



Subject:	Culture Night - Correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure and the Department for Communities
Date:	6th August, 2025
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To update Members on responses received from the Minister for Infrastructure and the Department for Communities to correspondence from the Committee in relation to 2025 Belfast Culture Night.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the correspondence received from the Minister for Infrastructure and the Department for Communities in relation to Culture Night.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Committee, at its meeting in April 2025, considered a report which updated Members on sector engagement and recommendations relating to the delivery and support models for a 2025 Culture Night in Belfast and subsequent iterations.
3.2	At the meeting, the Committee approved the launch of a public procurement exercise to deliver a 2025 Culture Night for Belfast.
3.3	The Committee also agreed to write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Translink requesting that consideration be given to the operation of late-night public transport services on Culture Night; and to write to the Minister for Communities requesting that consideration be given to the provision of funding to support the 2025 Culture Night programme, and Culture Night going forward.
3.4	Correspondence has now been received from the Minister for Infrastructure (Appendix 1) and the Department for Communities (Appendix 2), which provide responses to the Committee requests.
3.5	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Document Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Minister for Infrastructure Response – Culture Night</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Department for Communities Response – Culture Night</p>