



<b>Subject:</b>	NI Executive and Ministerial Engagement
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<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>														
1.1	To update Members on the continued engagement with the NI Assembly and Executive Ministers.														
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>														
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the contents of this report and that engagement will continue with the NI Executive, Ministers and Senior Departmental officials over coming weeks and months.</li> </ul>														
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>														
3.1	In the context of the development of the Belfast Agenda (and identification of the key ambitions and priorities for the city), as well as seeking to influence and shape the emerging Programme for Government and key Executive delivery frameworks such as the Investment, Economic and Social Strategies, there has been intensive political engagement by the Council and Members over recent months. This included, for example, the recent series of Ministerial meetings, the representation at Westminster and Stormont and focused briefings to specific Executive Committees including the Committee for Infrastructure on 7 November 2016.														
3.2	To date, a Council deputation has meet with six out of the nine Executive Ministerial offices as set out below (a summary of the key outcomes from these meetings is attached at <b>Appendix 1</b> ). <table border="1" data-bbox="220 1682 1406 1989"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Ministerial Meetings to date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Education Minister</b> Peter Weir MLA</td> <td>9 Aug. 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Justice Minister</b> Claire Sugden MLA</td> <td>22 Aug. 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Finance Minister</b> Máirtín Ó Muilleoir MLA</td> <td>26 Aug. 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Communities Minister</b> Paul Givan MLA</td> <td>13 Sept. 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Executive Office</b> - First Minister Arlene Foster MLA, and Deputy First Minister, Martin McGuinness MLA</td> <td>28 Sept 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Infrastructure Minister</b> Chris Hazzard MLA</td> <td>20 Nov 16</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Council is actively seeking to confirm meetings with the other Ministers with responsibility for the</p>	Ministerial Meetings to date		<b>Education Minister</b> Peter Weir MLA	9 Aug. 16	<b>Justice Minister</b> Claire Sugden MLA	22 Aug. 16	<b>Finance Minister</b> Máirtín Ó Muilleoir MLA	26 Aug. 16	<b>Communities Minister</b> Paul Givan MLA	13 Sept. 16	<b>Executive Office</b> - First Minister Arlene Foster MLA, and Deputy First Minister, Martin McGuinness MLA	28 Sept 16	<b>Infrastructure Minister</b> Chris Hazzard MLA	20 Nov 16
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3.3	<p>Department for Economy, Department for Health and Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. Attached at Appendix 2 for Members information is recent correspondence received from the Health Minister’s Office in response to requests to meet.</p>
3.4	<p>Members should be aware that Council officers will continue to engage and work alongside senior central government officials with a view to identifying the key challenges, priorities and opportunities for the city which need to be progressed as well as informing/shaping the emerging Programme for Government (and associated delivery plans) as well as the development of the Investment, Economic and Social Strategies referred to above. Where possible we need to work with central government and other partners to better align our energy, activities and resources to deliver shared priorities and outcomes and maximise opportunities around co-design and co-delivery.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Summary of outcomes from recent Executive Ministerial meetings  Appendix 2 – Correspondence received from the Health Minister</p>