



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Belfast Rapid Transit
Date:	12th 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/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee's attention a Motion regarding Belfast Rapid Transit, which was presented to the Council at its meeting on 3rd September.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider the motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The following motion regarding Belfast Rapid Transit, which was proposed by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor Heading, was presented to the Council at its meeting on 3rd September.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Belfast Rapid Transit</u></p> <p>“This Council notes the introduction of the Belfast Rapid Transit (BRT) to the City. This £90 million investment is intended to lead to an improvement of connectivity in Belfast and in public transport for citizens. The Council notes, however, that the introduction of BRT has led to a number of serious issues that need urgent redressing if the system is not to have an adverse effect on our City.</p> <p>These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • impaired access to homes for the elderly and those with serious disabilities; • parents unable to safely leave children to school in some locations; • access to local shops has been severely restricted, with car parking spaces removed without any recourse as to where this parking would go thereafter; • double yellow lines are to be extended into residential areas, restricting access to homes and again exacerbating the parking problem; • a severe increase in congestion, and the need to come up with solutions to this; and despite these issues being raised, the Department for Infrastructure has failed to introduce any mitigating measures.
3.3	<p>In the absence of a Stormont Executive and, acknowledging the important role played by local government in community planning, this Council can play an important role in representing the views of this City to the Department on the relevant issues surrounding BRT. The Council believes that urgent measures are needed to solve these issues. This should be done in an open and transparent manner, involving residents and other stakeholders. Where necessary, aspects of BRT should be delayed to ensure a competent and satisfactory delivery.</p>
3.4	<p>To assist such an approach, the Council will host open meetings in East and West Belfast in order to listen to the concerns of residents on this issue. The Council will also arrange a deputation to the Department for Infrastructure, which will be open to Councillors from all political parties, to discuss how the above problems can be resolved or mitigated.”</p>

3.5	<p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.6	None associated with this report.
3.7	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	None