



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Belfast Public Bike Hire Scheme
Date:	4 June 2013
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Council secured £698,700 funding in August 2012, towards the provision of a Belfast Public Bike Hire Scheme as part of the Department for Regional Development (DRD) Active Travel Demonstration Projects fund. The development of a Public Bike Hire scheme is identified as a partnership project in Belfast City Council's Investment Programme 2012-2015. The Council proposes to work in partnership to develop a public bike hire scheme that encourages increased use and facilitates active travel in Belfast.
1.2	An Outline Business Case (OBC) for a Belfast Public Bike Hire scheme was commissioned by the Strategic Investment Board in conjunction with the Department for Regional Development and Belfast City Council and completed in July 2011. The OBC suggests that the approved bid for funding of £678,700 should cover the capital costs for a midsized 3 rd generation scheme of 300 bikes and 30 stations. This should achieve coverage for the core city centre area as designated in the Draft Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan.

2	Key Issues
2.1	<u>Scheme coverage</u> It is intended to develop a strategic planning framework for Belfast Public Bike Hire which will set out the potential for future expansion of the Belfast public bike hire scheme based on criteria that addresses the operational requirements for the stations and the need to maintain a cohesive sustainable network.

2.2	It is suggested that it would be useful for a representative from Dublin City Council to be invited to make a presentation to Council on the Dublin bike scheme and their approach for future expansion.
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3	Resource Implications
3.1	No revenue cost associated with the presentation request

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	There are no specific Equality and Good Relations Considerations attached to this report.

5	Recommendations
5.1	Members are requested to agree to invite a representative from Dublin City Council to make a presentation on the Dublin bike scheme and their approach for future expansion.

6	Decision Tracking
Presentation – September 2013	

7	Key to Abbreviations
DRD – Department for Regional Development OBC – Outline business case	