



Subject:	Response received from Translink re Bilingual Signage at Weavers Cross
Date:	23rd August, 2024
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance Manager

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To note the correspondence received from Translink.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the correspondence as set out in the report.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Committee will recall that, at the Standards and Business Committee meeting held on 28th March, 2024, it was agreed to write to Translink advising them of a Notice of Motion in connection with bilingual signage at Weavers Cross.
3.2	The Committee is advised that a response had previously been received from Mr. Chris Conway, Group Chief Executive of Translink, dated 7th May, which noted that Translink was planning a series of meetings with a range of interested parties, where they would listen carefully to all viewpoints and consider a response once this process had been completed.
3.3	The Committee is advised that a response has subsequently been received, dated 18th July, again from Mr. Chris Conway, Group Chief Executive Translink, advising that, during recent weeks, representatives have met with a wide variety of groups, including Conradh na Gaeilge, Foras na Gaeilge, Ulster-Scots Agency/Board o Ulster Scots, Sinn Féin, DUP, and Belfast South Community Resources to discuss the issue. He details that Translink’s position has been consistent throughout all meetings, a desire to listen to the issues raised and look for solutions.
3.4	In conclusion the correspondence advises that further dialogue on this issue within and between communities and political representatives will be required to reach a solution.
3.5	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> None associated with this report.
3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Response from Mr. Chris Conway, Group Chief Executive of Translink.