



<b>Subject:</b>	Request to present: Weavers Cross / Transport Hub
<b>Date:</b>	6 December 2017
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nuala Gallagher – Director of City Centre Development
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<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>
1.1	To request that a presentation be received by committee in January from Translink on the subject of the new Transport Hub, now known as 'Weavers Cross'.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	Members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agree to receive a presentation from Translink at the January CGR committee.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	Weavers Cross is the most significant transport project in Belfast and one of the largest

	<p>regeneration projects in all of Northern Ireland, with an estimated value of £200m. Currently the planning application for the Transport Hub itself is with DfI for consideration, whilst the Outline Planning Application for the wider site is being prepared by Translink with the intention of submitting this to the Council in Spring 2018 (BCC will be the planning authority for this Outline application).</p>
3.2	<p>Given the above timescales it is considered an appropriate time for Translink to present to the CGR committee to update on their proposals and the overall programme for Weavers Cross. Translink will also be able to advise the committee on certain specific issues that have been of interest to members previously, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how Translink intend to engage and consult local communities on the Outline Planning application for Weavers Cross;</li> <li>• how the potential social and economic benefits from this scheme, such as jobs, training and skills, will be delivered;</li> <li>• how Translink intend to construct the Transport Hub whilst ensuring ‘business as usual’ for the city and its residents and commuters;</li> <li>• how Translink is working with the council and others to bring forward the development of the wider Weavers Cross scheme;</li> <li>• how Translink and council officers are working together to ensure Weavers Cross and the many other physical developments taking place in south Belfast are being considered holistically in order to minimise disruption to residents and commuters.</li> </ul>
3.3	<p>Committee members are invited to identify any further themes or topics they would like the presentation to set out.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality &amp; Good Relations implications</u> Translink will be considering equalities as part of their wider programme of work for Weavers Cross.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource implications</u> There are no resource requirements arising from this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None.