



Subject:	Area Working Groups - Terms of Reference
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To present final draft updated Terms of Reference for the council's Area Working Groups.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider and agree the final draft Terms of Reference.• Agree that the first meetings of the re-configured Area Working Groups will take place in January 2020.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	At April SP&R, committee members agreed that officers would review the role of the Area Working Groups and update the Terms of Reference. Previously, five AWGs (for North,

	<p>South, East West and Greater Shankill) were established in 2012 and Terms of Reference were agreed at this stage. Following local government elections in 2014, AWGs were reconvened on a North, South, East and West basis (Greater Shankill was incorporated within the West AWG) using the existing terms of reference.</p> <p>3.2 One of the key priorities of the Belfast Agenda is to deliver better outcomes for our Neighbourhoods, through inclusive growth, and building sustainable capacity within communities.</p> <p>3.3 Our Corporate priorities recognise the importance of Neighbourhood Regeneration and advocate a place shaping approach to drive the effective use of resources by Council and other partners / stakeholders within specific areas where opportunities exist to maximise impact. The proposed approach will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • council service and facility provision; • external or multi-agency service and facility provision; • agreed local area plans to improve outcomes for local people; • longer term local regeneration and investment plans (including capital, revenue or other projects with multiple funding sources). <p>3.4 Within this context, officers have been working to review the Area Working Groups Terms of Reference to make recommendations to members on their future role. Taking this into consideration, members are asked to agree to the draft Terms of Reference attached at appendix 1 and agree that the first Area Working Groups are held in January 2020.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.5 All associated costs have been provided for within revenue estimates</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Implications</u></p> <p>3.6 None</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 - Draft Terms of Reference – Area Working Groups</p>