



Subject:	Responses from Translink and Minister for Infrastructure re Notice of Motion – Free Public Transport for Young People
Date:	9th February 2022
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To note the correspondence received regarding the Notice of Motion re Free Public Transport for Young People.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the correspondence as set out in the report.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The Committee will recall that, at its meeting on 10th January, 2022, the Council agreed to the following motion:</p> <p>“This Council supports the promotion and expansion of sustainable transport in Belfast as a critical step to averting climate change, address the significant levels of air pollution, reduce congestion and improve public health. Extending and improving uptake of sustainable transport is key to our City playing its part in averting climate breakdown. In order to create a societal shift in how people</p> ”

	<p>access public transport, this Council therefore calls upon the Minister for Infrastructure and Translink to introduce a pilot of free public transport for young people in Belfast which will also include the West Belfast taxi association and the Shankill taxis.”</p>
3.2	<p>Accordingly, Democratic Services wrote to the Minister for Infrastructure and Translink and a response has been received on behalf of the Minister for Infrastructure from her Private Secretary (appendix 1) and from Translink (appendix 2).</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Response from Minister for Infrastructure</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Response from Translink</p>