



Subject:	City Greenways Workshop
Date:	4 th September 2018
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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 propose to Committee that the recent motion in relation to Greenway is taken forward through an all Member workshop that will look at greenways across Belfast on a north, south, east and west basis.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">agree to hold an all Member workshop to discuss greenways on a north, south, east and west basis on 14th November at 4.30 p.m., with the venue to be confirmed.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	Sustainable transport is a key element of the Belfast Agenda under the City Development priority with a stretch goal to increase the use of sustainable transport by 15 per cent by 2021. A number of key infrastructure projects are currently in place to help achieve this stretch goal including the £150 million Belfast Transport Hub and the Belfast Glider system. As part of the sustainable transport plan for achieving our stretch goal in the Belfast Agenda, we have committed to supporting walking and cycling as sustainable modes of transport, improving the city’s pedestrian routes and cycling infrastructure.
3.2	The Comber Greenway and Connswater Community Greenway, as well as the Lagan and Lough Cycle Way have proven very successful in providing safe cycling and pedestrian infrastructure that connects neighbourhoods to each other as well as to the city centre.
3.3	<p>It is on this basis that the recent notice of motion, added to at People & Communities Committee on 8th May 2018, states the following:</p> <p><i>“That this council will support the further development of the Greenway strategy in Belfast, including assessing the benefits of a Sydenham Greenway, linking East Belfast and Holywood and the development of the Greenway in West Belfast and the Shankill linking Belfast and Lisburn. Council will engage with potential partners to assess how such a strategy would be implemented, with focus on improving connectivity and benefiting health and well-being in our community.”</i></p>
3.4	Over the past year, the North and West Area Working Groups have discussed the strategic importance of the Belfast Hills to the neighbouring communities. There has been agreement to hold a combined North and West Area Working Group to discuss the Belfast Hills in this regard, specifically looking at increasing accessibility from the hills to the surrounding neighbourhoods and in to the city centre. This was recently discussed at the People & Communities Committee meeting of 6 th February when Committee agreed, in principle, to support Ligoniel Improvement Association in its Heritage Lottery Fund Great Places application for its North Belfast Greenway Project.
3.5	Given the strategic importance of greenways at a city and local level, People and Communities Committee are asked to bring the various discussions on the matter into a single workshop that will look at greenways in Belfast on a north, south, east and west basis.

3.6	<p>A provisional date of 14th November at 4.30 pm has been set aside for this workshop. Should Committee approve this, the Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services will formally invite all members to attend this workshop.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.7	<p>There are no additional financial or resource allocations contained within this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.8	<p>There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained within this report.</p>
4.0	<p>Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>