



Subject:	ICC Waterfront and Ulster Hall – Capital and Maintenance Update
Date:	16 March 2026
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Members have requested regular updates on capital and maintenance works at the ICC Waterfront and Ulster Hall. This paper provides an update since the last report to Committee.
2.0	Recommendations
	Members are asked to note the update on capital and maintenance works at the ICC Waterfront and Ulster Hall.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Waterfront Hall Chiller Units Members are asked to note that this project is at Stage 2 - Uncommitted on the Capital Programme. Approval has been received to proceed with the detailed design, and the Consultants are continuing to work on the designs. Detailed design of the new chiller/heat pump system is continuing. In order to avoid potential cooling issues next season, a temporary chiller solution has been designed. An Outline Business Case has been prepared and a request at February's SP&R to move to Stage 3 made to allow tenders to be issued March 2026.
3.2	Waterfront Hall Smoke Curtains The Board is asked to note that this project is at Stage 1 - Emerging on the Capital Programme. Modelling of the auditorium has been completed. Following this exercise, and with agreement from Building Control & the Fire Service, no major remedial works are required and the Fire Strategy is to be updated accordingly. This project can be removed from the capital works programme.
3.3	Ulster Hall – Lighting Scheme This project involves the installation of an LED lighting display on the façade of Ulster Hall capable of changing colour similar to City Hall's Illuminate scheme. The lighting project at the Ulster Hall is at Stage 3 – Committed on the capital programme. Design and delivery costs are being funded by DfC and the Linen Quarter BID. Procurement of a contractor is underway and due to conclude end February / start of March 2026. Concurrent to this while the scaffolding is up for the installation of the lighting system the front of the Ulster Hall (both sides of the main entrance and the metal canopy) will be redecorated.
4.0	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
	<i>Financial</i> – None at this time; <i>Resources</i> – Officer time to deliver as required.
5.0	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
	All capital projects are screened as part of the stage approval process.

6.0	Appendices
	N/A