



Subject:	Request to Present: Business Improvement Districts
Date:	12 October 2022
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
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	The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the Committee to receive an annual presentation from representatives of the three Business Improvement Districts.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree to receive an annual presentation from representatives of the three Business Improvement Districts at future meetings of the City Growth & Regeneration Committee.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p>Members will be aware that there are three Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) established in Belfast:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belfast One • Destination CQ • Linen Quarter
3.2	<p>The BIDs are local, democratically established organisations that focus on delivering specific improvements needed by local businesses and organisations throughout their area. Collectively the BIDs represent 1,500 city centre organisations, leading on physical and place promotion investments utilising their committed budgets and attracting external funding to upscale delivery. Members will be aware that Council have supported the BIDs over the past number of years in relation to funding and supporting the delivery of interventions, most recently through the DfC Covid Revitalisation Programme. In addition, Council act as a board advisor, with senior officer representation on each board, and importantly Council too are a levy payer.</p>
3.3	<p>Representatives from the three Business Improvement Districts have requested to provide an annual presentation to Committee, to brief Members on key initiatives which they have been involved in over the previous year and discuss their plans for the year ahead.</p>
3.4	Finance & Resource Implications
	None associated with this report.
3.5	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
	None associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents attached
	None