



Subject:	Request to present DfI Spring and Autumn Reports
Date	11 May 2022
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	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	The purpose of this report is to request Member's approval to receive presentations from the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) on its Spring and Autumn 2022 Reports.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>

2.1	<p>The Members of Committee are asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Agree to receive presentations from Dfl on their Spring and Autumn 2022 reports at the Special meetings of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 respectively.</li> <li>II. Consider any strategic city infrastructure questions to put to Dfl at the proposed presentation of the Spring Report on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.</li> <li>III. Agree to delegate authority to officers to schedule future Dfl Spring and Autumn reports at Special meetings of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee.</li> </ol>
3.0	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>The Department for Infrastructure have requested permission to present their Spring and Autumn 2022 Infrastructure Report to the Special Meeting of the CG&amp;R Committee on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 respectively. This request is in keeping with the Dfl bi-annual reports to the Council on works completed and proposed works of the Department. Going forward Members are asked to delegate authority to officers to schedule the future Dfl Spring and Autumn Reports at Special meetings of the CG&amp;R Committee.</p> <p>A number of areas of focus have previously been raised with the Department in relation to the roads and sustainable and active travel networks, and the partnership working model required across the statutory and civic leaderships to deliver infrastructure within a place-making priority aligned to the Belfast Agenda and A Bolder Vision for Belfast.</p> <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p><b>Bolder Vision &amp; Belfast Metropolitan Transport Plan (BMTP):</b> A Bolder Vision for Belfast is nearing the final stages of completion which will see the publication of a strategy and ancillary action plan in Autumn 2022. The strategy will propose a number of Key Moves, and the emerging Action Plan will be strongly informed and enabled by the Belfast Metropolitan Transport Plan (BMTP) and the Local Development Strategy (LDP) which remains in draft form pending the publication of the PAC report following independent examination in 2021. Given the importance of the BMTP it would be helpful to have a confirmed timeline for its completion and publication.</p>
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<p>3.3</p>	<p>The future delivery of projects and priorities under a Bolder Vision and the associated Action Plan will be critical, and DfI will be a key partner in the delivery of infrastructure and active travel projects, as well as a partnership via BCC/DfI/DfC on the delivery and future funding priorities of the Bolder Vision Strategy and Action Plan.</p> <p><b>Partnership Working:</b> Belfast City Council in partnership with the DfI and the Department for Communities (DfC), are continuing to successfully deliver the DfC Covid-19 Revitalisation Programme placemaking and tactical regeneration interventions the nature of which are aligned to A Bolder Vision for Belfast. These interventions are supported by funding from the DfC Covid Revitalisation Programme and the DfI Blue and Green Infrastructure fund and, are bringing forward a number of active travel initiatives including covered and secure cycle stands, expansion of the Belfast Bike Network and replacement of the bike fleet, Active Travel Hubs and repair stations. At previous DfI Presentations Members have queried the level of investment and timeframe for the delivery of the Belfast Bicycle Network and a further update on this will be provided at the Spring Report.</p>
<p>3.4</p>	<p><b>Residents' Parking Zones (RPZ's):</b> As presented to Committee in April 2022, Belfast City Council has submitted a draft response (pending Council ratification) to the DfI consultation Inconsiderate Pavement Parking - Options Paper. In our response we have again highlighted the issue of a lack of dedicated parking and on-street parking availability within residential areas which are becoming more and more constrained. There is also inconsiderate parking within our city centre residential areas causing congestion as well as servicing issues for cleansing and general services. Critically, inconsiderate pavement parking is impacting on active and accessible connectivity for all of our residents.</p> <p>Members are asked to consider further issues / questions which they would like to put to the Department at the proposed presentation on 22nd June 2022 and Officers will work with Departmental Officials to ensure that these queries are addressed at the presentations.</p>
<p>3.5</p>	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
<p>3.6</p>	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p><b>Appendices – Documents attached</b></p>
	<p>None.</p>