



<b>Subject:</b>	DfI Responses to Committee Correspondence
<b>Date:</b>	9 August 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Cathy Reynolds, Director of City Regeneration & Development
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Sean Dolan, Senior Development Manager

<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Some time 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 or Summary of main Issues</b>
	To provide Members of the City Growth & Regeneration Committee an update on response from DfI to correspondence from the Committee
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
<b>2.1</b>	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Note the correspondence between the CG&amp;R Committee and the Department for Infrastructure in relation to the Eastern Division Autumn Report 2022</li><li>ii. Note the correspondence between the CG&amp;R Committee and the Department for Infrastructure in relation to the York Street Interchange Place Making and Active Travel Review</li></ul>

3.0	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><b><u>Main Report</u></b></p> <p>During the course of meetings in November 2022 and February &amp; March 2023 the CG&amp;R Committee received presentations and correspondence from Dfl in relation to the Dfl Eastern Division Autumn 2022 Report and the York Street Interchange Place-Making and Active Travel Report. Subsequent to these presents the Committee agreed to write to Dfl to seek further clarification/information in relation to these presentations. Responses have now been received by Dfl and are outlined and attached to this report to the Committee.</p> <p><b>Dfl Eastern Division Autumn 2022.</b></p> <p>3.2 The CG&amp;R Committee received a presentation from the Dfl Eastern Division Section Manager at the November 2022 Committee Meeting. During the meeting Members requested further detail on a number of items and subsequently agreed to write to the Section Manager, with the letter and subsequent response reported to the March meeting of the CG&amp;R Committee and as attached Appendix A.</p> <p>3.3 During discussion Members agreed that the response provided did not adequately answer the queries raised and agreed to write to the Division Manager requesting further detail. This letter and the subsequent response are as attached in Appendix B of this report.</p> <p><b>York Street Interchange Place-Making and Active Travel Review Correspondence</b></p> <p>3.4 The CG&amp;R Committee received a presentation from the Dfl York Street Interchange team in relation to the Place-Making and Active Travel Review which was commissioned by Minister Mallon in 2020. A link to the restricted presentation is included <a href="#">here</a> for information.</p> <p>3.5 Members agreed to write to Dfl to request further information on the Departments Strategic Transport Objectives, engagement with communities and setting out the Council’s position in relation to the Council’s Corporate support for the York Street Interchange would only be reconsidered when confirmation was given that the Department would proceed with the delivery option that ensured the safety of residents, delivered the best place making and regeneration outcomes including plans for the bridge across the Lagan and a commitment to work with all relevant stakeholders as part of the overall scheme. This letter and the subsequent response from the Dfl Permanent Secretary is as attached within Appendix C for Members consideration.</p>

3.6	<p>Within the letter the DfI Permanent Secretary sets out the position of the Regional Development and Transport Strategies and the position of the York Street Interchange within the regional context. The Permanent Secretary continues to outline the position of the Place Making and Active Travel Review and the planned engagement ongoing with stakeholders in terms of developing out the Place Making and Active Travel Review.</p>
3.7	<p>Further to the York Street Interchange presentation in February the CG&amp;R Committee received an update on the Belfast Metropolitan Transport Plan at its Special Meeting in June 2023. Officers have also held meetings with DfI on the emerging YSI Place Making and Active Travel Review and bring details to a future meeting of this Committee as details are developed by DfI.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Resource Implications</b>
	<p>There are no finance or resource implications associated with this report</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</b>
	<p>There are no Equality or Good Relation Implications/Rural Needs Assessment requirements associated with this report</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	<p>Appendix A – Correspondence in relation to the Eastern Division Autumn Statement 2022 Nov 2022</p> <p>Appendix B – Follow Up Correspondence to Eastern Division Autumn Statement 2022</p> <p>Appendix C – Correspondence in relation to the York Street Interchange Place Making &amp; Active Travel Review</p>