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## **Armstrong welcomes new rural Ulsterbuses**

Mid Ulster MLA Billy Armstrong has welcomed the news that 48 new Ulsterbuses are to be deployed in rural areas of Northern Ireland.

Speaking after meeting Dr William Wright OBE of Wrightbus Ltd at Stormont, the UUP man said;

“I was delighted to meet with Dr William Wright, and to hear at first hand about the 48 new “Solar Rural” vehicles which his company is providing to Translink/Ulsterbus, mainly for use in rural areas. The Wrightbus company have been an excellent example of a local company made good through hard work and initiative and now distribute throughout the world.

As the representative of a predominantly rural constituency, I look forward to seeing some of these buses deployed in Mid-Ulster, to complement the new high-capacity vehicles which were recently added to the fleet in Magherafelt.

I will still be pressing Translink to improve the frequency of service on the transport in parts of the constituency, with particular regard to the A29 Dungannon to Coleraine route, the major north-south route in the west of the Province. The fact that these new buses are coming into service means that at least Translink have the additional bus capacity to introduce a pilot scheme.

This announcement is good news for the travelling public, and the fact that the buses are locally made means that local jobs are secured in their construction, so it is a win-win situation all round.”

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