



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DECISIONS, TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY GROWTH AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 9th June, 2021
COMPILATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS SENT TO CX: 11th June, 2021
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FINAL DATE FOR CALL-IN (10am): 18th June, 2021

	Topic	Chief Executive's Decision	Subject to call-in
<u>Request to Present</u>			
2a	Translink, Belfast Transport Hub - Weavers Cross update	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company to present to the next meeting of the Committee on 11th August, 2021 on the Belfast Transport Hub and the wider Weavers Cross Regeneration Scheme. 	YES
<u>Regenerating Places & Improving Infrastructure</u>			
3a	Department for Communities (DfC) Housing Supply Strategy: Call for Evidence	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree that officers develop initial responses to the questions posed in the recent Housing Supply Strategy: Call for Evidence document that has been launched by DfC; Agree that the draft response will subsequently be brought via Party Group Leaders given the closing date of 16th July for responses, with the final response brought back retrospectively to the Committee in August; Note the ongoing work in respect of the city-wide strategic site assessment work and the proposal for a collaborative approach via the Community Planning Partnership City Development Board for a focused cross agency Delivery Group to co-ordinate the 	YES

		<p>identification and collation of information on public sector lands suitable for housing development;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note that in the Call for Evidence response that points would be raised in relation to the possibility of a ring fenced fund for those areas with the highest need/deprivation, and in relation to the strategic site assessment work that the Council investigate acquiring land including vesting, subject to funding availability, either directly or in partnership with DfC and subsequently issue Development Briefs in order to shape future development.; and Note that an update on City Centre Living Waiting List would be requested from NIHE, to include geographical and demographic spread. 	
3b	A Bolder Vision Update	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the appointment of a multi-disciplinary team and the timeline for the development of Phases 2 and 3 of the Bolder Vision Connectivity Study for Belfast. This work will include co-design workshops, the development of scenarios and interventions to bring forward the principles of the Bolder Vision, and the completion of the draft Strategy for public consultation in the autumn of 2021; and Note that Members will be invited to engage in the Stakeholder and Planning Workshops as outlined within this report. 	YES
3c	Department for Infrastructure (DfI) - Roads Presentation to Special Committee	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note the issues raised at the previous Committee in May, as well as in previous committees, that Members wish DfI representatives to address or respond to during, or in advance of, the 	YES

		<p>Department's attendance at Special Committee on 23rd June; and</p> <p>2) Note that a letter has been issued to the Minister for Infrastructure setting out a list of issues and requests that Members had asked to be addressed or responded to during, or in advance of, the Department's attendance at Special Committee on 23rd June.</p>	
3d	'The Status Quo is not an Option': Building a Sustainable Belfast - Invitation to Speak	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <p>1) Agree that, in light of no Member of the Committee being able to participate in 'The status quo is not an option' event to be held on Thursday 24th June, the Chief Executive and the Strategic Director would discuss the attendance of an appropriate officer, if available; and</p> <p>2) Due to the time-frame of the event, agree, in accordance with Standing Order 47 (2) (b), that the decision would not be subject to call-in, on the basis that the decision was deemed to be a case of special urgency.</p>	NO
<u>Growing Business & the Economy</u>			
4a	Sunday Opening Hours	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve a request from city business organisations to extend the current approach to Sunday opening for large retailers until 5th September 2021 in order to allow the businesses to bed in the operating restrictions following the re-opening and to re-establish the vitality of the city centre, given the shorter opening hours on a Sunday. 	YES

<p>4b</p>	<p>Just Eat Belfast Bikes Strategic Review</p>	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the recommendations from the strategic review and priority actions including proposed phased expansion of docking stations. Specifically, 8 docking stations in 2022 and seven in 2023; • Agree in principle to the recommended expansion, and recommend that £450k of capital costs is considered as part the year end finance report consider by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its next meeting in June. The revenue consequences of the expansion (£75k) will need to be provided for as part of the 2022/23 rate setting process; • Note the update of the Just Eat Belfast Bikes performance for Year 6 as outlined in Appendix D; • Agree that an equality screening would be undertaken in parallel with the roll out of the expansion, as outlined in the report, and the outcome reported back to the Committee; • Agree to include health inequalities as part of the scoring Matrix on Expansion; • Agree to lower the age of membership from 18 to 16; • Agree to add both levels of air pollution and access to car/van as per census data 2011/21 when updated to the Expansion Criteria; • Agree to write to the Education Minister to request support for the Belfast Bikes Scheme as a way to turn the curve on modal shift and the poor number of students cycling to post-primary schools; • Agree to investigate a mechanism to ensure that the Council can provide free/discounted access to young people; • Agree to engage with the Council's youth forum and other youth fora in relation to free access for young people; • Note that the Council was in discussion regarding the 	<p>YES</p>
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		<p>relocation of the Royal Victoria Hospital Docking Station and that officers could engage with other Council's regarding the location of boundary docking stations; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note that the potential for using the 'Civic Dollar' App as a reward scheme for Bike Users could be examined in the future, once the Pilot Scheme had been completed. 	
4c	Employability NI Update	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree the high-level outline of the Belfast Labour Market Partnership strategic assessment and action plan, and agree that this is submitted to Department for Communities to access funding, for an initial 18-month period from September 2021; Note that DfC would examine Partnership membership after the initial development phase (18 months); and Note that the 5 Belfast contractors in relation to the Work Ready Employability Services would be circulated to the Committee. 	YES
<u>Positioning Belfast to Compete</u>			
5a	Conference Support Scheme	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the proposed amendments to the Conference Support Scheme; and Approve the annual budget of £200,000. 	YES
5b	Update on City Events Programme	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note and agree the proposed approach to the delivery of events in the remainder of 2021 including budget implications as set out at 3.17 and Appendix 1. This 	YES

		<p>approach is subject to ongoing review in accordance with COVID 19 legislation and guidance;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note and agree the proposal to take forward the date to recommence the direct delivery of city events to August 2021. This will allow for the delivery of a market at City Hall over August bank holiday subject to compliance with health and safety requirements and confirmation of financial viability; and - Note that the previously agreed 2021 UEFA Super Cup Football event in August would also be included in the City Events Programme and a plan was in place to decorate/animate the City, in conjunction with the IFA, together with the Reception in the City Hall. 	
5c	Update on Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note the contents of this report and progress to date to develop the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor. 	YES
5d	Economic Strategy Approach	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the proposed approach to the economic strategy for Belfast; and • Agree for Members to engage in the strategy development work in order to ensure alignment with emerging council priorities. 	YES
5e	Renewed Ambition Programme and Social, Economic and Environmental Impact of Real Estate and Regeneration Investment	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the update on the Renewed Ambition Programme which is being delivered via a public/private partnership; 	YES

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Members participation in a forthcoming workshop, relating to research into the social, economic and environmental impact of real estate investment in the Belfast City Region; and • Agree that representatives from the Renewed Ambition Taskforce attend a future Committee meeting to update on activity and priority issues and seek Members views accordingly. 	
<u>Strategic & Operational Issues</u>			
6a	Committee Plan 21-22	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Approve the draft Committee Plan for 2021-22; (ii) Note that six monthly progress reports will be brought to Committee to oversee progress against commitments in the Committee Plan, as agreed at Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in October 2019. (iii) Agree to transfer recurring programme budget from within the City Regeneration and Development Division into employee budget to enable the recruitment of 3 Regeneration Project Officers to deliver on key priorities as set out by this Committee and as included within the Recovery Framework. Committee to note that this does not represent any addition on the rate; and (iv) Note that the Motion on Disability Parking Scheme (<i>Cllr Mulholland on behalf of Cllr McMullan, Jan21</i>) would be examined in the future, and that officers would investigate if it could be considered as part of the Car Parking Strategy Review. 	YES

6b	Community Planning Update: City Development and Job, Skills and Education Boards	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Note the on-going work of two of the Belfast Agenda Delivery Boards, namely, the Jobs, Skills and Education Board and the City Development Board; (ii) Note the alignment and synergies between the Boards and the work of the Committee; (iii) Note the potential for the Boards to bring collaborative focus to key city priorities and challenges and unlock delivery across partners; and (iv) Note the role and on-going opportunities for Elected Members to input and shape the work being taken forward through Community Planning Partnership, including the refresh of the Belfast Agenda and associated delivery plans, over the coming months and years. 	YES
<u>Issues Raised in Advance by Members</u>			
7a	Closure of Donegal Street for Belfast Pride (Cllr O'Hara to raise)	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note that officers would examine the proposal to close Donegal Street for a Belfast Pride Event once a request/events plan had been received. 	YES

Please note that the agenda/reports associated with the decisions listed above can be accessed on the app and on the web, via the following link: [Agenda for City Growth and Regeneration Committee on Wednesday, 9th June, 2021, 5.15 pm - Belfast City Council \(www.internalminutes\)](http://www.internalminutes.com)