



<b>Subject:</b>	Motion: Harm Reduction Campaign
<b>Date:</b>	16th April, 2025
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning and Building Control
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<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 or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider a motion in relation to a Harm Reduction Campaign, which was referred to the Licensing Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 27th March.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Consider the motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> The Standards and Business Committee referred the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Smyth and seconded by Councillor de Faoite, in accordance with Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), to the Licensing Committee for consideration:

3.2	<i>"This Council recognises the increasing harm associated with drug and alcohol misuse in Belfast, including rising drug-related deaths and the consequences of zero-tolerance policies. Following the successful harm reduction campaign launched in Bristol, in which it became the first harm reduction city in the UK, this Council commits to introducing a similar initiative in Belfast to promote safer nightlife practices."</i>
3.3	<i>It will seek to bring together stakeholders from across the night-time economy, including venues, promoters, the PHA, PSNI, community organisations and Belfast City Council. To develop city wide harm reduction messaging and educational materials/guides for venues to promote harm reduction strategies. As well as developing training resources, safety first policies and community engagement to reduce the stigma of substance misuse."</i>
3.4	Members are asked to note that, in accordance with Standing Orders, Notices of Motion which commit the Council to expenditure or fall within the remit of a particular Committee must be referred to the appropriate committee for its consideration.
3.5	It was deemed that the above motion fell within the remit of the Licensing Committee.
3.6	If the Committee so agrees, a subsequent report will be brought back to the Committee, outlining a detailed consideration of the Notice of Motion and any associated potential cost implications.
3.7	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>  None.
3.8	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>  None associated with this report.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None.