



Subject:	Proposed Study Visits
Date:	6 December 2023
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To seek Committee approval in relation to extending the scope of previously approved study visit with a focus on regeneration projects including city centre living and public private partnership approach to delivery.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Agree to extend the scope of a previously approved study visit to Newcastle to include other cities including Greater Manchester and Leeds which will focus on regeneration projects including city centre living and public private partnership approach to delivery. Approve attendance of Party Group Leaders or their nominees, accompanied by officers.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	In December 2021 following an invitation from Newcastle City Council to facilitate shared learnings around regeneration projects and good practice in city centre living, the City Growth & Regeneration Committee agreed to a proposed study visit which was subject to restrictions at the time around travel and Covid – 19. Due to advice regarding the implementation of Covid restrictions at the time the study visit had to be postponed.
3.2	Officers have continued to engage with representatives from Newcastle and other Irish and UK cities, through existing fora such as UKReeiF / MIPIM, Urban Land Institute, and the Belfast City and Region Place Partnership. In addition to the planned visit to Newcastle, there has been ongoing contact with Greater Manchester and Leeds City Council. It is proposed to extend the scope of the previously approved study visit to include Greater Manchester and Leeds.
3.3	These visits will provide an opportunity to examine examples of housing led regeneration, institutional investor partnership approaches that these local authorities have taken to deliver regeneration as well as public private partnership approaches that support city centre living.. The proposed extended visit is considered timely given the commencement of the procurement process to seek a Private Sector Partner to deliver residential led, mixed use developments in the support of the growth ambitions as set out in the Belfast Agenda. While the core focus will be on city centre living and the institutional investor partnership / public private partnership approach to delivery of regeneration projects it will also provide an opportunity to discuss other regeneration projects including City Deal, Innovation Districts and funding mechanisms available to support regeneration.

3.4	It is proposed that this visit takes place at the end of January / early February 2024, and would take place over 2 days (one overnight). It is proposed that this would include Party Group Leaders or their nominees and accompanying officers.
4.0	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>To accommodate flights, along with hotels, transport, and subsistence for two days and one night, it is estimated that a budget of up to £600 per person will be required for the proposed extended visit which will be met from existing budget.</p>
5.0	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no Equality, Good Relations or Rural Needs implications associated with this report.</p>
6.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	None