



<b>Subject:</b>	Request to Present – Northern Ireland Housing Executive
<b>Date:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
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<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to highlight the recent correspondence from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) on the City Centre Waiting List, which is understood to have been sent to BCC Elected Members and seek approval to invite the NIHE to the special meeting of the CG&R Committee on 27 August to discuss this. It is proposed to extend the invitation to this special meeting to Elected Members from the People & Communities and Planning Committees.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Agree to invite the NIHE to the special CG&amp;R Committee meeting on 27 August to discuss the City Centre Waiting List and to extend invites to the Elected Members of the People &amp; Communities and Planning Committees.</li> </ol>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The development of the Belfast City Centre Waiting list for social housing has been raised by Elected Members at this Committee, the People & Communities and Planning Committees, as well as various other fora including working groups.
3.2	<p>The NIHE very recently issued correspondence to Elected Members as attached at Appendix One. The NIHE have confirmed that with new social housing being completed within the Loft Lines development later this year they are now in a position to implement the Belfast City Centre Waiting List. Furthermore, they advise that during the week beginning 7th July 2025 they were to write to all households who have expressed an interest in living within the Belfast area on their application for social housing, to make them aware that new apartments at Dargan House, Loft Lines are due to be allocated before the end of the year. In the letter they have advised they will ask those households who are interested in living within the new Belfast City Centre Common Landlord Area to get in touch with them by the 31 August 2025 to update their preferences. The NIHE have advised this is similar to an exercise they undertook in March 2020, when all applicants and transfers on the waiting list across the Belfast City Council area were invited to register their interest in city centre living. Following this exercise, 862 households joined a 'virtual city centre list'. The NIHE have set out that the Dargan House development has been identified as a potential "Housing for All" Shared Housing Development scheme and have set out further information as to what this could entail.</p>
3.3	Given the timings as set out in the correspondence from the NIHE it is proposed that they are invited to attend the special meeting of the CG&R Committee on 27 August, to update

	Elected Members on feedback to date, and to provide an opportunity for Elected Members to table any questions they may have. It is proposed that an invite to the special Committee meeting is extended to all Elected Members on the People & Communities and Planning Committees given the synergy across this topic.
<b>4.0</b>	<b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b> None associated with this report.
<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b> None associated with this report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b> Appendix One – Correspondence from NIHE to BCC Elected Members