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Good Relations Unit

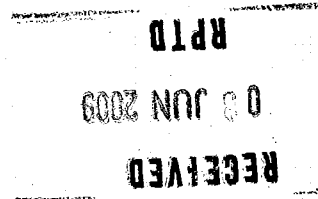
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Date: 5th June 2009



Janet Watson
Regional Planning and Transportation Division
Department for Regional Development
Room 301, Clarence Court
10-18 Adelaide Street
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Dear Janet,

Accessible Transport Strategy Draft Action Plan 2009 – 2012

Background

Belfast City Council is the largest of the 26 District Councils in Northern Ireland. It spends more than £140 million each year providing a range of services, which help to improve the quality of life of our citizens and visitors by helping to make Belfast a better place to live in, work in or visit

The 51 elected Councillors represent the nine electoral areas in the city ensuring that the views of the people of Belfast are reflected in the decisions that the Council takes and in the way services are delivered.

Equality & Good Relations

The Council is committed to the promotion of equality of opportunity for all the citizens of Belfast and wider society. The Council's Equality Scheme (see www.belfastcity.gov.uk/equality/equalityscheme.asp) details how the Council will fulfil its obligations regarding the promotion of equality of opportunity and Good Relations under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

Consultation Response

Belfast City Council welcomes the opportunity to take part in this consultation and would offer the following comments:

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- We support the Action Plan in that it fits with the equality agenda put forward by the Council in particular our obligations under Disability legislation and Section 75 Northern Ireland Act 1998.
- We also welcome the Action Plan in that it supports our own work on the provision services and opportunities for Older People in Belfast and the wider society. (see www.belfastcity.gov.uk/seniors/index.asp)
- Moreover, while Councils in Northern Ireland do not have authority for transport, we welcome the fact that the Action Plan reflects generally our views regarding future transport policy for Belfast. The Council agreed a draft Transport policy review in June 2009 (see www.belfastcity.gov.uk/government/index.asp) and expects to complete the revised policy by September.

Yours Sincerely

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