



Subject:	High Street Task Force Update
Date:	9 th March 2022
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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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 or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the High Street Task Force following the recent Call for Evidence exercise.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to:

	<p>the third sector and will summarise the findings, advice, and recommendations of the High Street Task Force.</p>
3.5	<p>The work of the High Street Task Force is very much aligned to the focus of this Committee including its priorities and Committee Plan, as well as alignment to other Council led programmes and priorities, the Community Planning Partnership -City Development Board priorities, the Councils Future City Centre Programme and specific programmes such as the Sustainable Business Destinations for arterial routes.</p>
3.6	<p>It is being proposed that the High Street Task Force report and recommendations is launched in week commencing Monday 21st March 2022. It is intended to be presented to the Executive in due course for their consideration and at this juncture the report is being launched on the basis that it will subsequently require the full consideration of central and local government, businesses and other stakeholders. It is intended that the launch will include the two High Street Task Force Ministers, Junior Minister Middleton and Junior Minister Kearney, Seamus McAleavey, NI Council for Voluntary Action. The Council's Director of City Regeneration & Development has also been requested to participate in her role as the SOLACE representative on the High Street Task Force. This would however be on the basis that Councils will need to fully consider the recommendations within the report and respond to the Executive in due course.</p>
3.7	<p><u>Ministerial Advisory Group: <i>Living High Street Craft Kit</i></u></p> <p>An approach to cross-sectoral co-design of high streets and town centres led by the Ministerial Advisory Group on Architecture and the Built Environment (MAG) alongside a number of partners on the future of high streets and centres has resulted in the development of a <i>Living High Street Craft Kit</i>. The <i>Craft Kit which</i> is due to be published in the coming months provides an innovative way of considering our high streets and has been underpinned by a review of how high streets can be re-designed by communities and combine social, environmental, and economic insights to determine what should be done. This <i>Living High Street Craft Kit</i> approach has been considered by the High Street Task Force.</p>
3.8	<p>Upon publication of the Craft Kit a further report will be brought back to Committee. There is an opportunity to utilise this Craft Kit approach of co design particularly in our neighbourhood centres / arterial routes. The work currently underway in terms of the</p>

	<p>Sustainable Business Destinations Programme is one example of how Council is already adopting the approach as envisaged in the Craft Kit.</p>
3.9	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no finance or resource implications associated with this report.</p>
3.10	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no Equality, Good Relations or Rural Needs implications associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents attached
	Appendix 1: HSTF Call for Evidence BBC Response