



Subject:	Requests to Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company (Weavers Cross)- Pragma Consultants (Retail Analysis)- Northern Ireland Water
Date:	5th June, 2019
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime 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	The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval to receive at a future meeting presentations from the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company on the Weavers Cross Regeneration Project, from Pragma consultants on a Retail Analysis of the City centre and from NI Water on its water and wastewater infrastructure and services.

2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is requested to receive at a future meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a presentation from the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company on the Weavers Cross Regeneration Scheme; • a presentation from Pragma Consultants on the City centre retail analysis; and • a presentation from NI Water on its water and wastewater infrastructure and services.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Members will be aware of the ongoing work to deliver the Belfast City Centre Regeneration and Investment Strategy (BCCRIS). This includes a commitment to better manage the City centre retail offer and to maximise the opportunities from the development of Weavers Cross.</p>
3.2	<p>A key policy within BCCRIS focuses on the need to manage the retail offer and, in line with the challenging retail issues affecting the city centre, Pragma Consultants (formally FSP Retail Consultants) were commissioned to undertake a Retail Analysis of the city centre. The scope of the Retail Analysis was developed in conjunction with the Council, along with members from the Belfast Chamber of Trade and Commerce, including representatives from key retailers, with further engagement with these bodies planned. It is proposed that Pragma attend a future meeting of the Committee to present its findings.</p>
3.3	<p>Weavers Cross is a regeneration scheme adjoining the newly proposed Transport Hub and is being led by the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company. The Transport Hub will become the main gateway for Belfast, with rail and bus connections to all parts of Northern Ireland, and the main rail and coach link to Dublin, with direct connections to major airports. The wider Weavers Cross regeneration scheme aims to regenerate a significant area of land adjoining the Transport Hub and it will be a key feature in efforts to meet the Belfast Agenda and BCCRIS targets. The Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company would like to attend a future meeting in order update Members on its proposals to and to seek feedback.</p>
3.4	<p>NI Water is also seeking approval to attend a future meeting in order to brief the Committee on its infrastructure investment proposals for the period 2021-2027 and how they impact upon the Council area.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>No specific financial or resource implications associated with this presentation.</p>

3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> No specific equality of good relations implications. No specific rural needs impact.
4.0	Documents Attached
	None.