



Subject:	Correspondence received from the Department for Infrastructure
Date:	8th March, 2023
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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/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To note the correspondence received from the Department for Infrastructure Roads, in response to the queries raised at its presentation to the Committee on 9th November, and the response from the Permanent Secretary regarding the budget allocation for the delivery of the Belfast Cycle Network.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">note the correspondence as set out in the report and to consider if any further action is necessary.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p data-bbox="272 235 432 264"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 309 887 338"><i>Response from DfI Roads – Autumn Report</i></p> <p data-bbox="164 387 1493 568">3.2 The Committee, at its meeting in November, received a presentation for the Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to its Autumn Report 2022. During the meeting, Members had requested information on a number of additional matters, which DfI advised would be investigated and a further update submitted to the Committee in due course:</p> <ul data-bbox="323 640 1401 1704" style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to the Temporary Bollards on the Donegall Road – Safety Concerns for residents regarding access - update on when this would be addressed; • An update on the residents parking scheme review and what, if any, have/ would be delivered across the City; • The need for residents parking scheme’s along the proposed new Glider Route; • The need to review College Park Residents Parking Scheme; • Lack of communication and the need for Members to have up to date, direct contact details for the DfI Roads Team so that issues could be resolved in a timely manner; • An update on the delivery of Orpen Park / Porter Park Traffic Calming Scheme – was there a plan in place for what this would be and a timeline for implementation; • Update on resurfacing of Roads and Pathways in Belvoir – Grays Park Avenue, Grays Park Gardens and Grays Park Drive; • Cycle Network Development Plan - Resources and Budget Update and data on what had been implemented in the last two years; • Learnings from Limestone/Cavehill proposed cycle lane consultation process; • Potholes and resurfacing in Lagmore Glen/Twinbrook area; • Update on Hill Street Pedestrianisation; and • Update on the expected delivery of 38 disabled Parking Bays which had been approved. <p data-bbox="164 1823 1493 1906">3.3 Accordingly, Democratic Services wrote to Mr. D. McFarlane, Eastern Divisional Roads Manager, requesting an update on the matters raised at the Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="164 1962 1493 2045">3.4 A response was received for consideration (Appendix 1) which included the following website links:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to the DfI Website DfI Roads Eastern Division - Divisional Manager Department for Infrastructure (infrastructure-ni.gov.uk) • Link to the Autumn Council Report Annual Report to Belfast City Council 2022 Department for Infrastructure (infrastructure-ni.gov.uk) • Link to NI Direct site Public Information Portal https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/travel-transport-and-roads/problems-roads-and-streets <p><i>Response from the Permanent Secretary – Belfast Cycle Network</i></p> <p>3.5 At its meeting in December, the Committee agreed to write to the Department for Infrastructure to request confirmation of the budget allocation for the delivery of the Belfast Cycle Network in the financial year 2022/23.</p> <p>3.6 Accordingly, Democratic Services wrote to the Permanent Secretary to request an update on the matter and the response was received at Appendix 2 for consideration.</p> <p>3.7 <u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> None associated with this report.</p> <p>3.8 <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – DfI Roads Response to meeting of 9 November Appendix 2 – DfI Perm Sec – Belfast Cycle Network Allocation