



Subject:	Requests to present to CGR Committee
Date:	3 rd March 2021
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
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 advise Members of a request to present to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Agree to receive a presentation from Department for Infrastructure (DfI) senior officials on the Belfast Rapid Transport (Glider) Phase 2 scheme.▪ Agree to receive a presentation from the Ulster University providing an update on the ongoing development works, the migration strategy for the new City Centre Campus, and campus impact study.
3.0	Main report

Belfast Rapid Transport (Glider) Phase 2 Scheme

- 3.1 The BRT (Glider) Phase 1 scheme launched in September 2018, has provided the city with the G1 East-West public rapid transit route that connects Colin Town Centre, through the city centre to Dundonald, and the G2 Titanic Link route. The scheme, through the introduction bus priority, a new fleet of glider vehicles, additional feeder and residual services, contactless payment and enhanced Park & Ride facilities has seen an uptake in passenger journeys on the East-West Corridor of over 45%.
- 3.2 DfI are currently progressing plans for Phase 2 of the BRT scheme that would see an added north-south route in the city. The Outline Business Case for the scheme is being further developed in order to bid for funding under Belfast City and Regional Deal, with technical feasibility and proposed network route being developed with the view to progressing to public consultation in Spring 2021. DfI have engaged with Council officers and there will be an opportunity for the Council to provide a formal response to any public consultation, the details and timescale of which are currently been finalised.
- 3.3 Given the strategic, city wide importance of the next phase of this public transport infrastructure scheme, it is recommended that Members receive a presentation from DfI senior officials on the BRT Phase 2 Scheme and the emerging proposals. It is anticipated that a presentation would be provided at the CGR committee meeting in April, subject to confirmation by DfI.

Ulster University City Centre Campus

- 3.4 Members are asked to agree to receive a presentation providing an update on the ongoing development works and the migration strategy for the new City Centre Campus.
- 3.5 This presentation will include an update on the University's progress in opening the city centre campus in 2021 and the regenerative impact of the new campus on the city centre and local communities. The presentation will include an update on the Migration Strategy and the ongoing Transport and Travel work and associated issues to be resolved to ensure a successful migration and embedding of this strategically significant development for the city centre.
- 3.6 The presentation will also include an update on the Campus Impact Study, a collaborative project being carried out between the Council, UU and UUEPC to support an evidence based and ongoing conversation on the regeneration impacts of the UU campus with the surrounding communities, aligned to the Belfast Agenda.

3.7 **Financial & Resource Implications**

	None associated with this report.
3.8	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u> None associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.