



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Systems Operator NI Consultation on Draft Transmission Development Plan 2020-29 – Council Response</b>
<b>Date:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sometime in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To present to the Committee the BCC officer submission to Systems Operator NI's (SONI) consultation on the draft Transmission Development Plan 2020-29, as set out in Appendix 1.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the Council's response to the SONI consultation on the draft Transmission Development Plan 2020-29 and endorse the action that further discussions will take place to explore opportunities for collaboration between the Council and SONI Ltd.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The SONI Draft Transmission Plan 2020 – 2029 sets out the future plans for SONI. SONI is the Electricity System Operator for Northern Ireland, its role including the planning and operation of the electricity system, the single electricity wholesale market (all-island) and management of the flows on interconnectors with our neighbours.

3.2	<p>Due to the technical nature of the consultation, an officer response was submitted on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021, which is attached for Members' information. The response highlights the Council's work to develop a Climate Plan, the finalised Belfast Resilience Strategy, ongoing work to develop Electric Vehicle infrastructure, the Local Development Plan, and the role of digital technology and data management.</p>
3.3	<p>The following correspondence has subsequently been received from SONI:</p> <p>"In relation to the <i>TDPNI</i> we published our <a href="#">response document</a> to this consultation on our website last week...the TDPNI is currently out for a second consultation by the Utility Regulator until 1st March, and we will include your submission in our response to that consultation; we have issued your response to the Utility Regulator... Further details in relation to the Utility Regulator's consultation are available here: <a href="#">Consultation on SONI's draft 2020-2029 Transmission Development Plan   Utility Regulator (uregni.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>SONI would be keen to appraise Elected Members of key projects contained in the TDPNI, which are in the Belfast City Council area and is beginning initial key stakeholder briefings on the <a href="#">Belfast Metropolitan Redevelopment Project</a>.</p> <p>SONI is soon to launch a public consultation into the transformations needed in the electricity system to provide a cost-effective, clean and secure electricity supply to consumers in 2030. SONI call this piece of work '<i>Shaping Our Electricity Future</i>'. SONI wishes to engage with Belfast City Council in relation to this and consider the feedback from Northern Ireland's councils and members to be a key requirement for the success of this project".</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>3.4 None associated with this report.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>3.4 None associated with this report</p>
4.0	<p><b>Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p><b>Appendix 1</b> – BCC response to SONI draft Transmission Development Plan 2020-29 (TDPNI) consultation</p> <p><b>Appendix 2</b> – Draft Transmission Development Plan 2020-29</p>