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**Belfast  
City Council**

24th April, 2026

## **MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room - City Hall and remotely via Teams on Tuesday, 28th April, 2026 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

### **AGENDA:**

1. **Routine Matters**
  - (a) Apologies
  - (b) Minutes
  - (c) Declarations of Interest
2. **Motions**
3. **Notice of Motion to rescind a decision – Armed Forces Covenant (Pages 1 - 4)**
4. **Notice of Motion - Opposing Aspirational Climate Targets (Report to follow)**
5. **Notice of Motion – Public Acts of Remembrance Events (Pages 5 - 8)**
6. **Notice of Motion – Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder (PMDD) (Pages 9 - 12)**
7. **Notice of Motion – Tackling Anti-Social Scrambler and E-Scooter Use in Belfast (Pages 13 - 16)**
8. **Notice of Motion – University of Ulster to rescind decision to cut 450 jobs (Pages 17 - 20)**



# Agenda Item 3



**Belfast**  
City Council

STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion to rescind a decision – Armed Forces Covenant</b>
<b>Date:</b>	28th April, 2026
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance Manager

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<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider a Motion requesting the Committee to rescind the decision in relation to the Armed Forces Covenant.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the motion and agree to either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b>
3.1	The Committee will recall that, at its meeting on 24 <sup>th</sup> March, it had agreed to adopt the following motion:  <b><u>Armed Forces Covenant</u></b>  “That this Council recognises the unique contribution that Armed Forces service leavers have and continue to make to our society; agrees that Veterans and serving personnel should not face any disadvantage as a result of their military service and resolves that this Council will sign up immediately to the Armed Forces Covenant.”  Proposer: Alderman James Lawlor  Seconder: Alderman Dean McCullough
3.2	Subsequent to the Committee adopting the motion and the expiry of the call-in period, in accordance with standing order 26 (b), a motion was received requesting that the decision to adopt the motion be rescinded.
3.3	The Committee is asked to consider the motion and agree to either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.
	<b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b>
3.4	None associated with this report.
	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b>
3.5	Members will recall that a similar Notice of Motion was previously screened and was screened out.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	Copy of the notice to rescind the decision.

RE: Motion to rescind the decision of the Standards and Business Committee of the 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 relating to the motion in respect of the “**Armed Forces Covenant**”.

In accordance with Standing Order 26 – We the undersigned members call on Belfast City Council to rescind the Standards and Business Committee of the 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 decision to adopt the notice of motion in respect of the Armed Forces Covenant on two grounds.

- 1) No resource implications were listed in the report of the motion. There will be a resource implication associated with this motion through council officer time or in any event that would mark the signing of the armed forces covenant. Therefore a referral to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee should have been recommended
- 2) Furthermore In reference to Standing Order 13 o, the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant being a strategic decision the item should have been referred to full Council.

These are the two options that should have been recommended to the committee before it could make a decision on this matter.

We therefore call for the decision to be rescinded and to be tabled again at the Standards and Business Committee on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

CAOLUINN MCGAUGHEY	
NATASHA BRENNAN	
Róis-Máire DONNELLY	
Ciara Beatty	
Conor McKay	
CLAIRE CANAVAN	
CHRISTINA BLACK	
Aine McCabe	
TOMÁS Ó NEILL	
LUCY McENEMAN	
<del>JOE DUFFY</del>	
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MATI GARRETT	
NICHOLA BRADLEY	
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AKSANA CURSON	
SEANNA WATSON	
RYAN MURPHY	





<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Public Acts of Remembrance Events</b>
<b>Date:</b>	28th April, 2026
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance Manager

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 5th May, 2026 in relation to Public Acts of Remembrance Events.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	<p>Members are asked to note that, in accordance with Standing Orders, Notices of Motion which commit the Council to expenditure or falls within the remit of a particular Committee must be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>At this time Members are only asked to note that the Notice of Motion has been received and that a subsequent report will be brought to Committee, if that Committee so agrees, outlining a detailed consideration of the Notice of Motion and the potential costs implications.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to note that this motion will be referred on the first instance to the People and Communities Committee.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b>
3.1	<p>The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows:</p> <p>(m) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will have delegated authority to adopt or reject Notices of Motion. The Lord Mayor will indicate at the Council meeting those Notices of Motion that have been considered by the Standards and Business Committee and whether such Notices of Motion were rejected or adopted. In either case, the proposer only may speak on the issue at Council.</i></p> <p>(n) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer all Notices of Motion directly to a standing committee when the matter to which the Notice of Motion refers falls within the remit of that committee. At Council, the Lord Mayor will indicate that the Notice of Motion was received and referred. There will be no speakers on such Notices of Motion at Council.</i></p> <p>(o) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter.</i></p> <p>(p) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will not have the power to amend the wording of any Notice of Motion that is being referred to the full Council for debate.</i></p> <p>(q) <i>Any amendments to Notice of Motions to be proposed at the Council are to be furnished at least one day in advance of going to the full Council and will be circulated to Party Group Leaders in advance of the Council meeting.</i></p>

	<p>(r) <i>In referring any matter to the full Council, the Standards and Business Committee may determine to restrict contributions to the debate in relation to any Notice of Motion to one per political party. At the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor will clearly indicate if the restriction applies.</i></p>
3.2	<p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><b><u>Public Acts of Remembrance Events</u></b></p> <p>“This Council recognises the profound importance of public acts of remembrance for people grieving friends and family members across Belfast. This council wants to support those who have experienced loss and encourage safe and environmentally friendly acts of public remembrance within its spaces. This council resolves to bring back a report that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explores implementing designated memorial spaces in all of our parks</li> <li>• Considers environmentally friendly ways for remembrance events, including 'ascent' style events, such as, permanent or bookable bubble stations, kite festivals, and native butterfly releases</li> <li>• Maps out how to enhance the support council gives to grieving families, for example, by developing a downloadable remembrance guide to include ideas of eco-friendly ways to mark their loss personally or publicly.”</li> </ul> <p>Proposer: Councillor Christine Bower</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Jenna Maghie</p>
3.3	<p>The motion calls upon the Council to explore implementing designated memorial spaces in all of its Parks. The People and Communities Committee is responsible for managing, maintaining and maximising the benefit of the Council’s parks, pitches, playgrounds and other public spaces as well as community spaces and other indoor facilities. The motion will be referred to that Committee in the first instance.</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.5	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None.

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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder (PMDD)</b>
<b>Date:</b>	28th April, 2026
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance Manager

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 5th May, 2026 in relation to Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder (PMDD).
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the motion and agree to either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(m) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will have delegated authority to adopt or reject Notices of Motion. The Lord Mayor will indicate at the Council meeting those Notices of Motion that have been considered by the Standards and Business Committee and whether such Notices of Motion were rejected or adopted. In either case, the proposer only may speak on the issue at Council.</i></li> <li>(n) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer all Notices of Motion directly to a standing committee when the matter to which the Notice of Motion refers falls within the remit of that committee. At Council, the Lord Mayor will indicate that the Notice of Motion was received and referred. There will be no speakers on such Notices of Motion at Council.</i></li> <li>(o) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter.</i></li> <li>(p) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will not have the power to amend the wording of any Notice of Motion that is being referred to the full Council for debate.</i></li> <li>(q) <i>Any amendments to Notice of Motions to be proposed at the Council are to be furnished at least one day in advance of going to the full Council and will be circulated to Party Group Leaders in advance of the Council meeting.</i></li> <li>(r) <i>In referring any matter to the full Council, the Standards and Business Committee may determine to restrict contributions to the debate in relation to any Notice of Motion to one per political party. At the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor will clearly indicate if the restriction applies.</i></li> </ul> <p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><b><u>Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder (PMDD) motion</u></b></p> <p>“This Council recognises that April is PMDD Awareness Month. PMDD stands for Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder, which is an endocrine disorder and is the abnormal reaction to fluctuations in hormones.</p>
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	<p>This Council notes that PMDD affects 1 in 20 women and those assigned female at birth and has serious impacts on their mental and physical health. Symptoms can be emotional, physical and psychological including mood swings, fatigue, pain and suicidal ideations, and can affect those with the conditions for up to two weeks of every month. 34% of those with the condition have attempted to take their own life, yet despite how serious the condition can be there is a lack of training and awareness of the condition throughout GPs and medical practitioners. It can take twelve years to get a diagnosis and it can often be misdiagnosed and therefore mistreated as bipolar disorder.</p> <p>This Council will write to the Department of Health to ask them what training and awareness campaigns they provide for medical practitioners of the symptoms of PMDD and will also write to the Public Health Agency to ask them to launch a public campaign to highlight the condition and how to track the symptoms.</p> <p>This Council will work with the PMDD Project to hold workshops for councillors and all council staff to provide more awareness and information of how to get help for the condition.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Áine Groogan</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Jenna Maghie</p>
3.3	<p>The motion calls upon the Council to write to the Public Health Agency to ask them to launch a public campaign to highlight PMDD - the Committee can either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p>
	<p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.5	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p>
	<p>None associated with this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	<p>None.</p>

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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Tackling Anti-Social Scrambler and E-Scooter Use in Belfast</b>
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<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the motion and agree to either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.
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3.2	<p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><b><u>Tackling Anti-Social Scrambler and E-Scooter Use in Belfast</u></b></p> <p>“Belfast City Council expresses serious concern at the growing impact of antisocial scrambler and e-scooter use across the city, which has caused significant distress</p>

	<p>to residents, poses a clear risk to public safety and, in some cases, has resulted in serious injury and loss of life.</p> <p>The Council recognises that, when used responsibly and in appropriate settings, such vehicles can have legitimate recreational value; however, their misuse in residential areas, parks and public spaces is causing serious and growing concern across Belfast.</p> <p>The Council notes ongoing enforcement challenges and the need for stronger, more effective interventions to tackle dangerous use and repeat offending.</p> <p>Accordingly, the Council agrees to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• write to the Minister of Justice calling for strengthened powers for the PSNI to seize and, where appropriate, retain or dispose of vehicles being used in a dangerous or antisocial manner;</li> <li>• call for the introduction of mandatory registration of scramblers and e-scooters at the point of sale;</li> <li>• support the provision of additional enforcement tools, including the use of drone technology and dedicated resources to assist in identifying and tackling offenders; and</li> <li>• request a detailed briefing from the PSNI — open to all Members — on enforcement activity, hotspot areas, and barriers to effective action within Belfast.”</li> </ul> <p>Proposer: Alderman Dean A. McCullough</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Ruth Brooks</p>
3.3	<p>The motion calls upon the Council to tackle anti-social scrambler and e-scooter use in Belfast - the Committee can either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.5	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>None.</p>





<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Calling for University of Ulster to rescind decision to cut 450 jobs</b>
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<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the motion and agree to either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b>
3.1	<p>The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows:</p> <p>(m) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will have delegated authority to adopt or reject Notices of Motion. The Lord Mayor will indicate at the Council meeting those Notices of Motion that have been considered by the Standards and Business Committee and whether such Notices of Motion were rejected or adopted. In either case, the proposer only may speak on the issue at Council.</i></p> <p>(n) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer all Notices of Motion directly to a standing committee when the matter to which the Notice of Motion refers falls within the remit of that committee. At Council, the Lord Mayor will indicate that the Notice of Motion was received and referred. There will be no speakers on such Notices of Motion at Council.</i></p> <p>(o) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter.</i></p> <p>(p) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will not have the power to amend the wording of any Notice of Motion that is being referred to the full Council for debate.</i></p> <p>(q) <i>Any amendments to Notice of Motions to be proposed at the Council are to be furnished at least one day in advance of going to the full Council and will be circulated to Party Group Leaders in advance of the Council meeting.</i></p> <p>(r) <i>In referring any matter to the full Council, the Standards and Business Committee may determine to restrict contributions to the debate in relation to any Notice of Motion to one per political party. At the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor will clearly indicate if the restriction applies.</i></p>
3.2	<p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><b><u>Motion calling for University of Ulster to rescind decision to cut 450 jobs</u></b></p> <p>“This Council:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• expresses deep concern at the announcement of up to 450 redundancies at University of Ulster;</li> <li>• stands in solidarity with workers at UU in campuses in Belfast and across the north against these jobs losses;</li> <li>• calls on and will write to senior University of Ulster management urging them to rescind these proposals to protect jobs and educational provision;</li> <li>• will also write to the Economy Minister requesting an urgent intervention by the Stormont Executive to protect jobs and educational provision in UU; and</li> <li>• supports the UCU, UNITE and other trade unions representing workers at UU and supports action to resist the loss of 450 jobs and the resultant impact on educational provision.”</li> </ul> <p>Proposer: Councillor Michael Collins</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Anthony Flynn</p>
3.3	<p>The motion calls upon the University of Ulster to rescind decision to cut 450 jobs - the Committee can either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.5	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
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