



Subject:	Regeneration Best Practice Visit – itinerary
Date:	8 February 2017
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Is this report restricted?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	To update Members on the dates and emerging itinerary for the Regeneration Study Visit.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve the draft agenda and dates• Confirm one Member from each party who will form the delegation.
3.0	Main report
3.1	In December 2016 Members endorsed a proposal to organise a regeneration best practice study visit. It was agreed this would take place in April 2016 with one member from each party attending, accompanied by the Director of Regeneration and an external facilitator. The aim of the visit is to develop insight from relevant regeneration projects in Manchester and Leeds, to consider key lessons for Belfast, and how these can be applied.
3.2	The following travel arrangements are proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 24 April – Taxis from City Hall 16.20. Depart Belfast International 18.20, arrive Manchester Airport 19.15. Taxi to Manchester hotel for a two night stay.• Wednesday 26 April – Taxis from Leeds City Council at 1800. Depart Leeds Bradford

on Fly Be at 20.15. Arrive Belfast City Airport 21.15. Taxis to City Hall.

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To gain maximum benefit it is proposed to hold a half day workshop for delegates prior to CGR Committee on 12 April. This will discuss projects, and give Members the opportunity to consider key questions and issues in advance.

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The following examples of best practice, and their relevance to Belfast, are proposed in the tables below:

Manchester – Tuesday 25 April 2017

Manchester Piccadilly	<p><u>Example of Transport Hub.</u></p> <p>Manchester Piccadilly will be transformed as part of the £560m Northern Hub upgrade (due for completion in 2018/9), and ultimately by High Speed 2. Improvements will include new platforms, new entrance, and associated retail, office and residential developments.</p>
Spinningfields / New Bailey / Chapel Street.	<p><u>Example of Grade A Office / City Centre Living / Phased Regeneration.</u></p> <p>Spinningfields has created a new business and entertainment quarter, including library and visitor attraction, a success of the project is its integration and benefit to existing communities. Directly across the river New Bailey will create 2.2m sq ft of commercial space, which has already attracted significant inward investment. Chapel St, linking New Bailey with Salford, has revitalised city living and includes a new creative district.</p>
Home	<p><u>Relevant to Belfast Story / Creative District</u></p> <p>Home is Manchester’s creative hub which includes theatre, cinemas and art gallery, as well as creative programmes that engage the community and help nurture talent.</p>
The Lowry / BBC Salford	<p><u>Relevant to Belfast Story / Relocation of the BBC</u></p> <p>The Lowry Gallery, which is housed in an architecturally significant building, helped pioneer the regeneration of the docks. The BBC relocated to Salford in 2011, and</p>

		its 2,700 staff anchor the media city development.						
3.5	<p>Leeds – Wednesday 26 April 2017</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Victoria Gate</td> <td> <u>Relevant to Royal Exchange</u> The scheme will incorporate 42,000 sq metres of city centre retail and leisure space, including a John Lewis. The visit will also explain how compulsory purchase powers were used to develop the scheme. </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leeds BID</td> <td> <u>Relevant to City Animation/Interim Uses</u> Launched in 2015 the BID is currently pioneering a city animation project with street art across five city centre sites. </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southbank</td> <td> <u>Masterplans / Comprehensive Development</u> One of largest city centre regeneration schemes in Europe, the Southbank provides a masterplan for projects covering work, leisure, culture, transport, infrastructure and communities over a 180 hectare site. </td> </tr> </table>		Victoria Gate	<u>Relevant to Royal Exchange</u> The scheme will incorporate 42,000 sq metres of city centre retail and leisure space, including a John Lewis. The visit will also explain how compulsory purchase powers were used to develop the scheme.	Leeds BID	<u>Relevant to City Animation/Interim Uses</u> Launched in 2015 the BID is currently pioneering a city animation project with street art across five city centre sites.	Southbank	<u>Masterplans / Comprehensive Development</u> One of largest city centre regeneration schemes in Europe, the Southbank provides a masterplan for projects covering work, leisure, culture, transport, infrastructure and communities over a 180 hectare site.
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3.6	<p>The Best Practice Study visit will incorporate meetings with Executive Members and Directors from Manchester and Leeds Councils. This will include an informal evening function with Manchester City Council, subject to their availability, that will offer the opportunity to network with counterparts, and generate further insights from the Manchester experience.</p>							
3.7	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The approximate cost of the Best Practice Regeneration Study Visit is £5,000, which will be met from existing City Centre Budgets.</p>							
3.8	<p><u>Equality implications</u></p> <p>None</p>							
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>							
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