



Subject:	DfC Covid-19 Revitalisation Programme Update: Reimagining the Public Realm & Connectivity/Active Travel
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Some time in the future	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The following information has been unrestricted as of 8th June, as per the discussion at the Committee:

3.0	Main report
3.27	<p>Belfast Bikes (£120k)</p> <p>As Members will be aware, the Strategic Review of Belfast Bikes has been delayed due to COVID-19 but is being brought back to Committee in June 2021. The review provides guidance and a framework for the expansion of the Belfast Bikes Network. There is an opportunity to utilise £120k of the DFI Active Travel Fund for an expansion of the Belfast Bikes Network. In order to utilise this funding opportunity within the timeframe set out by</p>

DFI, officers are recommending an expansion of four new docking stations. These recommendations are in line with the recommendations within the review.

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Given the normal lead in time of four months, it is recommended that the equipment for four stations including the bikes is ordered immediately. A quotation was received from the system provider Nextbike for a total of €82,100, however the full cost of delivery is £120,000 including construction and installation. The proposed locations for the additional docking stations include Antrim Road Waterworks, Lisnasharragh Leisure Centre, Olympia Leisure Centre, and the Kennedy Centre as outlined below. As the funding is time bound and the projects need to be delivered in a very short time period, these recommendations have considered deliverability criteria such as the availability of the sites and delivery on Council land (or potentially DfI or DfC as involved parties). Taking all these preliminaries into consideration, the following locations for implementation are proposed:

North Belfast
Antrim Road, Waterworks (area next to public toilet facility); close to the planned cycle infrastructure on the Limestone Road; the area is next to a public park, 24 hours accessible and owned by the Council
East Belfast
Front of Lisnasharragh Leisure Centre
South Belfast
Front of Olympia Leisure Centre
West Belfast
Kennedy Shopping Centre, Falls Road (Kennedy Centre ownership; agreement verbally secured)

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Given the time constraints relating to procurement and delivery of all of the above elements it is proposed that these recommendations, if agreed by the CG&R Committee, will not be subject to Call-In to enable the delivery mechanisms to commence as soon as possible.

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As requested by Members at the CG&R Committee meeting in April 2021, a report will be brought back in the near future on the various connectivity and active travel related projects and interventions underway or proposed across the city.