



Subject:	Request to Present: Queen's Island Transport Plan
Date:	14 June 2023
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Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek permission from the Committee to receive a presentation at a future meeting of the City Growth & Regeneration Committee from Belfast Harbour Commissioners (BHC) and Titanic Quarter Limited (TQL) to provide an update on the development of the Queen's Island Transport Plan (QITP).
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Agree to receive a presentation from the BHC & TQL at a future meeting of the City Growth & Regeneration Committee to provide an update on the development of the Queen's Island Transport Plan.
3.0	Main report

3.1	<p>BHC and TQL, are developing the draft Queen’s Island Transport Plan (QITP) to help support more sustainable travel options and development on Queens Island between now and 2035.</p>
3.2	<p>By 2035, BHC and TQL aim to have delivered the next phases of investment at Queen’s Island. This investment aims to help support the socio-economic goals of the Belfast Agenda and Belfast’s transition to an inclusive, zero emissions, climate resilient economy by providing new places to live, work, visit and stay, in a way that promotes sustainable travel and creates a low-car environment.</p>
3.3	<p>The QITP sets out new measures to change behaviours and promote smarter, healthier choices. The introduction of a series of significant interventions to encourage sustainable patterns of travel aims to help deliver on the shared vision of an iconic and forward-looking waterfront destination. The QITP undertakes to deliver a 30% reduction in traffic volume and a reduction of 98,518 tonnes CO2e by 2035.</p>
3.4	<p>In March 2023, a second round of consultation was undertaken with key stakeholders and the wider public via an online survey and a stakeholder workshop to inform the draft report. The report, which remains subject to further engagement with DfI, has evolved to reflect the findings and analysis of the consultation carried out to date. BHC and TQL remain in consultation with DfI, in advance of finalising the plan, and have requested the opportunity to present the report to a future City Growth and Regeneration Committee to update Members on the emerging draft document.</p>
3.5	<p>While the QITP will, as outlined above, seek to support more sustainable travel option and development on Queens Island it should be recognised that it is a non-statutory document. Members should be aware that the Department for Infrastructure are currently undertaking the development of the Belfast Metropolitan Transport Plan (BMTP), and BHC/ TQL are currently engaging with the DfI to establish the relationship the draft QITP could have to the BMTP.</p>
3.6	<p>The QITP may assist by informing some of the decision making in relation to the future of the Queen’s Island development area. However, the processes that contributed to its development are very different from those required to be undertaken to put in place the statutory local and transport plans that provide the context for the consideration of proposals across the city.</p>
3.7	<p>Financial & Resource Implications</p>

	There are no finance or resource implications associated with this report.
3.8	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment
	There are no Equality, Good Relations or Rural Needs implications associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents attached
	None