



<b>Subject:</b>	Translink Request to Present on the Belfast Grand Central Station
<b>Date:</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Some time in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<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 or Summary of main Issues</b>
	To request that the Members of the CG&R Committee receive a presentation from Translink at the January Special Meeting on the Belfast Grand Central Station.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
<b>2.1</b>	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Agree to receive a presentation from Translink on the Belfast Grand Central Station at the Special Meeting of the CG&amp;R Committee.</li><li>ii. Agree that the invitation for the presentation is to include all Members of Belfast City Council.</li></ul>

3.0	<b>Main report</b>
	<p data-bbox="272 226 448 253"><b>Background</b></p> <p data-bbox="165 327 209 353">3.1</p> <p data-bbox="272 327 1469 562">As an NI Executive Flagship Project construction commenced on the the new transport hub, Belfast Grand Central Station in 2020 and is due to be completed in 2025. This £250m investment will be the main transport gateway to Belfast combining rail, bus and coach connections into a modern facility, and will open up a major transport led regeneration project in the Weavers Cross regeneration opportunity. The key benefits of the scheme</p> <ul data-bbox="272 629 1458 1480" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Integration:</b> Designed to be a multi modal transport hub with 26 bus stands, 8 railway platforms, cycle and taxi provision for enhanced comfort and capacity to attract even more people to choose greener, active travel for a healthier city.</li> <li>• <b>Enhanced passenger capacity:</b> Belfast Grand Central Station will cater for around 20 million passenger journeys each year.</li> <li>• <b>Commercial Business &amp; Investment:</b> At the heart of a dynamic new ‘Weavers Cross’ mixed-use development, boasting a range of commercial opportunities to support the local economy and provide sustainable end use jobs.</li> <li>• <b>Regeneration:</b> The station investment is the catalyst to reconnect and reinvigorate adjacent Sandy Row and Lower Falls neighbourhoods.</li> <li>• <b>Public Realm:</b> A new accessible civic space, named Saltwater Square, inviting more people to access and enjoy the area.</li> <li>• <b>New Gateway:</b> To attract and welcome visitors worldwide providing an excellent first impression to NI – including relocation of the Enterprise Train.</li> <li>• <b>Job Creation:</b> Providing over 400 jobs during the construction phase with the added commitment to education and skills training for apprenticeships and new entrants opportunities for local people.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="165 1536 209 1563">3.2</p> <p data-bbox="272 1547 1469 1783">To date the construction works have largely been contained to within the site boundary, however throughout 2024 and 2025 the construction works will include utility diversions on the surrounding streets, public realm and junction improvement works on Great Victoria St, Grosvenor Road, Durham St, Sandy Row, Glengall St and Hope St as well as rail works to transfer the rail network into the new Belfast Grand Central Station.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1850 544 1877"><b>Request to Present</b></p> <p data-bbox="165 1906 209 1933">3.3</p> <p data-bbox="272 1906 1469 1984">Translink have requested to present an update on the Belfast Grand Central Station works to the January Special Meeting of the CG&amp;R Committee. This presentation will include the</p>

	wider benefits of the new integrated transport hub, an update on the construction works to date and information on the planned road works as referred to item 3.2 of this report. Translink will also be presenting the mitigation measures that will be implemented to facilitate these works. The mitigation measures and implementation plans are currently under development in conjunction with Translink and DfI.
3.4	Translink have requested that this presentation is restricted until they commence their wider public communication and engagement plan.
3.5	Given the wide-reaching impacts of the wider Weavers Cross and Belfast Grand Central Station works, and the pending Streetworks it is recommended that invitations to this presentation are widened to include all Council Members.
3.6	Officers have requested that the presentation is shared with Members at least one week in advance of the Special meeting.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Resource Implications</b>
	There are no finance or resource implications associated with this report
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</b>
	There are no Equality or Good Relation Implications/Rural Needs Assessment requirements associated with this report
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	None