



<b>Subject:</b>	Correspondence – Queen’s University Belfast (QUB)
<b>Date:</b>	7th December, 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Cathy Reynolds, Director of City Regeneration and Development John Greer, Director of Economic Development
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sometime in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To note the correspondence received from QUB in relation to its Widening Participation Programme, cost-of-living assistance, student intake and the potential funding cuts might have on future admissions.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the correspondence as set out in the report.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b>  The Committee will recall that, at its Special Meeting on 26th October 2022, it received a presentation for Queen’s University Belfast in relation to discuss the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on both its staff and students, the possible reduction in student numbers, and to provide an update on the work of the City Deal.

<p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p>At the Council meeting on 1st November, it was agreed that the minute of the meeting of 12th October, under the heading “Artemis Technologies”, was amended to provide that, in relation to the presentation from Queen’s University, the Council would write to QUB to clarify if all staff would be in receipt of the Cost-of-living assistance payment outlined at the Special Committee, together with data on the number of international and local student admissions and the impact of funding cuts might have on future admissions.</p> <p>The correspondence also requested information on the Widening Participation Programme as noted at the Special Committee in October.</p> <p>Accordingly, Democratic Services wrote to QUB (Appendix 1) and a response was received from Mr, R, Feeney, Director of Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility (Appendix 2).</p> <p>Mr. Feeney notes that Caroline Young, Director of Queen’s University’s Student Plus, will be in attendance at the Committee on 7th December to speak on student accommodation alongside representatives from Ulster University and will be happy to address any issues the Committee may wish to raise in relation to student numbers.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – BCC Letter to QUB 161122 Appendix 2 – QUB Response 061222</p>