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HYBRID MEETING OF THE CITY GROWTH AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

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)

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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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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 provide Members with an overview of the presentation which will be provided by StreetDock.
2.0	Recommendations
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.
3.0	Main report

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	Stretdock 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.
4.0	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
4.1	None issued with this report.
5.0	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
5.1	None
6.0	<u>Appendices</u>
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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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an overview of the presentation which will be provided by Translink.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to note the presentation from Translink, regarding the Central Area Track Renewal.
3.0	Main report
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.
4.0	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
4.1	None issued with this report.
5.0	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
5.1	None
6.0	Appendices
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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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
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.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	It is recommended that the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree to a site visit of the Ulster University's Belfast Campus in the coming weeks.
3.0	Main report

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 & 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	Appendices
	None