



Subject:	Belfast Waterfront Framework – Waterfront Tour Request
Date:	17 th September 2024
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted? Yes No

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1 1.2	The purpose of this report is to advise Members that the Waterfront Task Group has submitted a request to invite Members of the City Growth and Regeneration and the members of the Planning Committee to attend a walking and boat tour of the Belfast Waterfront Framework area. The visit will include an overview of the Framework, an update of progress to date and a boat tour along the downstream element of the framework area to provide a strategic overview of the area.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Agree to attending the tour and presentation of the Belfast Waterfront Framework area. II. Note that the visit and presentation of the Waterfront Promenade Framework will consist of a strategic overview of the waterfront area characteristics and opportunities only and will not include discussion of specific or individual development or project proposals.
3.0	Main Report
3.1 3.2	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>As reported to the CG&R Committee in October 2023 a Waterfront Task Group was established to develop a focused approach to the Belfast waterfront, aligned to the A Bolder Vision key move ‘Embracing the River’. The task group, chaired by BCC Chief Executive and consisting of including Maritime Belfast Trust, Belfast Harbour Commissioners, Titanic Quarter Ltd, DfC, DfE, Tourism NI and DEARA (as well as BCC), commissioned a detailed analysis of the waterfront area from the Ormeau Road Bridge to Thompsons Dock.</p> <p>Consultants, Schulze + Grassov undertook a detailed analysis of over 10km of the waterfront, compiling analysis on the completed and pending developments, as well as identifying the catalyst opportunities and gaps in infrastructure to maximise the social, economic and environmental opportunities that exist along the waterfront. This work also undertook to identify the existing and proposed projects emerging from within the adjacent communities, and to identify catalyst opportunities to connect these projects and the local communities to the wider education, employment and leisure facilities along the waterfront corridor. This work was carried out in consultation with local communities with engagement ongoing as the work progresses through a specific Community Area engagement group.</p>

3.3	Members of the CG&R Committee received a presentation on the Framework in October 2023 and approved the Belfast Waterfront Framework (as attached in Appendix A).
3.4	Correspondence has been received from the Waterfront Task Group inviting Members of this Committee to attend a presentation on the progress of the Belfast Waterfront Framework, followed by a boat tour along the lower Lagan waterfront area providing an overview of the of the proposals included within the Framework and to receive an update on the work of the Maritime Belfast Trust in preserving, developing and promoting the Maritime Mile. Members should note that the visit and presentation of the Waterfront Promenade Framework will consist of a strategic overview of the waterfront area characteristics and opportunities only and will not include discussion of specific or individual development or project proposals.
3.5	The tour is planned to take place in October and, pending agreement Maritime Belfast Trust will engage with Democratic Services to organise a suitable date.
4.0	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
5.0	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p> <p>Appendix A – ‘Embracing the Belfast Waterfront’ framework summary document</p>