



Subject:	Correspondence received – Department for Infrastructure - Belfast Region City Deal Response
Date:	19th June, 2026
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider the correspondence received from the Department for Infrastructure in relation to the issues which had been raised by the Committee in reference to the Belfast Region City Deal progress update.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the correspondence as set out in the report.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Committee will recall that, at its meeting on 20th March 2026, the Members of the Committee were provided with a progress update on the activity which had been undertaken within the Belfast Region City Deal (BRCD).</p>
3.2	<p>The update reported on the progress to date across all pillars of investment and the following information was provided in relation to the Infrastructure Pillar (1 project progressing, 2 projects on hold):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DoF approval for the BRT Phase 2 has been granted to DfI who have now appointed Atkins to progress design development. • Procurement of a Contractor for Lagan Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge is ongoing and DfI are considering the implications of the A5 judgement on all DfI projects. • Following completion of a public consultation exercise for Newry Southern Relief Road earlier this year, DfI are awaiting a decision on whether a public inquiry will be required for the project.
3.3	<p>During discussion of the Infrastructure Pillar, the Committee agreed to write to the Minister of Infrastructure to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • raise concern in the projects which had been outlined as 'on hold' in the report, clarify the status of the Lagan Cycle and Pedestrian Bridge Project and urge the Minister to progress the project as a positive Active Travel Project as it benefitted the Departments climate change responsibilities.

<p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in relation to BRT Phase 2 project, request information of when the design development would be completed, in particular regards to Ormeau Avenue. <p>Subsequently, Democratic Services wrote to the Department for Infrastructure on the issues which had been raised, and a response has been received for consideration at Appendix 1.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None associated with this report.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Response from the Department for Infrastructure</p>