



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Traffic in City Centre
Date:	11th October, 2017
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
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	To consider the Notice of Motion re: Traffic in the City Centre which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 2nd October.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider the motion and take any such action as may be determined.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Council, at its meeting on 2nd October, considered the following Notice of Motion which had been moved by Councillor Dudgeon and seconded by Alderman Rodgers:</p> <p>“This Council has grave concerns about traffic congestion in the City centre, particularly at the back of City Hall, resulting from recent new arrangements. A major source of the problem at peak times is the prohibition on vehicles (except buses and emergency services) going from Donegall Square East into Adelaide Street from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.</p> <p>3.2 This means that cars must either go into Chichester Street, turn right into Montgomery Street, then right into May Street and left into Adelaide Street, or use Donegall Square East, then Donegall Square South and Bedford Street to go in an eastern or south-eastern direction. There is no other reasonable way for vehicles to go from the west or south west of the City to the south and east, despite the description of the route as a rat run.</p> <p>3.3 Cars accessing Adelaide Street between June, 2015 and August, 2016 were caught by the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) camera in Donegall Square East on 18,000 occasions, resulting in £1 million of fines. This proves the difficulty faced by drivers and especially visitors to the City.</p> <p>3.4 The Council, therefore, calls on DfI, working in conjunction with Translink, to end the prohibition on traffic entering Adelaide Street from Donegall Square East. This would also enable the removal of the large and unsightly electronic warning sign in Donegall Square East and free up the traffic island on which it sits.”</p> <p>3.5 The Committee is asked to consider the motion and agree any action.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.6 None.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>3.7 None.</p>

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None