inequality, and create visions for a World of Equals." - <i>Melanie Lynch, Founder of Herstory</i>
3.4	<p>The project will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. raise awareness of the achievements of women in Northern Ireland</li> <li>2. encourage support for women in Northern Ireland</li> <li>3. inspire and motivate young people</li> <li>4. bring community groups together</li> <li>5. increase an appreciation for the role of the arts</li> </ol>
3.5	<p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>Herstory organisers seek permission to project portrait images onto one side of City Hall façade on the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020.</p>
3.6	A specialised company called Nightlight from Dublin will manage the project and linked in with Council's Property Maintenance Unit in terms of the Council's illumination system. A special 10,000 lumen laser projector will be placed in City Hall grounds and a small crew will be onsite to manage the projection from 6pm to 10pm.
3.7	The portraits for illumination are the creation of artists, Belfast College of Art students and school children in NI. The artwork will cover the following themes: mythology and ancient goddesses; remarkable NI women from the sectors of science, arts, sport; 'everywoman' the unsung heroines of our everyday life- mother, grandmother, aunt, friend; and the NI Peace Heroines.
3.8	The final illuminations will be based on the quality of the artwork and the technical illumination process.
3.9	Renowned local artist Colin Davidson has confirmed his involvement with the project and some of his famous portraits will be illuminated and projected onto City Hall.

3.10	The project and event will be supported by a marketing campaign with public along with participating groups and schools invited to City Hall grounds to view the portraits projected onto City Hall.
3.11	Herstory organisers, along with Women in Business, hope to host a reception in City Hall on the evening of 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2020 to acknowledge the support and involvement of various group to deliver Herstory. An application for use of City Hall function rooms has been received and will be presented in the monthly function report for committee approval.
3.12	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There will be no cost to the Council in approving this request and no charge to the organisers for use of the City Hall grounds and façade.</p>
3.13	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Implications</u></p> <p>This proposal will assist the Council meeting its equality and diversity aspirations.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None

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<b>Subject:</b>	Request for use of City Hall by Belfast Children's Festival
<b>Date:</b>	17 December 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor and Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Aisling Milliken, Functions and Exhibition Manager

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider a request from Young at Art, organisers of the Belfast Children's Festival, for the use of City Hall on Sunday 8 March 2020.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Authorise Young at Art to use City Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 for activities programmed as part of Belfast Children's Festival</li> <li>2. Agree to waive the fee for hire for this event</li> </ol>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> Members will be aware that requests for the use of City Hall are normally dealt with under the authority delegated by the Committee to the Director of Legal and Civic Services using criteria agreed for this purpose. Occasionally however, it is necessary to place such requests

	<p>directly before the Committee, for example for large scale events in the City Hall or its grounds and the request set out below falls into this category.</p>
3.2	<p>A request has been received from Belfast-based Young at Art, for the use of City Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> March for the purpose of hosting free events programmed as part of the Belfast Children's Festival 2020. The Council granted permission for a similar event in previous years.</p>
3.3	<p>The event will be free to participants and the organisers estimate up to 500 people (majority families) would be in attendance.</p>
3.4	<p>The organisers are Young at Art, a Belfast based charity and one of Northern Ireland's leading children's arts organisations. They are the creators of the <a href="#">Belfast International Children's Festival</a> and <a href="#">Young at Art Events</a>. From its base in Belfast's city centre, Young at Art coordinates an award winning international festival for young people, and an events agency, and a wide variety of projects that encourage children and young people under 18 to enjoy the arts. Belfast City Council currently contributes multi annual funding to the organisation via Place &amp; Economy Department (Tourism, Culture and Arts).</p>
3.5	<p>Young At Art will provide all stewarding/marshalling staff, first aiders and would comply with the usual conditions including indemnities for damage and submission of a formal event-management plan etc. Staff from Place &amp; Economy Department will liaise with the organisers and City Hall Function Management Unit formally in advance of the event, to ensure that the event runs smoothly.</p>
3.6	<p>The event would take place in various spaces and rooms within City Hall from 10am until approximately 5pm and would be open to the public. Family-friendly tours would take place in addition to the usual public tours during that day.</p>
3.7	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Any costs for stewarding/ equipment etc would be covered by the organisers. The utilities costs on the day are of a very minor nature. There are no concerns from an asset management point of view, although the organizers would be required to provide the usual insurances, indemnities and obligations.</p>

3.8	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None associated with this report.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 - Link to event and organiser: <a href="https://www.youngatart.co.uk/festival">https://www.youngatart.co.uk/festival</a>

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## Minutes of Party Group Leaders Consultative Forum 9 December 2019

### Attendance

#### Members:

Alderman Brian Kingston (Chair)  
Councillor Ciaran Beattie  
Councillor George Dorrian  
Councillor Billy Hutchinson  
Councillor Donal Lyons  
Councillor Nuala McAllister (for Cllr Long)

#### Officers:

Ronan Cregan, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Resources  
John Walsh, City Solicitor  
Alistair Reid, Director of Planning and Place  
Aidan Thatcher, Director of Planning and Building Control  
Grania Long, City Resilience Commissioner  
Emer Husbands, Strategic Performance Manager (secretariat)

Apologies: Councillors Long and O'Hara, Alderman Copeland

### 1. Planning Update

The Director of Planning and Building Control updated the members on the live planning applications and informed them of the applications that were being presented to the Planning Committee this month.

The forum asked for an update position in relation to the George Best hotel development and they were informed that the planning service was continuing to work with the developer and hoped to report on the Planning application to the January Planning Committee.

### 2. Developer Contributions - Framework and Revised Governance Arrangements

The Director of Place and Economy provided an update to members on two issues relating to developer contributions, revised governance arrangements and the developer contributions framework. Both issues had already been considered by the Planning Committee and would now be presented to the December SP&R committee for approval. Members highlighted the need for flexibility within the framework and also asked that consideration is given to the impact of possible public space being managed by private developers and how we can mitigate against future issues.

### **3. Finance**

#### **Revenue Estimates and District Rate 2020 / 21**

The Director of Finance and Resources provided an update on the revenue estimate setting process for 2020 / 21. He outlined additional areas of expenditure which had been included following party group briefings as well as additional income due to a projected increase in the EPP. The SP&R committee will be asked to consider the overall position with a view to recommending the rate for 2020 / 21. This will allow individual committee budgets to be agreed at the January meetings. Members highlighted that the council already undertakes work to support inclusive growth and noted that the allocation in the budget is additional to that. Members also asked for details of the budgets which are directly linked to the delivery of the Inclusive Growth Strategy.

### **4. SMART Belfast – Digital Commissioner**

The Deputy Chief Executive outlined to members the development of the partnership between the council, the two universities and Belfast Harbour to support the Belfast Smart district, Smart Port and Innovation district. He outlined the importance of the private sector in particular, in securing and maximising the benefit of around £150m digital investment from the Belfast Region City Deal. Given the complexities of this programme of work a request would be going to December SP&R to jointly fund a Digital Commissioner with the three partners for a period of three years. A further report on 5G will be taken to the committee in January 2020.

### **5. Resilience Strategy**

The Resilience Commissioner provided a short presentation on the Resilience Strategy which would be presented to the December SP&R meeting. Party Group Briefings were also being held on the Strategy in advance of the SP&R meeting.

### **6. AOB**

#### **Partnership Framework**

Anne McMurray is undertaking a piece of work to inform future partnership working and has asked to meet with party leaders to discuss their views. Members agreed that Anne should contact them to arrange a suitable time. John Tully's office will circulate a briefing note to Party Group Leaders outlining the topics for discussion.

#### **Use of City Hall**

Councillor Lyons requested an update on the investigation into the use of City Hall and also highlighted that his understanding was that it should have been an item for discussion at

this meeting. The Town Solicitor said the report would be brought to the Party Group Leaders meeting in January but he would send out an interim update to the Forum.

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