1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations
1.1 To update Members on the current provision of bus shelters within the new Derry City and Strabane District Council area.

2 Background
2.1 Members will be aware of Council's role in the provision and maintenance of bus shelters. This report sets out the total number of shelters currently in use, details of the various types of bus shelters provided and maintained by Council, their locations and details of the current budget allocated to this service area.

2.2 Bus shelters can be divided into two distinct categories, namely:

2.3 Category A

These consist of a relatively recent stock of high quality Clearchannel/Adshel shelters that are mainly located along heavily trafficked urban roads/streets and which were erected and maintained through a Council contract with Clearchannel, albeit at no cost to Council (ES395/08). All of the former 26 Councils took part in this contract. This contract recently terminated. There are currently 97 Clearchannel shelters in the new Council area. A list of all Category A shelters erected within Derry City and Strabane, as part of this former contract, is included in Appendix 1.

Clearchannel have recently entered into a new contract to provide this range of shelters to all eleven Councils through Translink, the allocations of these types of shelters will be agreed between Adshel and Translink.

Category B

These consist of a mostly older stock of prefabricated shelters of various types and are mainly located in rural areas and urban residential areas. The three different types of shelter under this category consist of (i) steel framed shelters clad in precast concrete panels (fabricated by the former Enterprise Ulster), (ii) newer steel plate shelters and (iii) brick/blockwork masonry structures.
These shelters are provided and maintained by Council by means of an annual budget of £26k. Members should note that this budget is for both the supply of any new shelters and maintenance/replacement of existing shelters. There are 135 of these types of shelters within the Derry City & Strabane District Council area. The erection of any new shelters of this type is managed by the directorates Capital Development team, while the repair, maintenance or replace of existing shelters is managed by the directorates Environment team. A list of all Category B shelters erected within Derry City and Strabane District, as part of this contract, is included in Appendix 2.

3 Key Issues
3.1 Council does not currently have a policy for choosing where new shelters are sited and therefore, new shelters are effectively allocated on a ‘first come first served basis’, until the annual budget allocation is committed. It would be possible for Council to adopt a policy on allocation of bus shelters based on objective criteria.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications
4.1 Members will recall that they increased the annual budget for bus shelters to £26k. In the last financial year 2016/2017 supply, repair and general maintenance of category B shelters has amounted to approximately £22k, in addition six new bus shelters were erected.

5 Recommendations
5.1 It is recommended that officers prepare objective, criteria based procedure for choosing where new shelters are sited, and that this is brought to a future committee meeting for consideration.

Background Papers

Appendix 1 – List of relatively newer Category A bus shelters (i.e. Clearchannel) provided in Derry City & Strabane District Council

Appendix 2 – List of mostly older Category B bus shelters within the Derry City & Strabane District Council area.