

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Growth Partnership held on
Thursday 19 October 2017 at 10.30am in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Derry**

Members in Attendance:

Colin Devin, NWCN
Des Gartland, Invest NI
Gavin Killeen - Londonderry Chamber of Commerce (Co-Chair)
Jim McColgan, LAG
June Neill, Education Authority
Malachy O'Neil, Ulster University
Martin Connolly - Ballyarnett DEA
Martin Graham - Tourism NI
Nichola Creagh - Department of Communities
Pauline Campbell - Department of Communities (Co-Chair)
Trisha Ward - Libraries NI
Michael Cooke, Sport NI
Fiona McGrath, NIHE
Paul McCracken, PSNI
Fergal Lenoard/Tommy Barr, NIFRS
Donna Allen, WHSCT

Councillor Maoliosa McHugh, Mayor of DCSDC (Co-Chair)
Alderman Drew Thompson, DCSDC
Councillor Dan Kelly, DCSDC

Gary Middleton, MLA (DUP)

John Kelpie, Chief Executive of DCSDC
Stephen Gillespie, Director of Business & Culture DCSDC
Karen McFarland, Director of Health & Community DCSDC
Frank Morrison, Head of Capital Development and Building Control
Rachael Craig, Business Support & Change Manager DCSDC

Presenting Officers in Attendance:

Alfie Dallas, Lead Finance Officer, DCSDC
Barry O'Hagan, Head of Community Development & Leisure DCSDC
Oral Rafferty, Marketing, DCSDC
Jennie Peoples, Marketing, DCSDC

Johnny McNee, Planning Section, DCSDC
Michael Gallagher, Strategy Manager, DCSDC

Jill Short, Committee Services Assistant DCSDC

SGP09/17 Apologies

Angharad Bunt, Sport NI
Elma Newberry, NIHE
Gerry Quinn, Moor DEA
Gordon McCalmont, PSNI
Jarlath McNulty, Strabane LCP
Karen Philips, Director of Environment & Regeneration
Kenny McFarland, Faughan DEA (Co-Chair)
Mark Deeney, NIFRS
Teresa Molloy, WHSCT
Wendy Gibbons, Foyleside DEA

SGP10/17 Welcome

The Mayor welcomed all attendees to the meeting. He thanked everyone involved in the progression of the Strategic Growth Plan, City Growth Deal, Local Development Plan and the Local Community Plan for the District and looked forward to an update on their current status and the implications of Brexit later in the meeting.

SGP11/17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 May 2017

Minutes of the Transition Community Planning Partnership held on Friday 26 May 2017 were agreed with no amendments.

SGP12/17 Draft Strategic Growth Plan

The Business Support and Change Manager presented the above report, details of which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to brief Members of the Strategic Growth Partnership, on the outcome of the public consultation on the Strategic Growth Plan/Community Plan, present an amended draft plan for approval and outline arrangements for launching the plan.

Subsequently the Partnership

Resolved to endorse the draft consultation feedback report and approve the amended draft plan and arrangements to digitally launch the plan.

The Business Support and Change Manager advised that in terms of next steps it was recommended to proceed with the digital launch of the plan week commencing 6 November 2017. She explained that in terms of expansion of audience the Marketing Team were currently working on the promotional aspect of the digital launch of the plan. She invited the Officers to make their presentation.

Ms Jenny Peoples presented the online elements of the campaign and explained that the digital social media offering consisted of a multi-platform campaign across social media sites and would include a target campaign on Google. She also stated that this type of online promotional activity would reach a target audience of 268,000.

Ms Orla Rafferty presented the off-line strategy promotional campaign consisting of staggered outdoor advertising and she presented the video clips for Members to view.

The Mayor thanked both Officers for their contribution to the meeting and expressed excitement towards the marketing campaign and congratulated everyone involved with the promotional activities.

The Chief Executive welcomed the promotional campaign and advised that the videos were available to partners for inclusion in their promotional activities. He also notified Members that they still had an opportunity to provide final feedback on the Strategic Growth Plan up until Friday 27th October.

SGP13/17 Regional Growth Deal

The Lead Finance Officer presented the above report details of which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to update Members on the development of a Growth Deal/City Deal for the City and Region.

Subsequently the Partnership

Resolved that the Partnership endorse the approach outlined within the update report on the development of a Growth Deal/City Deal

SGP14/17 Local Development Plan

Mr Johnny McNee, Planning Officer (LDP) presented the above report a copy of which had previously been circulated. He advised that the purpose of the report was to provide an update on the current stage of the LDP preparation and in particular to provide an initial overview report on the responses made to the public consultation exercise for the LDP Preferred Options Paper (POP) between 31st May and 22nd August 2017. He further advised that the purpose of the POP paper was to provide the consultation bodies, stakeholders and interested parties with the opportunity to put forward their views and stimulate debate on the range of planning issues facing the District.

Subsequently the Partnership

Recommended that the update report on the Local Development Plan is noted and that a full report on the POP consultation exercise would be published in the coming months preferably by the end of November 2017

SGP15/17 Local Community Planning Process

Mr Barry O'Hagan, Head of Community Development and Leisure presented the above report a copy of which had previously been circulated. He advised that the purpose of the report was to update Members on the progress of the local Community Planning process to date.

Subsequently the Partnership

Recommended that Members note the update report on the Local Community Planning process to date.

SGP16/17 **Brexit and the Border Corridor Report**

Mr Michael Gallagher, Strategy Manager presented the above report a copy of which was previously circulated. He advised that the purpose of the report was to provide an update to Members on the work completed by DCSDC in relation to the UK's decision to exit from the EU.

Subsequently the Partnership

Recommended

- i) that the Partnership note that the research and other work will continue and both Councils are committed to working on a collaborative basis to ensure that all of those involved in shaping the UK's exit from Brexit are provided with a robust evidence based to inform their decision making.**
- ii) that the Partnership endorses Council's position in continuing to advance the case for the North West including calling upon the EU to pay particular attention to the North West and its unique circumstance.**

SGP17/17 **Any other Business**

The members noted that the next meeting of the Strategic Growth Partnership would be held in February 2018.

The Chief Executive in concluding the Meeting stated that in terms of the work to be achieved between now and February 2018; it was anticipated to digitally launch the Strategic Growth Plan and to progress the development and governance arrangements of the Local Plans. He added that the next meeting would focus on the implementation and delivery of the plan and its associated action plans,

to set-up a performance management regime and to provide a quick snap-shot of the various projects being progressed to date.

The meeting ended at 11.40am.