



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	TransportNI and Translink have been invited to attend this Committee to make presentations on the Eastern Division Report to Belfast City Council Autumn 2015 and strategic transportation issues within the city.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	To note the presentations by TransportNI and Translink in relation to the transportation issues and proposals within Belfast including the detail set out in the Autumn Report (Appendix 1).
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Through work on the City Centre Regeneration Investment Strategy and in bringing forward a Local Development Plan the Council will develop new relationships with statutory consultees and organisations such as TransportNI and Translink. These new working arrangements are necessary to ensure that strategic transportation issues are considered alongside the day-to-day operational activities in relation to planning processes and transportation within the city.
3.2	The presentation by TransportNI will outline the recently published Autumn Report by

TransportNI on the work within or affecting the Belfast City Council area (Appendix 1). This will include information on Network, Traffic, Street Lighting Improvements and Maintenance. As part of the presentation TransportNI will highlight some of the key proposals, current issues and emerging initiatives within Belfast, including:

- Strategic Road Improvements
 - Update on the York Street Interchange. The Public Inquiry evidence sessions took place between the 10-12 November 2015.
 - A2 Sydenham Bypass Improvement Scheme proposal to widen a 2.5km stretch of the existing Bypass from a dual 2-lane carriageway to a dual 3-lane carriageway; and
 - Progress on the A55 Knock Road Improvement Scheme.
- Network Development
 - Ongoing Bus Priority Measures and Belfast Rapid Transit Infrastructure works; and
 - Programme for Maintenance of Structures.

3.3 Translink will provide an update on the proposed Transport Hub project. Translink and DRD have been working to develop proposals for an integrated Public Transport Hub that should be a high class gateway for Belfast. The project will focus on the site of the Europa Bus Centre and Great Victoria Street station and incorporate the land between the Westlink and the current facilities. A team has been appointed to develop strategic options which will be presented for consideration by the Committee.

3.4 The combined presentation will provide a broad overview of ongoing and proposed transport proposals and provide the opportunity to explore the linkages between the proposals and the ongoing work of the Council to support the continued development and regeneration of the City. The Autumn Report has been circulated with the papers to supplement any information and provide Members with detailed background to the presentation.

3.5 It should be noted that TransportNI and Translink have responded positively to the development of the City Centre Regeneration and Investment Strategy and that a number of the strategic projects are reflected in this document. This ongoing engagement will help ensure the effective delivery of the Council's new planning and off street car parking functions alongside partnership based approaches to the development of key infrastructure within the City.

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: Autumn Report on TransportNI work to Belfast City Council