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Subject: FW: Request for further information following question raised at Finance Committee
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Subject: RE: Request for further information following question raised at Finance Committee

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Some thoughts from DCSDC City and Growth Deal.

The City Deal in Derry City and Strabane District is a key element of the inclusive strategic growth plan which is governed by Derry City and Strabane District's Strategic Growth Partnership. the City Deal projects were not just projects that were developed for City Deal- they all emanated from the strategic growth plan (which was comprehensively engaged upon and has inclusivity at its core). Following that, the City Deal projects were selected on the basis of those projects within the SGP that had the highest economic impact and then subjected to further intensive community consultation and engagement.

This partnership has fully endorsed the development and progression of the City Deal. The partnership includes the Chairs of the eight local growth partnerships – which include the 5 neighbourhood renewal partnerships in the City and District, North West Community Network and North West Community Wealth Building Partnership. Updates are provided to this partnership on the progress of the City Deal by the Chief Executive of the Council and also the Senior Leadership of Ulster University.

Individual consultation and engagement meetings have also been held with the Local Growth Partnerships to discuss the City Deal proposals – namely the Strabane Local Growth Partnership and the Foyleside Local Growth Partnership in relation to the Strabane Regeneration Project and the context for University Expansion respectively. Local Community Representatives have also been invited onto the Magee Taskforce.

In addition Council is committed to the continued involvement of local stakeholder groups as we progress with the implementation phase with a strong focus on achieving inclusiveness through (i) community engagement, (ii) the benefits realisation process and (iii) the design and implementation of social clauses. We have strong alignment between the emerging anti-poverty action plan and routes out of poverty which City Deal will contribute towards with skills, new employment opportunities and improved health. The anti-poverty action plan has been co-designed by local support organisations and people with lived experience of poverty. Council also sits on the NW Community Wealth Building Partnership and will continue to liaise to identify appropriate opportunities

through the delivery of City Deal.

Regards

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From: S 40 (2)
Sent: 12 November 2024 15:46
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Subject: Request for further information following question raised at Finance Committee

Good afternoon everyone,

At the Finance Committee meeting on 6 November, the following request was made:

"Members agreed to request information on how actual communities as well as community organisations feed into the region deals as well as information on how they are supported to engage with growth deals in general."

The issue had been raised by Deirdre Hargey MLA, who was keen to understand:

1. how communities feed into City and Growth Deals
2. how do we ensure there is inclusive growth to the wealth that will be created in terms of building the economy.
3. Is there any third sector involvement
4. in terms on making decisions on where the funding goes and she would like to know more about the impact at a local level for communities.

If you want to listen in, it's around 9 minutes if you wanted to listen in.

I would be grateful if you can provide a response on this in terms of each of your Deals and would appreciate a response by **close of play on Thursday 14 November** please so that we can compile a response.

Many thanks,

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