



Subject:	City Region Growth Deal – update
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To update Committee on progress in pursuit of a City Region Growth Deal for Belfast; and to seek their views on a position paper.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">note progress to date and agree next steps.

3.0	Main report								
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Committee will recall that it agreed to commission a full feasibility study on a City Region Growth Deal (City Deal) at its meeting in December and following a competitive process, KPMG have now been appointed. They have been tasked to provide a detailed evidence base, including forecast modelling, which sets out the rationale, financial construct and benefits (financial and social) of a City Deal.</p>								
3.2	<p>The outline timeline for delivery from KPMG is as follows:</p>								
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3.3	<p>Throughout this process, there will be ongoing political and stakeholder engagement. This will include intensive engagement with:</p>								
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belfast City-Region Councillors and officers • Newry, Mourne and Down, and Derry and Strabane Councillors and officers • NI Assembly representatives • Northern Ireland Office and Taoiseach’s Office/Department for Foreign Affairs • Business sector including large businesses and representative bodies • Innovation sector including universities, further education and innovation hubs • City stakeholders such as the Belfast Harbour Commission • NI Civil Service departments notably Department for Infrastructure; and Department for Finance 								
3.4	<p>A detailed advocacy schedule for the next 12 weeks will be prepared, in liaison with the Budget Panel. The culmination of this process will be formal engagement with the Treasury in late summer/early autumn, in partnership with the NI Executive and relevant councils.</p>								

3.5	Further to the political engagement in the past 6 months at Westminster, Stormont and in Council, an initial narrative paper has been prepared (Appendix 1), entitled <i>When Belfast Succeeds...</i> Subsequently, a workshop was held with city partners, and included a presentation from the KPMG team (Appendix 2) on deals elsewhere and the process for securing a deal for Belfast.
3.6	As a result of this series of discussions, an influencing/position paper (currently under preparation by KPMG and to follow) sets out more of the detail on a potential City Deal vision, objectives and targets. It will outline the city-region's competitive advantages and how we propose to construct a compelling programme of 'asks' that will demonstrably build inclusive growth, particularly in preparation for exit from the EU.
3.7	The Chief Executive will provide a verbal briefing on the tabled paper at the committee meeting.
3.8	The purpose of the influencing/position paper is to engage in more meaningful discussions with NI Assembly parties, other local councils and the British and Irish governments. It will also be presented to the Belfast Agenda's Economic Forum, at its scheduled meeting later this month.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.9	None at present
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.10	To be considered in preparation of City Region Growth Deal
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When Belfast succeeds, Northern Ireland succeeds: The case for a City Region Growth Deal – narrative paper – <i>attached</i> 2. KPMG City Deal Workshop Presentation 24 May 17 – <i>attached</i> 3. KPMG influencing/position paper – <i>to follow</i>