

# South Belfast Area Working Group

Monday, 23rd April, 2018

## MEETING OF SOUTH BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

- Members present: Councillor Dudgeon (Chairperson); and Councillors Boyle, Craig, Hargey, Lyons and Nicholl.
- In attendance: Mrs. R. Crozier, Assistant Director, City and Neighbourhood Services;  
Mr. D. Logan, Project Manager, Property and Projects;  
Mr. J. Uprichard, Policy Analyst; and  
Ms. E. McGoldrick, Democratic Services Officer.

### **Apologies**

No apologies were reported.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 26th March were agreed as an accurate record of proceedings.

### **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were recorded.

### **Additional Item – Actions from last meeting**

The Project Manager provided the Working Group with a brief overview of actions since the last meeting in relation to Lagan Construction, Knockbreda Parish Church project, Arelian Nursery School, Strangford Playing Fields and the Olympia Regeneration Project.

The Assistant Director advised that following queries about the Olympia road naming, advice was being sought and Member's would be updated in due course. She also highlighted that she would email Members a further update in relation to the Blythefield Playing Fields project.

The Working Group noted the information which had been provided and that the verbal update in relation to Lagan Construction had been restricted.

## **Presentation – Urban Villages**

The Chairperson welcomed to the meeting Ms. L. Farrell, Programme Director, and Mr. C. McGurk who were in attendance in order to provide an update on the Executive Office's South Belfast Urban Villages initiative.

Ms. Farrell provided the Working Group with an update on the Urban Villages capital pipeline projects which included those which had been completed and potential new projects. She advised that those projects had been assessed against the aims and outcomes of the initiative, with those which had met the minimum standard being progressed with community partners to develop design options and associated business cases. Mr. McGurk pointed out that some of the potential projects might merge together and a transformational project would be delivered in each area of Belfast.

The Working Group was then provided with an update on the Gilpins transformational project which needed Department for Communities approval to progress but also a lead delivery partner. Ms. Farrell advised that all ideas for the site would be evaluated as part of the Business Case process across South Belfast and reiterated that a strategic approach to delivery was essential in order to ensure its success.

Ms. Farrell also provided an update in relation to the PSNI Building Transformational Project.

The Chairperson thanked the representative's for attending and they left the meeting.

The Working Group noted the update provided.

## **Woodland Children's Playpark and Trimtrail**

With permission of the Chairperson, the Assistant Director tabled a draft concept plan and play area layout for the Woodlands Play Area and Trim Trail. She explained that the site was owned by the Council and currently accommodated playing fields which were highly used. She advised that indicative costs for the outlined development was estimated at £430,000. She also advised that this was at concept stage and no consultation had taken place.

After discussion, the Working Group agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that the project be progressed to Stage 1 - Emerging Project within the Capital Programme so that it could be assessed for feasibility.

## **Additional Item – Publication of Area Working Group Minutes**

In relation to the minutes of the Area Working Group being accessible to the public, one Member highlighted that it was difficult to find the Working Group Minutes that were currently published as part of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agenda each month. It was suggested that it would be advantageous for the Minutes to be published on a separate web page.

After discussion, the Working Group agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that a web page be introduced on the Council's website to

display the Minutes of each of the Area Working Groups which would correlate with the publication of the audio recordings.

Chairperson