



Subject:	Translink: Belfast Transport Hub – Weavers Cross update presentation
Date:	11 th August 2021
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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 or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to bring to Members attention the key issues which will be covered in a presentation from Translink.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to recommend that, in accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercise her delegated authority to note:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translink will be presenting to Members with regard to the Belfast Transport Hub and the wider Weavers Cross regeneration scheme • In line with the Committee’s approval in November 2019 the Council’s Hope Street carpark facility is included in Translink’s Weavers Cross master planning considerations and the site has been conditionally included in their marketing collateral seeking a master-developer partner with the financial means and relevant experience, skills and resources to realise the vision for Weavers Cross. • That a further report will be brought to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee in the near future on the detail of any subsequent land /development proposal and associated financial offer and, subject to Members endorsement, for inclusion of the Hope Street carpark facility in any formal development agreement with Translink’s nominated developer partner.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Members will recall at the June 2021 City Growth & Regeneration Committee meeting that they agreed for Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company (NITHC) to present to the August 2021 meeting of the Committee on the Belfast Transport Hub and the wider Weavers Cross regeneration scheme. Whilst contractually the Weavers Cross scheme is a NITHC project it is promoted by Translink.</p>
3.2	<p>In addition to an update on delivery of the Belfast Transport Hub Translink have advised that their presentation will specifically cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on benefits aligned to the ambitions of the Belfast Agenda (buy social clauses linked to BCC Inclusive Growth Strategy, job creation and training opportunities, residential development) - Focus on objectives aligned to the ambitions of the Belfast Agenda and a Bolder Vision (transport led regeneration scheme, focus on movement, active travel and connectivity including into local neighbourhoods) - Overview on progress of development partner procurement - Strategic synergies and linkages (Belfast Streets Ahead 5 and the extension of public realm into local neighbourhoods, BRCD BRT Phase 2) - The extent and level of engagement carried out to date including with local communities
3.3	<p>At its meeting on 6 November 2019, the City Growth and Regeneration Committee had noted the Council’s Hope Street car park as having significant potential to contribute to the comprehensive Weavers Cross Regeneration scheme and approval was given by Members</p>

	for inclusion within Translink's Master planning considerations (Appendix 1 – Weavers Cross location map, Council's car park edged red).
3.4	The site has been conditionally included in their marketing collateral seeking a master developer partner with financial means ad robust experience, skills and resources to realise the vision for Weavers Cross. As noted in the November 2019 CG&R report, further reports are to be brought back to CG&R Committee on the development proposals but with any subsequent disposal or other arrangements to be approved by the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee.
3.5	A further report will be brought to a future SP&R Committee on the detail of any subsequent land/development proposal and associated financial offer, and subject to Members approval, for inclusion of the site in any formal development agreement with Translink's nominated development partner.
	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.6	There are no finance or resource implications associated with this report.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.7	There are no Equality, Good Relations or Rural Needs implications associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents attached
	Appendix 1 – Weavers Cross location map, Council's car park edged red