



Subject:	Committee Plan Update
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This paper provides a six-month progress update on the key actions contained in the 2022-23 People and Communities (P&C) Committee Plan, as agreed by the Committee in June 2022.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note the content of the mid-year report and progress against the agreed actions within the 2022-23 People and Communities Committee Plan.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Members will recall that the 2022-23 P&C Committee Plan was agreed at the Committee meeting in June 2022.

3.2	<p>The plan locates priorities within the framework of the relevant Belfast Agenda themes (Our Services; Economic Recovery; Community Recovery; Environmental Recovery; Strategic Planning Frameworks; and Organisational Foundations) and the CNS Departmental key priority areas (Open Spaces & Streetscene; Community Provision; City Protection and Bereavement; and Resources & Fleet).</p>
3.3	<p>While the report noted that it is likely many of these areas of focus will take several years to deliver, it detailed the key deliverables and priorities for 2022-23.</p>
3.4	<p>The Committee has received specific reports on a number of these priorities, and some are included in the Council's 2022-23 Improvement Plan, though this report provides a 6 monthly progress update regarding all the priorities, as was proposed in the June paper.</p>
3.5	<p>The table in Appendix 1 provides detail and commentary on the progress of all 33 actions. It sets out the work undertaken by the Department to deliver the key priorities, to the end of Q2 2022/23, ie 6 months into the year. 33 actions were identified across the Department's three Directorates. Of these, 1 has been completed (marked 'blue' in the table), 22 are currently on track (marked 'green'), 5 are considered at risk and are slightly delayed (marked 'amber'), while a further 5 actions are considered to be behind schedule and will require additional resources to ensure their completion this year (marked 'red').</p>
3.6	<p>The Committee is reminded of the current resource and capacity and resilience pressures on the City and Neighbourhood Services department. It is anticipated that recent recruitment exercises will provide additional resources in Quarter 4 and going forward, to assist with the progress of those actions currently considered to be delayed.</p>
3.7	<p>It should be noted that many of the commitments will continue to be delivered with further progress into Quarter 4, and the Committee will be kept informed of progress.</p>
	<p>Financial & Resource Implications</p>
3.8	<p>The Committee Plan and annual programme of work aligns with the budget agreed by Strategic Policy & Resources Committee through the rate setting process in January 2022 for the 2022-23 financial year for the People and Communities Committee of £87.418m.</p>

	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
3.9	There are no implications directly relating to this report however individual strategies and plans will be subject to the council's equality, good relations and rural needs requirements.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – People & Communities Committee 2022-23: Q2 update on key priorities