

## **Minutes of Budget and Transformation Panel Meeting 12 April 2018**

### **Attendance**

#### Members:

Councillor Matt Garrett (Chair)  
Councillor Deirdre Hargey  
Councillor Billy Hutchinson  
Councillor Michael Long  
Councillor Tim Attwood  
Councillor Lee Reynolds  
Alderman Jim Rodgers (for Alderman D Browne)

Apologies: Alderman Browne

#### Officers:

Suzanne Wylie, Chief Executive  
Ronan Cregan, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Resources  
John Walsh, City Solicitor  
Emer Husbands, Strategic Performance Manager (secretariat)  
Nigel Grimshaw, Director of City and Neighbourhood services (for item 3)  
Gerry Millar, Director of Property and Projects (for item 2)  
Keith Sutherland, Development Planning and Policy Manager (for item 1)  
Dermot O'Kane, Principal Planning Officer

## **1. Planning**

### **Local Development Plan**

The Development Planning and Policy Manager provided an update to the panel on the Local Development Plan, which would be presented, to Planning Committee and then Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in April for approval, before going out to public consultation at the end of May. The Chief Executive highlighted the importance of the document and members were also updated on the next steps in finalising the plan including the public enquiry process and the length of time it will take until a final document is approved. The members discussed the process and highlighted the need to support communities to enable them to fully engage in consultation processes.

### **Planning Updates**

The Chief Executive informed the panel of the applications that were being presented to the Planning Committee this month.

## **2. Peace IV and North Foreshore**

The Director of Property and Projects provided an update on the response from SEUPB in relation to the two Peace IV applications that the council were supporting. A report on this would be brought to April SP&R on the implications of the decision and possible next steps. The Director of Property and Projects highlighted a potential development opportunity at the North Foreshore which would be discussed at the North Foreshore Steering Group. Members also raised the need to provide an update on the council's position on the Circular Economy and possible developments on the site in relation to this.

## **3. Bonfire Decision Making Process**

The Panel discussed governance options related to future decisions relating to bonfire management which would be presented to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its April meeting.

## **4. Holiday Resort Designation**

The Town Solicitor updated the panel on the recent updated findings from the public consultation process as to whether the Council should designate Belfast as a 'holiday resort'. A breakdown of the responses would be presented to Strategic Policy and Resources in April and members would be asked if they wanted to proceed with a 'holiday resort' designation and if so should it apply to the whole district or just the city centre.

## **5. City Deal**

The Chief Executive circulated the SP&R April update report on the development of the Belfast City Region Deal. Members were informed that an updated construct paper would be produced at the end of April with a Joint Members Forum to be held in May.

## **6. AOB**

### Organisational Development

Following Party Group briefings a number of revisions had been made to this report which would be presented to the April SP&R committee.

### Language Strategy Launch

Members were advised that the launch of the Language Strategy was scheduled for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

### Bonfire Call – In

The City Solicitor updated members on the legal response in relation to the decision called in on Bonfires. This would be reported to SP&R and full Council.

### Hillview Markets

An update will be provided at the next SP&R meeting, at the request of Councillor Long, in relation to issues raised about Hillview Markets.