

## **MEETING OF NORTH BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP**

Tuesday, 1 May, 2012

Members present: Alderman Browne, Councillors M. E. Campbell, Convery, Cunningham, Lavery, Mallon, Maskey, McCabe, McKee, Reynolds and Spence.

In attendance: Mr. R. Cregan, Director of Finance and Resources; Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects; and Mr. B. Flynn, Democratic Services Section.

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Patterson.

### **Welcome and Introduction**

The Director of Property and Projects welcomed the Members to the first meeting of the North Belfast Working Group. He reminded the Working Group that the North Belfast area had been allocated a total of £1,127,500 from the Local Investment Fund.

### **Overview of Governance Arrangements**

The Director of Finance and Resources referred to the report of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 25 April 2012.

The Working Group noted the information and agreed to the format proposed.

### **Overview of Local Investment Fund**

The Director of Finance and Resources referred to the report of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 25 April 2012.

The Working Group noted the report, a copy of which had previously been circulated.

### **Prioritisation Framework**

The Director of Property and Projects advised the Working Group that there were approximately two hundred possible projects which had been captured to date which would be divided between the City Investment and Local Investment Funds.

After discussion on the importance of reaching cross-party agreement on the selection of projects, the Working Group noted the information which had been provided and agreed to the proposed prioritisation framework.

### **Overview of Identified Projects and Initial Sift**

The Director of Property and Projects circulated a list of Capital, City Investment, Local Investment and Revenue projects in the North Belfast area of the City.

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He advised that a team of staff had been established which would be contacting each of the project information sources in the near future to ascertain further details for the Working Group's consideration. Thereafter, any approach which was made by a particular group for funding would be directed to its local elected representative.

**Next steps and date of next meeting**

The Director of Property and Projects advised the Working Group that appropriate Officers would seek clarification on the projects which had been identified currently and that information should, in the first instance, be forwarded to the Democratic Services Section regarding any additional projects for inclusion on the prioritisation list in advance of the next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Working Group would take place on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00 p.m. in the First Floor North Conference Room, The Cecil Ward Building, to consider the prioritisation of projects which had been identified.

Chairman