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## **HYBRID MEETING OF THE CITY GROWTH AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE – COMBINED PACK**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will be a Hybrid Meeting – Council Chamber, on Wednesday, 28th September, 2022 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

### **AGENDA:**

1. **Routine Matters**

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes
- (c) Declarations of Interest

2. **Restricted Items**

- (a) Major Events update (Pages 1 - 10)

3. **Presentations**

- (a) Street Dock (Pages 11 - 14)
- (b) Translink Lagan Junction to Yorkgate Track Renewal (Pages 15 - 16)

4. **Regenerating Places and Improving Infrastructure**

- (a) Ulster University Belfast Campus Update (Pages 17 - 18)

5. **Positioning Belfast to Compete**

- (a) Belfast Imagining 2024 - Partnership Development Opportunities (Pages 19 - 22)

6. **Issues Raised in Advance by Members**

- (a) Belfast Cycle Network Delivery Plan (Cllr De Faoite to raise)

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Subject:	Presentation: StreetDock
Date:	28 September 2022
Reporting Officer:	Cathy Reynolds, Director, City Regeneration & Development
Contact Officer:	Callie Persic, Development Manager

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an overview of the presentation which will be provided by StreetDock.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	Members are asked to note the presentation from StreetDock, on their e-cargo delivery pilot that is funded through the DfC Covid Recovery Revitalisation Programme.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>

3.1	Members at the June 2022 meeting of City Growth and Regeneration Committee agreed to receive a presentation from StreetDock on the early findings of the e-cargo pilot delivery project.
3.2	The e-cargo delivery pilot has been funded through the DfC Covid Recovery Revitalisation Programme. E-cargo delivery schemes target the last-mile and/or first mile deliveries and encourages an alternative, sustainable distribution of goods. Although part of Belfast city centre is pedestrianised and delivery of goods are only permitted between 6pm and 11am, there are still vans and lorries parking in the pedestrian area to deliver goods for local businesses and the growth of e-commerce has led to a substantial increase of delivery vehicles in the city. This brings other challenges including air pollution, congestion and road safety that need to be addressed to achieve our climate goals and create a greener, more liveable city.
3.3	StreetDock were appointed through EoI and subsequent Tender process in Autumn 2021 to operate the e-cargo pilot for Council. The pilot will run for one year and it was agreed to bring back a report to Committee after an initial six to eight months to monitor the success of project including uptake, issues identified, operating model and potential long term commercial viability.
3.4	Streetdock is a Belfast based start-up that was set up to address the impacts of urban logistics on cities, congestion, air pollution and the quality of urban life in general. They took the view that it was inevitable that cities would need to address these impacts, particularly considering the climate crisis and commitments to achieving net zero emissions, and that small low impact zero emission vehicles like e-cargo bikes would be key.
3.5	The goal is to support and accelerate the use of zero emission vehicles for urban logistics with an approach based on infrastructure, so they are building networks of smart micro-warehouses that make the delivery of cargo in cities, more efficient, convenient, and environmentally sustainable. This approach is designed to increase and scale the volumes of cargo transported using zero emission vehicles, reducing, and ultimately replacing vans and trucks. Since they launched in December 2021, they have been developing their business client base and operating the fleet. They have also engaged with NSL, who operate the Belfast Bikes system and are running a short-term trial in June that uses a modified e-cargo delivery bikes to redistribute Belfast Bikes, which is an excellent example of the

	opportunity for diversification and how sustainable urban logistics can support sustainable travel.
3.6	StreetDock will present early findings of the pilot at the Committee meeting.
<b>4.0</b>	<b><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></b>
4.1	None issued with this report.
<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b>
5.1	None
<b>6.0</b>	<b><u>Appendices</u></b>
6.1	None

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Subject:	Presentation: Translink Central Area Track Renewal
Date:	28 September 2022
Reporting Officer:	Cathy Reynolds, Director, City Regeneration & Development
Contact Officer:	Deirdre Kelly, Programme Manager

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an overview of the presentation which will be provided by Translink.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	Members are asked to note the presentation from Translink, regarding the Central Area Track Renewal.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	City Growth and Regeneration Committee at their meeting in August 2022 agreed to receive a presentation from Translink regarding the Central Area Track Renewal.

3.2	As part of its Communication Plan around the Central Area Track Renewal Strategy, Translink are consulting widely with key stakeholders, including elected representatives, passengers and local residents, to provide information on potential impact and appropriate mitigation measures.
3.3	Further details will be provided by Translink during the presentation at Committee.
<b>4.0</b>	<b><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></b>
4.1	None issued with this report.
<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b>
5.1	None
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
6.1	None



Subject:	Ulster University Campus Update
Date:	28 September 2022
Reporting Officer:	Cathy Reynolds, Director of City Regeneration and Development
Contact Officer:	Sean Dolan, Senior Development Manager, City Regeneration and Development Jelena Buick Business Research & Development Officer

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Members on the proposal for a site visit to the Ulster University's Belfast Campus.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	It is recommended that the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agree to a site visit of the Ulster University's Belfast Campus in the coming weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>

3.1	Members will recall it was agreed at the meeting of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee in August 2022 to receive a presentation from Ulster University on the opening of the Belfast Campus. This was originally scheduled for the postponed main Committee meeting on 14 September.
3.2	Ulster University have subsequently advised that in order to appreciate the significance of the Campus for the whole city it would be most beneficial if Members were to consider undertaking a site visit. This would also include a presentation from representatives of the University, briefing Members on the positive impacts of the new campus, the migration plans to enable a controlled opening and the management of the sustainable transport approach, and the work ongoing to address the wider area issues including any community concerns and ongoing engagement and work of the Community Campus Regeneration Forum, as reported to Committee in August 2022.
3.3	Members will recall that an amendment to the August 2022 City Growth and Regeneration Committee Minutes was put to Council and passed at the September 2022 Full Council Meeting. This was in relation to the Ulster University, Belfast Campus Update “That an All-Party Delegation would be immediately convened with representatives from the University of Ulster and the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Infrastructure to expedite works on junctions adjacent to the new Belfast Campus.” Democratic Services have issued a letter to the University regarding this.
3.4	Members are asked to agree to undertake a site visit of the Ulster University, Belfast Campus within the coming weeks.
4.0	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u> None
5.0	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained in this report.
6.0	<b>Appendices</b>
	None



<b>Subject:</b>	Belfast Imagining 2024: partnerships development opportunities
<b>Date:</b>	28 September 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Greer, Director of Economic Development
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Erika Reid, Cultural Programme Manager

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- update Members on pre-launch activity with existing and prospective partners for Belfast Imagining 2024</li> <li>- update Members on unique opportunities recently presented for showcasing, collaboration, and match funding from partners.</li> </ul>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- note the content of this report and agree to co-host Belfast Imagining 2024 engagement events and note recent partnership investment in same</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- agree participation by Members at two events to be held 26 October at The MAC and 2 November at the Lyric</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>3.1 At City Growth and Regeneration meeting on 8 June 2022, Members noted the concept and work related to the development of a year of culture in 2024, Belfast Imagining, and agreed to receive future reports as the work developed further.</p> <p>3.2 A full update report on plans will be presented at the November 2022 meeting of City Growth and Regeneration committee, with a view to commencing public communications in November 2022.</p> <p>3.3 We are identifying opportunities to help us progress our plan to develop relationships and map stakeholders and grow collaboration and investment opportunities for our year of culture. Our partnership engagement plan includes meetings, events and presentations locally and internationally to inform our existing and prospective partners of our plans and invite their collaboration and support in the development and delivery of Belfast imagining 2024. Our co-design and partnership approach is led by best practice and enables strategic relationships and plans to be scoped and developed where possible before, during and after the public launch communications.</p> <p>3.4 This activity fits with the themes of our cultural strategy, <i>A City Imagining: A City Belonging, A City Challenging, A City Creating and a City Exploring</i> – and contributes to outputs, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Long-term capacity building and ensuring sustainability of the cultural sector</li> <li>- City-wide civic engagement and buy-in on culture and regeneration development for Belfast</li> <li>- A new commissioning model for the city's events and festivals</li> <li>- Strengthening the tourism proposition in the city through greater understanding of the city's cultural narrative and international appeal</li> <li>- Integration of planned major cultural developments, such as the Belfast Stories &amp; UNESCO City of Music status, into a citywide approach maximising inclusive growth opportunities for this investment</li> </ul> </p> <p>3.5 <u>Partnership Opportunity</u>  A unique opportunity has arisen to work with Belfast International Arts Festival during its 60<sup>th</sup> year celebrations to deliver two key pre-launch special events. These will enable us to showcase the talent of globally recognised local artists Oona Doherty and Conor Mitchell to potential sponsors and key partners.</p>
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3.6	<p>These engagement events align with key principles of the year of culture which include new work and collaboration. The events will create important opportunities to position our year of culture and help us build relationships with wider stakeholders in the public and private sectors.</p>
3.7	<p>The events align with the themes of <i>A City Imagining</i> Cultural Strategy 2020-2030 including <i>A City Exploring</i> as they showcase Belfast’s creative talent locally and internationally; and <i>A City Creating</i> as it supports cultural excellence and cultural entrepreneurialism by providing support for artistic innovation and improved networking.</p>
3.8	<p>Belfast International Arts Festival will work with two local artists with considerable global reputations to develop and showcase their new works and host two special performances in partnership with us and the venues. This will be a one-off opportunity in the 60<sup>th</sup> year of Belfast’s International Arts Festival. In addition, for the MAC event, British Council Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and other senior staff and international delegates will be in attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oona Doherty will present her original dance piece as a premiere at The MAC arts centre, at end of October. British Council have agreed to partner with us on this event and have offered match funding towards delivery costs.</li> <li>- Conor Mitchell will present his new original opera, Propaganda at the Lyric theatre in early November before it’s international tour.</li> </ul>
3.9	<p>This is a unique and timely opportunity to showcase the best of local talent to potential sponsors and partners for our year of culture. Both events will develop and showcase the talent of two local artists, create new work, and provide a platform of exposure to new audiences. They will include pre-show presentations of the Belfast Imagining 2024 year of culture principles and we will host valuable post-show discussions to help develop partnership opportunities.</p>
3.10	<p>The events will outline investment and collaboration opportunities of our Belfast Imagining 2024 year of culture to actual and potential supporters and partners from the public and private sector in advance of its official public launch in November. The events will be delivered in partnership with our key partners, demonstrating collaboration and shared resources.</p>
3.11	<p>Members should note that Council would have been investing in promoting Belfast Imagining 2024 as part of its partnership engagement plan, and therefore this partnership support means that our spend is more efficient.</p>
3.12	<p>Members are encouraged to attend either or both events. Details will be confirmed and invitations issued to Members in early</p>

3.13	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>£15,000 will be allocated to Belfast international Arts Festival towards the events (artists and venues). These monies are within existing departmental budgets agreed by Committee in March 2022 for the purpose of enagement and promotion for City Imagining 2024.</p> <p>The British Council has agreed a contribution of match funding hospitality to offset the cost of hosting the MAC reception and enhance value of our investment.</p>
3.14	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations implications and no rural needs have been identified.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None