



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	A2 Sydenham Road Widening Scheme
Date:	10 April 2008
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Relevant Background Information

The Committee will recall that during discussions regarding the development of the Connswater Community Greenway, the Director of Improvement highlighted the need to consider a number of other ongoing issues. These issues included the development of Titanic Quarter; the proposed Connsbank interchange and the A2 Sydenham Road Widening scheme. It was stated that Members should establish positions on these issues and direct Officers in their discussions with the relevant statutory and private sector organisations.

Key Issues

Officers have been in contact with Roads Service regarding the A2 widening scheme. Roads Service has agreed to make a presentation to the Committee to outline the scheme and its potential implications for the Council.

The Roads Service intend to meet the local community about the A2 widening in late May. It is therefore proposed that a briefing for Committee be organised in advance of the community consultation. Members may want to extend an invitation to the briefing to all members of Council.

Resource Implications

Financial

There are no financial implications at this time.

Human Resources

There are no human resource implications at this time.

Asset and Other Implications

This will provide members with an opportunity to receive at first details of the scheme and the opportunity to seek appropriate clarification from Road Service. It will further enable Members to take informed decisions on this and other related matters.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Committee agree to receive a presentation from the Road Service in relation to the A2 Sydenham Road Widening Scheme at a special meeting in May. It is recommended that all Members of Council be invited to attend this presentation.