



## CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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	Topic	Chief Executive’s Decision	Subject to call-in
<b><u>Restricted Items</u></b>			
<b>2a</b>	Financial Reporting – Quarter 1 – 2021-22	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. note the report; and</li> <li>ii. agree to extend the five step Finance Strategy to the remaining quarters of 2021/22.</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>2b</b>	Medium Term Financial Plan and Efficiency Programme	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. note the challenges to be taken into consideration as part of the annual and medium-term rate setting process; and</li> <li>ii. agree that the same District Rate increase will be levied on domestic and non-domestic properties.</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>2c</b>	City Hall Recovery Plan - Update on Progress	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to note the report.	<b>Yes</b>

<b>2d</b>	Intelligent Client Function – Contract Management for New Regional Planning IT System	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to agree that the Council take on the Intelligent Client Function contract management for the new regional planning IT system, subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. that the Council approves the final Service Level Agreement, which, amongst other areas, should address the points raised by the Legal Services Section in paragraph 3.14 of the Committee report;</li> <li>ii. that the Council be part of the first wave of implementation of the new IT system;</li> <li>iii. that appropriate contingency be agreed with the other ten Planning Authorities, in the event that the Council does not recruit to the new Intelligent Client Function team in time;</li> <li>iv. that the posts in the new Intelligent Client Function be filled on a permanent basis and appointed through an external recruitment exercise;</li> <li>v. that engagement/consultation take place with Trade Unions, as required; and</li> <li>vi. that the proposed arrangement be approved by SOLACE and the Planning Portal Governance Board.</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>2e</b>	Update on Cyber Security	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. agree to the delivery of the key actions associated with the security programme, as set out within the report;</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. note that further consideration would be required around the key areas relating to incident response set out within the report; and</li> <li>iii. adopt the recommendations relating to Threat and Vulnerability Management and Cloud Security set out within the report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2f</b></p>	<p>Community Diversionary Festivals Programme</p>	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. agree to allocate up to a maximum of £82,470 to the Eastside Partnership to deliver its community diversionary festivals programme;</li> <li>ii. agree, in accordance with Standing Order 48 (a) (2) (c), that the aforementioned decision would not be subject to call-in, on the basis that an unreasonable delay could be prejudicial to the Council's or the public's interest;</li> <li>iii. note that, in compliance with existing Council policies and the use of the Council's parks and open spaces, the decision to allocate funding to the Eastside Partnership would remain subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the negotiation of satisfactory terms and conditions of use, including any relevant fees, via an appropriate legal agreement prepared by the City Solicitor, including managing final booking confirmation dates and flexibility around 'set up' and 'take down' periods, and booking amendments, subject to:</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>No</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>No</u></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the applicant resolving any operational issues to the Council's satisfaction;</li> <li>• compliance with the Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time of the event(s); and</li> <li>• the applicant complying with all relevant statutory licencing requirements.</li> </ul> <p>iv. agree that the Party Group Leaders be provided with information on how the Eastside Partnership project contributed to a positive image of Belfast and met the definition of a diversionary festival, as set out in parts 6 and 7 of the assessment criteria; and</p> <p>v. agree that issues which had been raised in relation to the Wolfe Tones concert on the night of 15th August be referred to the Party Group Leaders for further consideration.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p>
2g	Assets Management	<p><b><i>The Members of the Committee agreed, on the basis that decisions relating to the disposal/acquisition of assets could not be taken under delegated authority, to adopt the following recommendations, in principle, and noted that the decisions would be subject to ratification by the Council, provided that the enabling legislation permitting the holding of remote Committee meetings had been put in place at that time:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Dargan Road – Disposal of Development Site;</li> <li>ii. Blanchflower Playing Fields – Lease to Harland and Wolff Welders Football Club;</li> <li>iii. Parkgate Avenue Off Street Car Park – New Access Licence Agreement;</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p>

		<p>iv. Plot 13 Balmoral Estate – Lease extension and revised rent review period;</p> <p>v. 75 Mount Eagles Avenue – Disposal of Land; and</p> <p>vi. Laganvale Manor – Disposal of Land</p>	
<b><u>Matters referred back from Council/Motions</u></b>			
<b>3a</b>	Motion - Paid Leave for Miscarriage	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to adopt the motion and agree that a report be submitted to a future meeting providing details on how it would be facilitated, resourced and managed.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>3b</b>	Motion - Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to adopt the motion and agree that it be referred to the Party Group Leaders for consideration, with a report on how it would be facilitated, resourced and managed to be submitted to a future meeting.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>3c</b>	Motion - Centenary of the Ulster Memorial Tower	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to adopt the motion and agree that it be referred to the Party Group Leaders for consideration, with a report on how it would be facilitated, resourced and managed to be submitted to a future meeting.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>3d</b>	Motion - Chat Bench and Tackling Loneliness	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to adopt the motion and agree that a report be submitted to a future meeting providing details on how it would be facilitated, resourced and managed.	<b>Yes</b>

<b>3e</b>	Motion - Charges for the Use of ATMs - Response from Payments System Regulator	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to note the response.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>3f</b>	Motion - Local Government Pension Scheme – Responsible Investment Strategy – Response from NILGOSC	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to note the response and agree that the Chief Executive of NILGOSC be invited to attend a future meeting in order to discuss NILGOSC’s divestment policy and principles in greater detail.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>3g</b>	Motion - Transfer of Regeneration Powers to Local Authorities – Response from Department for Communities	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to note the response and agree that the Council should, in future, in responding to consultations relating to regeneration, emphasise the benefits for Belfast of councils being provided with regeneration powers.	<b>Yes</b>
<b><u>Governance</u></b>			
<b>4a</b>	Update on Standards and Business Committee	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. note the previous decision to establish the Standards and Business Committee and approve the Terms of Reference;</li> <li>ii. note that the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services will undertake the role of Monitoring Officer;</li> <li>iii. note that the Committee will consist of 20 Members and representation will be based on the Quota Greatest Remainder system;</li> <li>iv. note the allocation of the positions of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the remaining 2 years of the Council term;</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v. approve the payment of a Special Responsibility Allowance to the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson of the Standards Committee, and approve the proposed reallocation of the SRAs, as set out within the report.</li> <li>vi. approve the changes to Standing Orders; and</li> <li>vii. note that, following ratification by the Council, the Committee will be established with effect from 1st September, 2021.</li> </ul>	
<b>4b</b>	Review of Active Belfast Limited/Governance Arrangements – Terms of Reference	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. approve the draft terms of reference set out within the report; along with the comments submitted by the Active Belfast Limited Board,</li> <li>ii. approve the review timeline set out within the report; and</li> <li>iii. agree that officers proceed with the procurement of an independent consultant to conduct the review.</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>4c</b>	National Association of Councillors Annual Conference	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to approve the attendance of any of the eight Members appointed to the National Association of Councillors (Northern Ireland Region) at the conference.	<b>Yes</b>
<b><u>Belfast Agenda/Strategic Issues</u></b>			
<b>5a</b>	Update on City Region Growth Deal	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to note the report.	<b>Yes</b>

<p><b>5b</b></p>	<p>Supporting Belfast's Digital Innovation Ambition</p>	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. note the works strands on digital innovation in the city;</li> <li>ii. approve the recruitment of four temporary roles (three years) to support the further development of this work (an Advanced Wireless Infrastructure – Innovation Broker, Smart District Innovation Broker and two Innovation Challenge Fund managers);</li> <li>iii. note the rationale for a Belfast digital innovation framework and agree that proposals will be brought to the September Committee meeting; and</li> <li>iv. note that Mr. Mark Gillan has been appointed (via SIB) as the Interim Belfast Digital Innovation Commissioner to replace Jayne Brady who will take up her new role as Head of the Civil Service on 1st September.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>
<p><b>5c</b></p>	<p>Belfast Innovation and Inclusive Growth Commission 'Reset for Growth Report' - Council Response</p>	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. note the Reset for Growth report and its recommendations;</li> <li>ii. endorse the 'Reset for Growth' report;</li> <li>iii. note the associated implementation plan; and</li> <li>iv. note the proposed expenditure of £25,000 from existing departmental provision for research to assist with the implementation of the Commission's recommendations.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>



<b>5d</b>	Invitation to Inclusive Growth Network Annual Political Leaders Meeting - Building Back Places Towards a Green, Inclusive Recovery	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to approve the attendance at the event of the Chairperson or the Deputy Chairperson (or their nominee).	<b>Yes</b>
<b>5e</b>	Consultation on draft Skills Strategy for Northern Ireland – Council Response	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to approve the response to the Skills Strategy for Northern Ireland consultation for submission to the Department for Economy.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>5f</b>	Belfast City Council Safeguarding Assurance Framework and Review of Policy	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. approve the draft Safeguarding (All Ages) Policy, which complies with the most recent developments in safeguarding and note that the draft policy has been shared for comment across a range of frontline services, including AGRS, Legal Services and corporate HR; and</li> <li>ii. endorse the public consultation timeframe for the draft policy document from November 2021.</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>

<b>5g</b>	Off-Street Parking Enforcement Services	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. agree, in line with SOLACE, that councils should tender for enforcement services on the open market, rather than renew the service agreement with the Department for Infrastructure. This would involve a joint tendering procurement exercise with the other councils for car parking enforcement services and penalty charge processing;</li> <li>ii. agree that officers formally inform the Department for Infrastructure that the Council did not wish to enter into another agency agreement and that it would, alongside other councils, tender on the open market for off-street enforcement and associated services; and</li> <li>iii. note that a further report would be submitted to the Committee in relation to the procurement process, outlining potential efficiencies, value-for-money and any financial challenges in delivering the off-street car parking function beyond October 2022.</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>5h</b>	Funding Agreements to support Belfast Climate Action	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. approve the award of funding agreements to the following organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Linenquarter BID - £20,000 contribution towards the delivery of the Festival of the Circular Economy, which will align with COP26 in November 2021;</li> <li>b) Common Purpose - £10,000 contribution towards the delivery of the Common Purpose Legacy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>

		<p>Programme, which will focus on young leaders roles in relation to climate and be scheduled for October 2021, in advance of COP26; and</p> <p>c) The Woodland Trust - £45,000 for the delivery of volunteer coordination, community outreach and support for PR and communication for the Belfast One Million Trees Programme over a 3-year period.</p> <p>ii. note the ongoing work by officers on the Carbon Disclosure Project and WWF One Planet City Challenge.</p>	
<b>5i</b>	Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman Consultation on Complaints Handling Standards for the Public Sector - Council Response	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to approve the response to the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman's consultation on complaints handling standards.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>5j</b>	Extension of Temporary Pavement Café Licence Scheme	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to agree that:</p> <p>i. the temporary Pavement Café licensing scheme be extended to 30th September 2022 and that any new licences granted be issued with the same expiry date;</p> <p>ii. any application fees associated with the temporary Pavement Café licensing scheme should be waived until 30th September 2022;</p> <p>iii. there should be a gradual return to normal and proportionate enforcement procedures in line with established council policy guidance, and</p> <p>iv. a follow up report be sent to the Licensing Committee prior to September 2022 to seek Members' views on how to proceed in relation to Pavement Café licensing.</p>	<b>Yes</b>

**Physical Programme and Asset Management**

<b>6a</b>	Leisure Transformation Programme - Assets Update	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to note the report and also that those independent recreation centres which are still under the ownership of the Council are also under consideration.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>6b</b>	Update on Physical Programme	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Proposed Movement - <b>'IT Programme – Replacement Hardware for NIHE System'</b> (Stage 3 – Committed on the Capital Programme) - a satisfactory tender return has now been achieved and it is recommended that a maximum £360,000 is now allocated to this project. The Director of Finance and Resources has confirmed that this is within the affordability limits of the Council and</li> <li>ii. note the update on contracts awarded in Q1 2021/22.</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>6c</b>	Update on Area Working	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the East Belfast Area Working Group of 21st June.	<b>Yes</b>

**Finance, Procurement and Performance**

<b>7a</b>	Update on Contracts	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. approve the public advertisement of tenders as per Standing Order 37a;</li> <li>ii. approve the award of Single Tender Actions in line with Standing Order 55 exceptions;</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>
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		<p>iii. approve the modification of the contract as per Standing Order 37a; and</p> <p>iv. note the award of retrospective Single Tender Actions in line with Standing Order 55 exceptions.</p>	
<b>7b</b>	Request for Funding - Belfast Youth Cup	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to allocate £5,000 to Playing for the Future CIC towards the cost of hosting the Belfast Youth Cup.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>7c</b>	Request for Funding - Tri-Cities Golf Event	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to agree that funding of up to a maximum of £2,000 be allocated from existing budgets to host the Tri-Cities Golf event.	<b>Yes</b>
<b><u>Equality and Good Relations</u></b>			
<b>8a</b>	Update on Language Strategy	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to note the report.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>8b</b>	Audit of Inequalities 2021 and Equality Action Plan 2021-24	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to approve the Audit of Inequalities 2021 and the Equality Action Plan 2021-24 for submission to the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>8c</b>	Equality and Diversity - Quarterly Screening Report and Rural Needs Annual Monitoring Report (2020-21)	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to note a summary of equality screenings and rural needs impact assessments for April to June 2021 and approve the submission to DAERA of the Rural Needs Annual Monitoring Return for 2020/21.	<b>Yes</b>

<b>8d</b>	Equality Impact Assessment for the Transport Hub and Associated Masterplan – Response to Translink	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to approve the response to Translink’s equality impact assessment for the Belfast Transport Hub and Wider Masterplan.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>8e</b>	Minutes of the Meeting of the Shared City Partnership	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to approve and adopt the minutes of the Shared City Partnership of 9th August, including the recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. to invite the CYP2 Delivery Partner Active Communities Network to present to a future meeting;</li> <li>ii. to invite Mediation NI to present the Shared History Narratives for the Shared Space to the Partnership at its meeting in September;</li> <li>iii. to approve a reallocation of budget to enable the funding awarded to NBIN/TASCIT for the Challenging Conversations project under BCC 8 Our Safe Community to be increased from £5k to £6,565; and</li> <li>iv. to note that the Dean Clarke Foundation has, under delegated authority, been allocated £1,940 towards a diversionary programme of activity for the Tigers Bay/ Mountcollyer area under the Strategic Intervention Programme.</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>
<b><u>Operational Issues</u></b>			
<b>9a</b>	Minutes of the Meeting of the Party Group Leaders' Consultative Forum	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Party Group Leaders' Consultative Forum of 12th August.	<b>Yes</b>

<b>9b</b>	Minutes of the Meeting of the Social Policy Working Group	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Social Policy Working Group of 30th June.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>9c</b>	Minutes of the Meeting of the Working Group on the Climate Crisis	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Working Group on the Climate Crisis of 23rd June.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>9d</b>	Minutes of the Meeting of the Active Belfast Limited Board	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to note the minutes of the meeting of the Active Belfast Limited Board of 9th August.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>9e</b>	Requests for Use of the City Hall and the Provision of Hospitality	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to adopt the recommendations made in respect of those applications received up to 9th August, as set out within the appendix to the report.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>9f</b>	Belfast Maritime Consortium Supervisory Board	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to approve her appointment to the Belfast Maritime Consortium Supervisory Board.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>9g</b>	Recruitment of Head of Inclusive Growth and Anti-Poverty	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to note that the Alliance Party would, in the first instance, seek to nominate a Member to sit on the selection panel.	<b>Yes</b>

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