Belfast Region City Deal

Accelerating inclusive economic growth and creating opportunity

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What is the Belfast Region City Deal?

- Over 1 million people
- 65% of the most deprived wards are within the Belfast Region
- £24.3bn GVA across the Belfast Region
- 16% adults no qualifications
- Productivity 13% below UK average
BRCD Strategic Approach

• Addressing Key Challenges

• Focusing on Competitive Advantage

• Aligned with UK & NI industrial strategies
BRCD Development Process

Inclusive Growth

Industrial Strategic Framework

Supporting Strategies and Analysis

Infrastructure  Digital  Innovation  Tourism

Prioritisation

Employability and Skills

Feedback, Synthesis & Prioritisation

INVESTMENT PROGRAMME
The Belfast Region City Deal Ambition

- £1 billion of Investment to boost economy
- Supporting delivery of 20,000 jobs
- 22 integrated projects underpinned by E&S
- Delivering more & better jobs by investing in:
  - High growth sectors
  - Innovation & digital capabilities
  - Tourism & regeneration
  - Connecting people to opportunity
The Belfast Region City Deal Ambition?

• Building inclusion into each investment pillar:
  - Regional Innovation Networks
  - Affordable Transport
  - Tourism led-regeneration
  - E&S programme
  - Social Value
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The Programme of Investment

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Innovation and digital

Boosting tourism and regenerating our region

Infrastructure

Employability and skills

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## Innovation

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### Global Innovation Institute

A cross-disciplinary digital innovation hub, integrating world-class capabilities across data processing and data analytics, cybersecurity, wireless connectivity and bioinformatics applied to the ICT, manufacturing, health & life sciences, and agri-food sectors.

### Institute for Research Excellence in Advanced Clinical Healthcare

An integrated clinical research centre of excellence that will develop and deliver innovative clinical trials to drive improved health and social care in NI. It will link our innovation in clinical trials with investments planned in AI and data science to fully leverage the opportunities that exist at the interface of medical research and digital transformation.

### Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre

This Factory of the Future facility will provide a single “front door” for the manufacturing sector, uniquely bringing together advanced manufacturing technologies with Industry 4.0 disruptive technologies across aerospace, photonics, materials handling, construction and electrification.

### Screen and Media Innovation Lab

This will provide a research-led, industry-facing research facility covering Film and Broadcast, Animation, Immersive and Games Development. It will provide the city-region with a world-leading research and innovation centre driving the convergence of creativity, content development, technology and digital delivery.

### Digital Healthcare Technology Hub and Living Labs

This project is focused on enhancing medical device design and software/prototyping centric, with a very strong clinical-industry pull towards the co-creation of digital healthcare technologies empowered by the software engineering, artificial intelligence, Internet of Things and nanotechnology. It includes a world class open innovation Living Lab Hub.
Building an Innovation Economy in the Belfast Region

Global Innovation Institute

i-REACH

Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre

Screen & Media Innovation Lab

Digital Health Care Technology
Regeneration & Place-making
Employability and Skills Programme

- Integration into each project
- Alignment of partner investments
- Re-envisioning programmes
- Developing projects/ways of working
Programme Finance

Unlocking significant additional Investment from Private Sector

- £350M Councils / Universities
- £150M NI Govt
- £350M UK Govt

Financed through annual payment (over 15 years)
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Phase 2 Deliverables
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BRCD Phase 2 Deliverables

- Outline Business Cases (OBCs)
- Governance
- Financial Plan and Agreement
- Implementation Plan
- Deal Document
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Governance for Phase 2 – Develop the Implementation Plan and Funding Agreement

- **JOINT COUNCIL FORUM**
  - Decision making and ratification

- **INDIVIDUAL COUNCILS**
  - **UNIVERSITIES**
  - **UK and NI GOVERNMENTS**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**
- 6 Chief Executives, 2 Vice-Chancellors
- Chief Executive Belfast Met
- BREDI and 2 NICS Senior Officials
- Decision making, strategic direction, issue resolution, political and stakeholder negotiations, etc.

- **Stakeholder Engagement**
- Economic Forum
- Permanent Secretaries Group
- Universities / Academia
- FE Colleges
- Government Departments
- Private Sector

**Potential Advisory Boards** – oversight of OBC production

- **INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD**
- **TOURISM AND REGENERATION ADVISORY BOARD**
- **EMPLOYABILITY AND SKILLS ADVISORY BOARD**
- **DIGITAL ADVISORY BOARD**
- **INNOVATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**Central Programme Office**
- Accountable Body – Belfast City Council
- Financial Planning Framework

**Communications and Engagement**
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Progress since Budget

- **Heads of Terms Signed**
- Sustained political support from all parties
- New governance & programme structures developed
- Allocation of more than £2.5 million to fund programme development
- Appointed Programme Director & Managers
- Advisory Boards being established to challenge and drive OBCs
- World-leading Institute supporting development of digital programme
- Global businesses engaging directly with BRCD partners