



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Traffic Congestion in the City
Date:	10th May, 2012
Reporting Officer:	Mr. Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager Ext. 6314
Contact Officer:	Mr. Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer Ext. 6313

1.0	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Committee will recall that, at its meeting on 19th April, a Member requested that a report in relation to the traffic congestion in the city, caused as a result of the Belfast on the Move project, be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.
1.2	The Committee agreed that, in the first instance, and as he had done so previously, the Lord Mayor be requested to host a meeting of the relevant stakeholders and key personnel to discuss the matter.

2.0	Resource Implications
2.1	Members will be aware that the issue was discussed by the Council at its meeting on 1st May.
2.2	Subsequently, it was agreed that the Council, in conjunction with the relevant stakeholders, seek an urgent meeting with the Minister with responsibility for the Roads Service to discuss the problems associated with traffic congestion in the City.
2.3	Whilst it would be useful for the Members to meet with the Minister, it is suggested that, in the first instance, representatives of the Road Service be invited to meet with the Committee to discuss the problems.

3.0	Resource Implications
3.1	None associated with this report

4.0	Equality Implications
4.1	None associated with this report

5.0	Recommendations
5.1	<p>The Committee requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. agree that a letter be forwarded to the Road Service inviting representatives to attend a future meeting of the Committee to discuss the problems associated with the Belfast on the Move Project; ii. agree also, as part of a parallel process, a letter be forwarded to the Minister for the Department for Regional Development, inviting him also to meet with the Committee; and iii. consider, in the event that either one or both the invitations are accepted, which other stakeholders should be invited to the meeting.

6.0	Decision Tracking
<p>Officer Responsible: Jim Hanna</p>	