



Subject:	Correspondence received from the Department for Infrastructure – Public Transport Fares
Date:	15th January, 2025
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To note the correspondence received from the Department for Infrastructure, in response to the Committee request for the Minister to consider reducing the cost of public transport fares over the Christmas period.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the correspondence as set out in the report.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Committee, at its special meeting in October 2024, received a progress update from Translink on the Belfast Grand Central Station/Weavers Cross Transport Led Regeneration Project. During the meeting, the Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Infrastructure, John O’Dowd, requesting that consideration be given to reducing the cost of public transport fares over the Christmas period, as an incentive to increase the use of public transport.
3.2	Accordingly, correspondence has been received from Ms. E. Stockman, Private Secretary to the Minister, which provides a response to the Committee request. (Appendix 1)
3.4	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> None associated with this report.
3.5	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices - Document Attached
	Appendix 1 – Department for Infrastructure Response