



Subject:	East Bank Framework - Update
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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Update Members on the appointment of an expert team to take forward a Framework for the East Bank area as previously agreed by Committee; and- Outline potential future engagement opportunities.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Note the contents of this report.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Background</u> Earlier this year Committee agreed to appoint a multi-disciplinary expert team to take forward a detailed framework for the area identified as the East Bank (See Map in Appendix 1).
3.2	The East Bank work is being undertaken in the context of the City Centre Regeneration & Investment Strategy (BCCRIS) and the identified Special Action Areas (SAA) for places in need of an immediate, detailed and integrated planning approach. Members will be aware of the previous work undertaken in Linen Quarter and the planned work for Inner West and

Inner North Special Action Areas previously agreed. Work on the East Bank Framework has now begun with the appointment of Arup and creation of a project steering group

Sirocco

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As previously reported to members the Sirocco site has been available on the market for some time, however, it is now understood that this site is in new ownership and development proposals are expected in due course. It is considered that the East Bank Framework will provide greater certainty to emerging development in this part of the city and support Council and Transport NI requirements as this site is taken forward. Land owners in the East Bank area, including the owner of Sirocco, will be engaged directly during development of the Framework.

Queen's Quay

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The Queen's Quay site, which is owned by the Department for Communities (DfC), provides an important connection point between the city core and the east side of the river particularly via the recently upgraded pedestrian and cycle bridge. DfC have a high-level masterplan for this area which they will seek to pursue in due course and, as with the other development opportunities in this area, it is considered the East Bank Framework will assist in bringing forward appropriate development in a comprehensive way as well as considering the cumulative impact of all planned development schemes on the existing infrastructure.

Titanic Quarter

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Titanic Quarter continues to develop its existing planning consents such as the currently under construction boutique Hotel in the former Titanic Drawing Offices as well as growing its maritime-focussed tourist offer which includes The Nomadic, Titanic Belfast, HMS Caroline and the anticipated Optic installation. It is anticipated that TQ will at some point revisit its own Development Framework and therefore it is essential that the East Bank Framework provides a comprehensive vision for how TQ will be linked to the city centre as well as adjoining communities and development sites in line with the aspirations of the City Centre Regeneration and Investment Strategy, The East Bank Framework will, amongst other things, seek to improve accessibility for the growing numbers of people accessing TQ from across the city centre.

Next Steps

<p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p> <p>3.9</p> <p>3.10</p>	<p>A project steering group has recently been established with council staff from City Centre Development and the Local Development Plan team to work alongside the appointed multi-disciplinary team led by Arup. In recognition of our shared undertaking to work together on City Regeneration and in acknowledgement of the anticipated emphasis on future infrastructure requirements and the large land holdings of DFC both Transport NI and the Department have nominated senior representatives as members of the steering group.</p> <p>Early consultation with elected Members and other key stakeholders will begin in December as part of Stage 1 of the project with the aim of identifying key issues and improving our understanding of the area. Following on from this more detailed consultation will take place in January as part of Stage 2 which will explore options for developing the strategy and the associated action plan.</p> <p>It is envisaged that a draft report will be presented to Committee at the end of stage 2 in advance of a full public consultation exercise before committee will be asked to approve the final East Bank Framework and action plan for publication.</p> <p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional resource implications associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality & Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>Equality will be considered throughout the development of the Framework and the relevant bodies consulted when appropriate.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
<p>4.1</p>	<p>Appendix 1 – Map identifying East Bank</p>