



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Retail Business in Sandy Row
Date:	4th December, 2024
Reporting Officer:	Damien Martin, Strategic Director of Place and Economy
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted? Yes No

Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.

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2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information)
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider a motion in relation to Retail Business in Sandy Row, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 21st November.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	Members are asked to consider the motion and, if the proposal is agreed, to agree that a report, outlining a detailed consideration of the motion and the potential cost implications, will be brought back.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 21st November, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Ruth Brooks, was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p>
3.2	<p><u>Retail Business in Sandy Row</u></p> <p>“That this Council recognises the importance of small businesses and the creation of a thriving economy in communities across our city; accepts that changes to infrastructure can have a significant impact on local businesses in the surrounding area; agrees that businesses in Sandy Row have been disadvantaged by the closure of the Boyne Bridge as part of the Grand Central Station development and recognises the struggle of business owners in the area to survive given the reduction in footfall; and calls on this Council to look at options of re-opening the Boyne Bridge, create a Taskforce, alongside the Department of the Economy, Department for Communities, Translink and local business owners, to explore how businesses can be urgently supported.”</p>
3.3	As the motion calls upon the Council to undertake a number of actions to explore how businesses can be supported in the Sandy Row area, it was referred in the first instance to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee, which had responsibility for developing programmes and actions to support local.
3.4	Members are reminded that, in accordance with Standing Orders, where the notice of motion seeks to commit the Council to expenditure not previously agreed through the Committee process, the notice of motion has been referred to this Committee for consideration. This will usually require a further report from officers outlining the financial and other implications should the notice of motion be adopted.
3.5	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None.</p>