



Subject:	TransportNI/ Translink Presentation
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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	In April the Committee agreed that Transport NI should attend a future meeting to make a presentation on strategic transportation issues within the city and in respect of the annual plan for the Belfast Area. Given the remit of Transport NI, it was also suggested that an invitation to attend the meeting be extended to representatives of Translink, which would enable Members to consider a range of transport-related issues relevant to the City.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	To note the presentation by TransportNI / Translink in relation to the strategic transportation issues / proposals within Belfast and consider the detail in respect of the Annual Report as set out in Appendix 1.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Post LGR, Council has begun to develop new relationships with statutory consultees such as TransportNI and Translink. These new working arrangements are required to address the strategic transportation matters alongside the day-to-day operational activities in relation to the planning processes and traffic management / parking within the city. As a

number of the issues to be addressed by the two organisations overlap and have the potential to address shared objectives, for the continued sustainable development of the city, it will be a joint presentation.

3.2 It is proposed that In the presentation will provide the Committee with an outline of some of the key proposals, current issues and emerging initiatives within the Belfast, including:

- Emerging policy / strategy approaches and traffic modelling activity
- Current operational challenges and changes
- New methods of working, partnerships and relationships
- Strategic Projects and initiatives
 - o York Street Interchange
 - o A2/ A55 improvements
 - o Transport Hub
 - o Rapid Transit Infrastructure
 - o Rapid Transit Operation / Integration of services
 - o Integrated Ticketing Proposals
- Emerging proposals such as Shaftesbury Link

3.3 In addition the presentation by TransportNI will include an outline of the recently published Spring Report by TransportNI on the work within or affecting the Belfast City Council area. This will summarise the main elements of the document which is included within this report as Appendix 1.

3.4 The combined presentation will allow Members to consider a range of transport-related issues which were relevant to the City and provide the opportunity to raise any issues within the presentation or the circulated material directly with the representatives attending the Committee. The Spring Report has been circulated with the papers to supplement any information provided and to enable Members to formulate questions for consideration at the meeting.

3.5 It should be noted that TransportNI and Translink have engaged positively during the development of the City Centre Regeneration and Investment Strategy and that a number of the strategic projects are reflected in this document. This engagement will continue to ensure the smooth delivery of the Council's new planning and off street car parking functions (Parking is the subject of a separate report on the Committee agenda).

3.6	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> None
3.7	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
4.1	Appendix 1: Spring Report on TransportNI work to Belfast City Council