

City Growth & Regeneration Committee Planning Workshop

26th August 2015

Summary of feedback by table

Question	Table 1	Table 2	Table 3
Discuss the role and priorities for the committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job creation is the main priority. • Protect the rate base through city centre investment • Regeneration of areas – CQ, North Foreshore, Royal Exchange • Improve the reputation of the city as a place to invest • More city centre living • Car parking • Better use of civic space in city centre • More diverse offerings in the city centre (retail) • Need to connect neighbourhoods with the city centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills & employability (recognising link to poverty & deprivation) • Connect investment & employability opportunities to neighbourhoods • Clear messaging – a unified city brand to improve our international relations and reputation • Devise creative solutions to resource future events • Tourism - impacting of licensing laws, opening hours, new attractions such as casinos etc • Investigate the feasibility of a City Deal further 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Deal – the need to develop a City Deal for Belfast • Belfast City Centre Regeneration & Investment Strategy • Improved Grade A Office Space • Transport & car parking • Attracting foreign direct investment • Importance of major anchor tenants e.g. John Lewis
How is the new committee working?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committees has a heavy agenda and not enough time is dedicated to strategic items • One suggestion made was to look at two committees per month – more quality than quantity on the agenda • Others suggested not every month but additional sessions around themes and with partners • One committee to engage with key partners and one for other issues • Key items should be first on the agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need time to have strategic discussions, possibly workshop sessions outside formal committee meetings • Clarity on the aligning council strategies and influence other committees, where necessary • Be clear on what we mean by place-shaping – interim plans are needed to deliver the longer term objectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda – top strategic issues need to be on the agenda first, giving more discussion time • Better liaison and discussion with other committees where there is commonality of purpose, for example the Planning Committee • Improved working and relationships with external bodies, maximising influence of the committee