



Subject:	Site Visit – Merchant Square
Date:	4th December, 2019
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Restricted Reports	
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To inform Members of an invitation which has been received from Oakland Holdings inviting the Committee to undertake a site visit to the Merchant Square development in Wellington Place, Belfast.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is requested to consider the invitation.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	Oakland Holdings has extended an invitation to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee to visit the Merchant Square development in Wellington Place. The date of the site visit, if approved, will be confirmed in due course.
3.2	<p>The Merchant Square development located in Wellington Place in the city centre is a £70m office redevelopment scheme resulting in 200,000ft² of office accommodation over an extended lobby and ground floor retail and restaurant units. PwC will be the anchor tenant with approximately 2,000 staff across nine floors. Merchant Square will be PwC's biggest office outside of London. The scheme is a key development in terms of delivering on the ambitions of the Belfast City Centre Regeneration and Investment Strategy and the Belfast Agenda.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional resource implications associated with this report.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no Equality, Good Relations or Rural Needs implications with this report.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	None