



Belfast City Council

Report to	Strategic Policy and Resources
Subject:	Senior Officer Nominations to Social Investment Fund area steering groups
Date:	21 February 2014
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	In March 2011 the Social Investment Fund was announced by the Executive to tackle poverty, unemployment and dereliction through community-led interventions of significant scale. The programme, led by OFMDFM, is delivered through strategic area plans. In September 2012 initial steering groups were established comprising four voluntary/community and four political representatives to coordinate the development of the area plan. A council officer representative also attended with observer status. Area plans have since been developed with the ten priority projects for the areas identified. Now that the priorities are known OFMDFM wish to finalise full membership of the area steering groups by appointing four statutory and two business representatives, prior to moving into project delivery later in 2014.

2	Key Issues
2.1	In January 2014, Belfast City Council received correspondence from the First Minister and Deputy First Minister (attached at Appendix 1), asking for senior members of the organisation to be nominated to places one the following steering groups: Belfast North, Belfast South, Belfast East and Belfast West. It was requested these names be forwarded to the Department by the end of January.
2.2	The officers nominated to OFMDFM were those who had previously sat on the steering groups in an observer capacity and are as follows: Gerry Millar - Belfast North Andrew Hassard - Belfast South John McGrillen - Belfast East Suzanne Wylie - Belfast West

2.3	The role of the steering groups will be to oversee progress in the delivery of the area plan and review needs and issues during the first phase of SIF, which will run until March 2016.
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3	Resource Implications
	<u>Financial</u> There are no financial implications associated with the hosting of the event. <u>Human Resources</u> There are no Human Resource implications <u>Asset and Other Implications</u> There are no asset and other implications

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
4.1	There are no relevant equality and good relations implications.

5	Recommendations
5.1	Members are asked to note this report.

6	Decision Tracking
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7	Key to Abbreviations
	OFMDFM – office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister CMT – Corporate Management Team BCC – Belfast City Council

8	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 Letter from OFMDFM regarding SIF-Steering Group