



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DECISIONS, TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY GROWTH AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 12th May, 2021
COMPILATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS SENT TO CX: 14th May, 2021
DEADLINE FOR CX'S COMMENTS: 14th May, 2021

FINAL CX DECISION REGISTER PUBLISHED: 14th May, 2021
FINAL DATE FOR CALL-IN (10am): 21st May, 2021

	Topic	Chief Executive's Decision	Subject to call-in
<u>Matters Referred back from Council</u>			
2a	Motion - Extension of the Belfast Bikes Scheme	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> agree that a report on how this motion would be facilitated, resourced and managed would be submitted to a future meeting when resources became available and write a letter to the Minsiter for Infrastructure as outlined, to include consultation with communities before implementing further infrastructure; and Note that the Strategic Review of Belfast Bikes Scheme would be submitted to the Committee in June. 	Yes
<u>Presentation</u>			
3a	Supporting Business start-up and growth in Belfast	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the recommendations and proposed way forward set out in the future provision of business start-up support research; Agree to council officers working in partnership with the 10 other councils, DfE and Invest NI to address the recommendations in relation to future business start-up measures and delivery models; and 	Yes

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the following allocations from the existing 2020/2021 Enterprise and Business Growth budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £90,000 to support the delivery of services to support the Social Enterprise and Cooperative Sector. • £31,109 to support the delivery of a regional collaborative project which supports digital transformation in existing business over an 18 month period • £65,000 to support the delivery of the Way to Scale initiative in partnership with Catalyst Inc and Invest NI which will commence in September 2021 • £10,000 to support the development of a Fintech strategy in partnership with Fintech NI. • Note that an update would be provided to the Committee in June in relation to targets for the Co-ops and Social Enterprise model, and raising awareness of, and capacity building for Co-op representatives be examined for the future. 	
<u>Request to Present</u>			
4a	Department for Infrastructure and Translink	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree to receive presentations form the Department for Infrastructure (Roads) and Translink at its Special Meeting on 23rd June; • Agree to request that presentations are provided in advance on the meeting; and • Request that DfI provide an update on the Safe Cycle Network in the City, segregated cycle infrastructure, removal of parking bays, and the reallocation of roads, and that Ms. L. Loughran and Mr. A. Grieve also be invited to attend. 	Yes
<u>Restricted Items</u>			
5a	DfC Covid-19 Revitalisation Programme	In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief	No

	<p>Update - Reimagining the Public Realm and Connectivity/Active Travel</p>	<p>Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the updates on the DfC Revitalisation Programme projects contained within this paper and noting also the continued importance of the use of streets and spaces to assist businesses and communities as part of a wider programme of work focused on Reimagining the Public Realm; • Agree to the allocation of the project funding within the DfI Sustainable and Active Travel element of the Revitalisation Programme as outlined below; • Note that these approvals will not be subject to call-in to enable the procurement process to commence and complete within the timeframe of the DfC Covid-19 Revitalisation Programme; and • Note the response from DfI following questions raised at the November 2020 Special Meeting of the CG&R Committee in relation to cycle lanes. • Feedback to be provided in relation to the signposting of how public can report issues regarding pavement café licences; and • Write to the Minister for Infrastructure to express the Council's disappointment in the Departments lack of ambition and ability to prioritise the provision of segregated or pop cycle lanes, cycle infrastructure and road reallocation, extended pavements and pedestrianisation access in the past year in comparison to the progress and work undertaken by other cities, and the importance to progress such works in consultation with communities. Also request an update on eScooter legislation and the need for the trial of eScooters to progress in Belfast as soon as possible. 	
<u>Regenerating Places and Improving Infrastructure</u>			
6a	<p>Department for Communities' Access and Inclusion Programme 2021-22</p>	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p>	Yes

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant permission for Council to apply for, promote, assess and manage DfC's Access and Inclusion Programme 2021/22. 	
6b	Sustainable Travel - Notice of Motion Update	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the contents of the report; and Note that the proposed Motion – Sustainable Transport, as set out in the report, would not be taken forward. 	Yes
6c	Future of the City and the Role of the City Centre	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the proposed Members Future of the City Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, 25th May 2021, and agree the proposed agenda outline as outlined at Appendix 1. 	Yes
6d	DfI Traffic Management Proposals	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the five proposed schemes. 	Yes
<u>Growing Business and the Economy</u>			
7a	Employability NI Update and ESF support	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the update on Employability NI and the Belfast Labour Market Partnership; Agree to consider the draft Action Plan at the June 2021 meeting of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee; Note and approve the match funding requests of £240,000 for the European Social Fund projects for the financial year 2021/22 and agree, in principle, to committing the £240,000 allocation for the final year of project delivery (2022/23), subject to satisfactory 	Yes

		<p>monitoring and formal confirmation of the funding from DfE, as well as budget availability within the core budget agreed through the 2022/23 revenue estimates process; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note that, in relation to the suggested additional representation on the Belfast Labour Market Partnership, namely the Labour Relations Agency, Trade Union and the Economic Research Institute, the Director of Economic Development will report back on the engagement and outcome once they have been considered by the Partnership. 	
<u>Strategic and Operational Issues</u>			
8a	Review of Belfast Agenda and maintaining focus on delivery	<p>In accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercised her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Note the reconfiguration of the Belfast Agenda Delivery Boards as set out within this report; (ii) Note the clear alignment and synergies between the Boards and work of the Committee; (iii) Note the role of Elected Members in inputting and shaping the refresh of the Belfast Agenda over coming months; and (iv) Note the role that Elected Members will play in refreshing the community plan detailed in section 3.9. 	Yes

Please note that the agenda/reports associated with the decisions listed above can be accessed on the app and on the web, via the following link: [Agenda for City Growth and Regeneration Committee on Wednesday, 12th May, 2021, 5.15 pm \(belfastcity.gov.uk\)](https://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/Agenda-for-City-Growth-and-Regeneration-Committee-on-Wednesday-12th-May-2021-5.15-pm)