



Subject:	City Growth and Regeneration Committee Plan 2026/27
Date:	15 April 2024
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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	To present the draft 2026/27 City Growth & Regeneration Committee Plan and the associated Culture, Tourism & Events workplan highlighting programme costs seeking committee approval. A further draft of the Committee plan incorporating key performance information will

	be brought to the committee in May. Should any amendments be required following agreement of the Corporate Delivery Plan, these will also be reported in May.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the draft City Growth and Regeneration Committee Plan for 2026/27 attached at Appendix 1, subject to additional performance information being brought to the next committee meeting; • Approve the priority work areas and budget allocations presented in the Culture, Tourism & Events workplan for 2026/27 as set out in Appendix 2; and • Approve the contribution to support the ongoing development of the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (work to be coordinated through Newry, Mourne and Down District Council) up to a maximum of £35,000.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>CG&R Committee Plan 2026/27</u></p> <p>Each year the Committee is tasked with agreeing a Committee Plan for the year ahead. This year's Committee Plan (attached at Appendix 1) has been developed to align to the council's Corporate Plan 2025/28, member feedback and engagement, in addition to decisions relevant to the Committee agreed through the rates setting process. The Plan is structured to articulate the council's contribution to the refreshed Belfast Agenda, particularly the strategic priorities and deliverables of the "Our Economy" and "Our Place" themes of the community plan. It is perhaps worth highlighting that the scale of the work programme required to support the delivery of the Fleadh Cheoil is necessitating realignment of some staff resources and this may impact of the timescales for the delivery of projects.</p> <p>A concerted effort has been made to better align the council's rate-setting process with the presentation of its plans to members. As a result, performance monitoring for the current year is still ongoing, and the End of Year report for the 2025/26 Committee Plan is not yet available. The development of SMART performance targets for 2026/27 is dependent on the current baseline position. Consequently, several targets in the performance monitoring section have been marked as "To Be Confirmed". These targets, along with the End of Year report for the 2025/26 Committee Plan, will be presented to members at next month's Committee meeting.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Culture, Tourism & Events Workplan/ Programme Budgets</u></p> <p>Many of the activities outlined within the draft Committee Plan will be resourced through the respective departmental budgets for 2026/27 in line with the Scheme of Delegation and in accordance with section G of the Financial Regulations. Members are asked to approve the priority Culture, Tourism & Events work areas for the 2026/27 financial year and their allocation from their respective budgets presented in Appendix 2.</p>

	<p>Within the Culture, Tourism & Events workplan, core activity will include support for the planning and delivery of the Fleadh Cheoil. The unit's operational priorities will reflect the council's commitment to facilitating this significant cultural event with relevant staff resources and programme delivery aligned to support its successful organisation and implementation as part of the wider Cultural and Tourism objectives of the council.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The draft Committee Plan 2026/27 and the subsequent work plans are aligned with the budget agreed by the Special Strategic Policy & Resources Committee on 13th February 2026, namely a cash limit for the CG&R Committee of £23,958,554 as set out in Appendix 2.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>Strategies, programmes and actions within the Committee Plan are developed and delivered in consultation with the Council's Equality & Diversity Officers and subject to individual equality, good relations and rural needs assessment.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Draft CG&R Committee Plan 2026/27</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Culture, Tourism & Events Work Plan 2026/27</p>