



Subject:	Presentation: StreetDock
Date:	28 September 2022
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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	<p>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.</p>
3.2	<p>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.</p>
3.3	<p>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.</p>
3.4	<p>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.</p>
3.5	<p>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</p>

	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