



Subject:	Area Working Groups
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of the report is to update the Committee on the proposed agendas for the forthcoming Area Working Groups, which will primarily focus on the development of Belfast City Council's approach to neighbourhood regeneration.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note the report.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Area Working Group Terms of Reference At the September meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, Members agreed the updated the Terms of Reference for the Area Working Groups (Appendix 2), and further agreed the following dates for the first meetings of the Area Working Groups:

3.2	<u>North</u> Wednesday 29 January 5.00pm	<u>South</u> Monday 27 January 5.00pm
3.3	Some of the key points included in the new Terms of Reference include the following:	
3.4	The purpose of the Area Working Group is :	
3.5	<i>To enable and ensure that the socio-economic conditions and needs of local people, areas and communities are given due consideration with respect to the delivery of our plans, services and projects.</i>	
3.6	<i>To act as “place shapers” and local area advocates in order to identify and prioritise issues and opportunities to address local needs, with the aim of improving the quality of local people’s lives. They will also consider how the City Centre integrates with neighbourhoods and communities, and vice versa, to ensure growth is optimised and inclusive across</i>	
3.7	With this in mind, it is important that we work with Members to begin to develop this approach with a view to delivering on the following:	
	(i) Neighbourhood Regeneration Plans - We will focus on tailoring interventions within particular neighbourhoods where we believe there are opportunities to maximise synergies, identify and address gaps in provision and respond to opportunities	
	(ii) Develop integrated services at a local level - In order to deliver neighbourhood regeneration we will develop a local area approach to the delivery of our services to ensure better coordination and integration of resources to solve local problems.	
	For example progress is being made internally within the Council towards the delivery of:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulatory Services; - Open Space and Street Scene; - Review of Community Provision; - Review of Resources and Fleet. 	

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Through the Area Working Groups, officers will work with Members to help shape the concept of neighbourhood regeneration and how it will be implemented.

Neighbourhood Regeneration Roadmap for Area Working Groups January – August 2020

The following provides a proposed overview of how we will work with Members via the Area Working Groups in the coming months.

Date	Proposed overview of AWG Meetings
January	<p>Introduction – set the context for future format of the area working groups, focusing on the development of our approach to Neighbourhood Regeneration.</p> <p>Members will receive a presentation and accompanying documents outlining the major pieces of work capital and revenue projects and opportunities in their area.</p>
April	<p>Progressing from the first AWG, a facilitated workshop will take place for each area, this will start the process of identifying key issues at a wider area level, N,S,E,W. Members will be provided with further developed area profiles to support their participation and how we can take a focused approach in specific geographical areas to improve outcomes.</p>
August	<p>Subject to member consideration of the benefits of focussing our efforts in the specific geographical areas this meeting will explore in further detail with specific consideration of how we take a more integrated approach to “turn the curve” on specific issues.</p>

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January AWG Agendas

The draft agenda items for each Area Working Group are included as an appendix to this report, it is worth noting that agendas will include standard and recurring item as required e.g. area specific issues and capital funding streams update.

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Appendices –Documents Attached

- Appendix 1: Draft Agenda
- Appendix 2: Area Working Groups Terms of Reference