



Subject:	City Greenways Workshop
Date:	5 th November 2019
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
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 propose to Committee that the motion in relation to Greenways is taken forward through an all Members' workshop that will explore Greenways city-wide across Belfast.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agree to hold an all Members' workshop to discuss Greenways on a city-wide basis on 16th January 2020 at 5pm subject to availability of proposed speakers.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Sustainable transport is a key element of the Belfast Agenda under the City Development priority with the goal to increase the use of sustainable transport by 15 per cent by 2021. A

	<p>number of key infrastructure projects are currently in place to help achieve this target including the £150 million Belfast Transport Hub and the Belfast Rapid Transit.</p>
3.2	<p>As part of the sustainable transport plan for achieving our objectives in the Belfast Agenda, we have committed to supporting walking and cycling as sustainable modes of transport, improving the city's pedestrian routes and cycling infrastructure.</p>
3.3	<p>It is on this basis that the notice of motion, added to at People & Communities Committee on 8th May 2018, states the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“That this council will support the further development of the Greenway strategy in Belfast, including assessing the benefits of a Sydenham Greenway, linking East Belfast and Holywood and the development of the Greenway in West Belfast and the Shankill linking Belfast and Lisburn. Council will engage with potential partners to assess how such a strategy would be implemented, with focus on improving connectivity and benefiting health and well-being in our community.”</p>
3.4	<p>There were also discussions around the strategic importance of Greenways in the different AWG.</p>
3.5	<p>The Comber Greenway and Connswater Community Greenway, as well as the Lagan and Lough Cycle Way have proven very successful in providing safe cycling and pedestrian infrastructure that connects neighbourhoods to each other as well as to the city centre.</p>
3.6	<p>However, we are aware that more can be done to connect these existing Greenways and create further path connections in areas where there are none.</p>
3.7	<p>Different agencies have plans for different areas, however these need to be interrelated. Therefore it is suggested to organise a Members' workshop exploring existing and planned path connections/greenways as well as ideas and visions for the whole area of Belfast.</p>
3.8	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional financial or resource allocations contained within this report</p>

3.9	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained within this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None