

Belfast City Council – Decisions taken by the City Growth and Regeneration Committee on Wednesday, 4 March 2020

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
A1	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting of 12th February were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 2nd March.
A3	Visit Belfast - Business Plan 2020/21	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. noted the draft Visit Belfast business plan 2020/21 and the areas where Council funds will be invested. The overall funding requirement for Visit Belfast in the coming financial year has been taken account of in the revenue estimates that have already been approved by the Council; and ii. approved the funding allocation of up to £1,997,465 for 20/21 expenditure, subject to the development of a funding agreement establishing priority areas of activity and agreed targets.
A5	Future City Centre Programme – Sundays in the City	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. noted the engagement process undertaken, in line with the Committee’s decision of 11th September 2019, as amended by the Council on 1st October 2019; ii. noted the issues and viewpoints expressed in the course of the engagement process, as set out in sections 3.8-3.12 of the report; and iii. noted the options presented in section 3.13 in the report and agreed to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 3: Do not support the designation of the city centre as a holiday resort, in line with the legislation as set out in the The Shops (Sunday Trading &c.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 but develop a programme of cultural animation and an associated marketing programme. Subject to agreement on this option, a report setting out the proposed animation programme and the associated budgetary implications will be brought back to a future meeting of this Committee.
A6	Growing the Economy Programme of Work 2020/21	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. noted the Council’s performance and contribution to delivering against Belfast Agenda ambitions to grow the Belfast economy, focusing on Starting a Business; Growing a

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		<p>Business and Investing in Belfast; and</p> <p>ii. approved the 2020/21 Work Plan to support the delivery of these ambitions, as set out below in sections 3.4-3.14, including the associated budget commitments.</p>
A7	Working and Learning: Programme of Work 2020/21	<p>The Committee:</p> <p>i. noted the work undertaken in the financial year to date, as set out in sections 3.3-3.9 of the report;</p> <p>ii. approved the 2020/21 Work Plan and associated budget of £1,239,250 to support the delivery of the Working and Learning strands of the Belfast Agenda, as set out in sections 3.10-3.22; and</p> <p>iii. noted the ongoing development work being undertaken with key partners through governance structures including; the Belfast Agenda Working & Learning Board, BRCD Employability and Skills Steering Group and Employability NI Programme Board.</p>
A9	East Belfast Translink Depot – Outcome of Site Search Process	<p>The Committee:</p> <p>1. noted the findings of the site search process; and</p> <p>2. agreed that the Council writes to the Minister for Infrastructure requesting that the findings of the site search and the operational requirements of Translink are given further consideration in the context of the impact of the current depot location on neighbouring residential amenity.</p>

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A10	Update on City Centre Revitalisation Programme	The Committee noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the progress on the City Revitalisation Programme; ii. the status of the Bank Buildings cordon; and iii. the future governance structures and procedures to deliver the Regeneration Task Force (RTF) Action Plan.
A11	Response to Department for Infrastructure Transport Consultations	The Committee agreed the draft response to consultations and agreed submission to the Department for Infrastructure, subject to the Department being asked that consideration be given to a segregated cycling infrastructure in Bedford Street.
A12	Inner North West Masterplan Action Plan	The Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. noted the engagement carried out to date to produce the draft Action Plan (appendix 2); and ii. approved the emerging draft Action Plan prior to finalisation.
A13	Positioning Belfast to Compete	
A14	Culture, Tourism and Events Workplan 2020/21	The Committee noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.
A16	Financial Reporting 2019-20	The Committee noted the report and the associated financial reporting pack.
A17	Belfast Zoo - Update on Performance	The Committee to noted the Zoo's performance for the period October – December, 2019 and that future reports include more detailed information in relation to income/expenditure.
A19	Review of the Belfast Bikes Scheme (Councillor O'Hara)	The Committee agreed that, as part of the current strategic review of the Belfast Bikes Scheme, consideration be given to granting free access to young people 25 years of age and under to the scheme.

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A20	Draft Belfast Off-Street Parking Order	The Committee agreed to affirm its decision to approve the revised draft Order for public consultation.