



Subject:	Request to Present – Eastern Transport Plan
Date:	9 th April 2025
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to request that the Members of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee to agree to receive a presentation from the Department for Infrastructure in relation to the Eastern Transport Plan Belfast Update at a future meeting of the CG&R Committee.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Agree to receive a presentation from the Department for Infrastructure in relation to the Eastern Transport Plan Belfast Update, and to extend the invitation to Members of the Planning Committee.
3.0	<p>Eastern Transport Plan</p> <p>The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) is developing the Eastern Transport Plan for the city and four of the surrounding Local Authority areas. The CG&R Committee received a presentation from DfI on the 28th June 2023 on the emerging Plan which set out the background to the Plan; an overview of the approach; delivery timescales and phasing; and details of the draft Vision, Objectives and General Principles. Further to this the CG&R Committee agreed the Council's response to the Public Consultation on the Emerging Plan at the Committee Meeting in October 2023.</p>
3.1	In this response the Council outlined its support of the Departments proposed approach and welcomed the progress made. The Council raised a number of technical queries within the response, including a review of parking standards, confirmation of the approach to road protection lines and strategic proposals such as York Street Interchange, and the capacity to align with the Local Development Plan and the LPP. The Council also encouraged the Department to ensure key decisions are taken at an early stage to allow adequate design and planning time to unlock major capital investment in the city - in advance of waiting for the entirety of the Plan.
3.2	Following the consultation Council Officers have been working closely with the Department as the Plan has developed to ensure alignment with Strategic Council Policy's and Strategies including the Local Development Plan and A Bolder Vision. The Department are now at an advanced stage of the Belfast element of the Plan and are proposing to undertake engagement throughout the Summer of 2025. In advance of this the Department propose to present the emerging plan to the Members of the City Growth & Regeneration Committee. Given the strategic alignment with the LDP it is also proposed that the presentation invite is extended to the Members of the Planning Committee.
5.0	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no finance or resource implications associated with this report.</p>
6.0	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>

	There are no Equality or Good Relation Implications/Rural Needs Assessment requirements associated with this report.
7.0	Appendices
	None