

Belfast City Council Notice of Motion Database

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| 7 | Notice of Motion | 09/04/2018 | Childcare Strategy | Cllr Mal O'Hara | SP&R | John Tully | City & Organisational Strategy | Ongoing | UPDATE May 2025 = discussions with officials has indicated that Dept of Education is to bring forward an Early Learning and Childcare Strategy by Autumn 2025. The Council will review and input into this document which it becomes available for consultation. Members will note that the Dept of Education announced (on 16 May 2025) £55million investment in early learning and childcare in 2025-26. Minister also announced that the Northern Ireland Childcare Subsidy Scheme will now be extended to include school age children from 1 September 2025. |
| 23 | Notice of Motion | 01/07/2019 | Removal of Banners and Paramilitary Flags in Belfast | Cllr Ciaran Beattie | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Since the decision by SP &R in 2019, the FICT report commissioned by the Executive was published which covers similar issues. Extensive consultation was undertaken between 2016 - 19 on this and the contents of this report have the agreement of the 5 main political parties represented on the CommissionReport to be brought to CMT and potentially Party Group Leaders for discussion on way forward. |
| 25 | Issue Raised in Advance | 23/08/2019 | Abortion Imagery | Cllr Aine Groogan | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | On 26 June 2023 the SP&R Committee agreed that the draft Bye Laws be issued for formal public consultation commencing in September 2023. At the Oct 23 Cttee it was agreed that this would remain open awaiting outcome of planned consultation. Consultation commenced on 27 November 2023 and concluded on 4 March 2024. There was an extremely high level of responses to this consultation and officers are currently working on analysing the responses in preparation for drafting a report on the consultation findings. Update - Further engagement was requested by Members and workshops took place in May 2025. A report on the byelaws will be brought back to Committee in the next few months. |
| 35 | Notice of Motion | 02/12/2019 | Pridestrian Animation | Cllr Matt Garrett | SP&R | Keith Forster | Place & Economy | Ongoing | Officers have engaged with external partners and developed a proposal for a piece of temporary public art. The cost has been prohibitive and discussions with the external partner are ongoing. |
| 49 | Notice of Motion | 03/02/2020 | Market Gardens and Urban Farming | Cllr Seamas de Faoite | SP&R | John Tully | City & Organisational Strategy | Recommend Close | The Climate Team have established a Belfast Sustainable Food Partnership, which is currently developing a sustainable food strategy for the city and will consider the potential for market gardens and urban farming in the city as part of this. Also links with Right to Grow motion. The UPSURGE and UP2030 projects are also looking at the use of green space and nature based solutions, and will include community and urban food growing opportunities. Engagement to develop Sustainable Food Strategy completed with Area Working Groups in February/March 2025 - draft strategy under review. |
| 50 | Notice of Motion | 03/02/2020 | Belfast Zoo | Cllr Conor Maskey | SP&R | Keith Forster | Place & Economy | Ongoing | This work is being progressed by the member led Castle, Cavehill, Zoo and North Foreshore Steering Group. There are Floral Hall works currently on site and Belfast Zoo H&S works (Stage 2) have been agreed as capital projects. |
| 51 | Notice of Motion | 03/02/2020 | Growth Deal | Cllr Ciaran Beattie | SP&R | Sharon McNicholl | Corporate Services | Ongoing | To be progressed as resources become available. |
| 74 | Issue Raised in Advance | 19/06/2020 | Disabled People and Older People | Cllr Ross McMullan | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Recommend Close | 10.01.23 Part one of this motion in relation to older people and inclusivity is now recommended for closure. 17.06.25. There were a number of further actions to be progressed in relation to accessibility and inclusivity with regards to disabled people and in a wider sense. These actions are now being taken forward through the Disability Working Group and recommendations are being progressed in relation to Accessible City 2035 and the Disability Action Plan. Recommend closure. |
| 131 | Notice of Motion | 02/11/2020 | Sealing of the Records of Mother and Baby Homes | Cllr Michael Collins | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Response from Irish Gov still outstanding - 06/09/21 |
| 167 | Notice of Motion | 01/04/2021 | Violence against Women and Girls | Cllr Sian Mulholland | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Recommend Close | This motion is recommended for closure now that the Executive have an EVAWG strategy and the Council have an internal champion - Damien Martin, Strategic Director of Place and Economy. |
| 176 | Notice of Motion | 04/05/2021 | Mater Hospital Services | Cllr Fiona Ferguson | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | This motion related to provision of services during the pandemic - this was resolved with services returning to normal from November 2022. 12.03.23 This motion recommendation for closure was rejected at Feb 2023 SP&R and therefore remains on-going |
| 187 | Notice of Motion | 01/06/2021 | Local Government Pension Scheme - Responsible Investment Strategy | Cllr Ryan Murphy | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Letter sent 2/7/21. Meeting with NILGOSC requested by S P and R 20/8/21 - to be arranged |
| 189 | Notice of Motion | 01/06/2021 | PEACE IV to PEACE PLUS Programmes | Cllr John Kyle | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Recommend Close | Letters sent 2/7/21. Response received from SEUPB 20/7/21 - TEO yet to respond. This motion was about the seamless transition between PEACE IV (ending in 2020) and PEACEPLUS (2021 - 2027). This motion should be closed as the PEACEPLUS is now well underway. |
| 197 | Notice of Motion | 01/09/2021 | The Rights of Nature | Cllr Brian Smyth | SP&R | John Tully | City & Organisational Strategy | Recommend Close | Research and engagement ongoing to understand related initiatives such as biodiversity net gain and nature positive as part of Council Climate Action Plan brought to Council for approval in May 2025. |
| 199 | Notice of Motion | 01/09/2021 | Four-Day Working Week | Cllr Matt Garrett | SP&R | Christine Sheridan | Human Resources | Ongoing | Discussions ongoing with Management Side & Trade Unions to consider an appropriate pilot |
| 203 | Notice of Motion | 04/10/2021 | Electric Charging Points | Ald George Dorrian | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Responses from Ministers being considered by officers |
| 209 | Notice of Motion | 04/10/2021 | Environmentally Sustainable Event Spaces | Cllr Matt Garrett | SP&R | Grimes | Property & Projects | Ongoing | A report is required to SP&R Committee to outline the next steps. Progressing. |
| 228 | Notice of Motion | 10/01/2022 | Playing Pitches in Belfast | Cllr David Brooks | SP&R | David Sales | City & Neighbourhood Services | Ongoing | It is anticipated that a draft Pitches Strategy report will be presented to P&C Committee in Autumn 2025. |
| 235 | Notice of Motion | 22/02/2022 | Energy Price Crises | Cllr Brian Smyth | SP&R | John Tully | City & Organisational Strategy | Ongoing | The Belfast Local Area Energy Plan provides an evidence base which will help to inform investment in community energy schemes. The Plan specifically includes an action to support community energy organisations to develop rooftop solar PV installations and engage in area based retrofit projects. In parallel discussions are ongoing with projects such as Edenderry District Energy initiative, to explore opportunities to support community ambitions. A new temporary post has been created within the team specifically to support delivery of the LAEP effective Jan 2025 and a new Net Zero Officer is under recruitment. This will provide additional capacity to support energy projects. The development of a neighbourhood retrofit pilot is being progressed through the Retrofit Hub. Funding was secured to install solar PV on oneall Pass Community Centre and a solar PV web portal is being developed to provide information on the rooftop solar potential in the UP2030 project area. |

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| | | | Cost of Living | | | | | | Continued implementation of the 2024-25 Hardship Programme continues until June 2025 deadline with the majority of supported allocated. A detailed impact study will be brought to Members Working Group and SP&R Committee in Autumn. |
| 243 | Notice of Motion | 14/03/2022 | | Cllr Matt Garrett | SP&R | John Tully | City & Organisational Strategy | Ongoing | Inaugural gathering of the citywide 'Anti-Poverty Network' took place enabling partners who provide much needed support to those impacted by poverty within the city, to share information, discuss opportunities to collaborate and importantly help strengthen working relationships. |
| 264 | Issue Raised in Advance | 19/08/2022 | Electric Vehicle Charging Points Strategy | Cllr Michael Long | SP&R | John Tully | City & Organisational Strategy | Recommend Close | Physical Projects team continues to coordinate work on the implementation of phase 1 and phase 2 of the Low Emission Vehicle Strategy which will support a commercial assessment and market testing of Council land assets to understand potential scope to bring forward for possible locations for low emissions infrastructure investment. |
| 284 | Issue Raised in Advance | 18/11/2022 | Use of the Ceremony Room, City Hall | Cllr Michelle Kelly | SP&R | Sinead Grimes | Property & Projects | Ongoing | A report on the potential reinstatement of the Ceremony Room to be submitted to a future Committee meeting. |
| 297 | Notice of Motion | 05/01/2023 | Comber Greenway | Cllr Anthony Flynn | SP&R | Sinead Grimes | Property & Projects | Ongoing | Project has significant resource and financial implications. Officers are starting the process of reengaging with DfI on the Comber Greenway. |
| 298 | Notice of Motion | 05/01/2023 | School Street Schemes | Cllr Seamas de Faoite | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Letters issued to DfI on 17 Apr 2023 in relation to Rosetta Way "quietway" and also to DAERA on 12 Feb 2024 re School Streets Air Quality but no letter specifically on School Streets Schemes appears to have been issued to DfI |
| 305 | Notice of Motion | 24/01/2023 | Support for striking Health Workers | Cllr Matt Collins | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Adopted at Standards and Business Committee. Progress to be reported to SP&R |
| 308 | Notice of Motion | 21/02/2023 | Overdose Prevention Facility in Belfast | Cllr Mal O'Hara | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | At SP&R on 24th November 2023 the Committee agreed that, at the request of Councillor Smyth, that a report be submitted at its next monthly meeting with specific reference made to meetings held, legal advice sought and partners engaged with - see no. 346 for reference. A report was brought back to SP&R in January 2024. The Committee noted the contents of the report and that engagement would continue to take place with all the relevant agencies and stakeholders to advocate for such a |
| 319 | Notice of Motion | 27/06/2023 | CPR Training and Circuit | Cllr Christina Black | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | The Committee agreed to adopt the motion, with a report to be submitted to a future meeting outlining how it could be facilitated. |
| 326 | Issue Raised in Advance | 18/08/2023 | Data Protection | Cllr Ciaran Beattie | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Agreed at SP&R that a report will be brought back to Committee |
| 330 | Notice of Motion | 29/08/2023 | Clean Indoor Air Motion | Cllr Jenna Maghie | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | The Committee agreed to adopt the motion, with a report to be submitted to a future meeting outlining how it could be managed, resourced, and facilitated. |
| 331 | Notice of Motion | 29/08/2023 | Save West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness | Cllr Michael Collins | SP&R | Trevor Wallace | Finance & Resources | Ongoing | Update August 24: At the request of Councillor Collins, the Council agreed that the Motion on Save West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness which had been recommended for closure, remained open and be brought back to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for further discussion."A paper was brought to SP&R on 19th April where committee further discussed and agreed that the request be dealt with via the discretionary payments process.The Discretionary payment processed opened at the end of June and closed on 2nd August. Again, West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness did not apply for funding. Update Jan 25 - at Dec Cttee meeting it was decided that this would remain open |
| 337 | Notice of Motion | 26/09/2023 | Right to Food Campaign | Cllr Paul Doherty | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Response presented to S P and R 24/11/23 - Referred to Social Policy Working Group |
| 341 | Notice of Motion | 24/10/2023 | Childcare Provision | Cllr Jenna Maghie | SP&R | David Sales | City & Neighbourhood Services | Recommend Close | Whilst Council host a number of summer and play schemes, it must be noted that childcare is a very specific function with registration required with the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust and as such, BCC do not provide childcare schemes. However, our Employability and Skills team provide a range of Childcare, Playwork and Classroom Assistant Employment Academies, Upskilling Academies and will be delivering new Childminding and Homecare Academies – Classroom Assistant Academies in Irish Medium are also available. In addition, support of £80,000 was agreed by SP&R Committee in February 2024 to support the enhancement of provision of summer schemes for children with additional needs for delivery in summer 2024. In light of the above, it is recommended that this Motion is now closed. |
| 342 | Notice of Motion | 24/10/2023 | Mental Health Accessibility Audit | Cllr Matt Garrett | SP&R | David Sales | City & Neighbourhood Services | Recommend Close | Following exploratory work undertaken by officers in relation to how this Motion might be facilitated, it is evident that there are other organisations who are fulfilling this obligation. The proposer of the Motion has been updated. Given that this work is within the remit of other agencies as opposed to Council, it is proposed that this Motion is recommended for closure. |
| 347 | Notice of Motion | 28/11/2023 | Cost of School Uniforms and P.E. Kits | Cllr Sarah Bunting | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | |
| 351 | Notice of Motion | 28/11/2023 | Right to Grow on Council owned land | Cllr David Bell | SP&R | John Tully | City & Organisational Strategy | Recommend Close | Internal cross-departmental discussions are taking place to understand how this might be taken forward in Belfast. Mapping and survey of community growing space in the city completed. Information now needs groundtruthed and surveys carried out. Right to Grow being considered as part of engagement towards developing a Sustainable Food Strategy. Area Working Groups with members underway in February and March 2025. |
| 356 | Notice of Motion | 04/01/2024 | Memorial Wall - Covid-19 | Cllr Emmett McDonough | SP&R | Sinead Grimes | Property & Projects | Ongoing | Progressing. |
| 358 | Notice of Motion | 04/01/2024 | Ulster Bank Closures | Cllr Geraldine McAteer | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Required letters were sent on 19th January 2024 |
| 360 | Notice of Motion | 23/01/2024 | Transparency by Default at Belfast City Council | Cllr Gary McKeown | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Motion referred to SP&R |
| 361 | Notice of Motion | 23/01/2024 | Rights-based Ethical Procurement Policy | Cllr Bronach Anglin | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Motion referred to SP&R. The draft Ethical Procurement Policy is currently under consideration by the Social Value Policy working group which is due to meet on 17th June 2025. |
| 366 | Notice of Motion | 22/02/2024 | Gender Pay Gap Recording and Reporting | Cllr Tara Brooks | SP&R | Christine Sheridan | Human Resources | Recommend Close | Gender Pay Gap reporting, incorporated into CHR programme of work, due to be completed December 2025 |
| 367 | Notice of Motion | 22/02/2024 | Housing Crisis | Cllr Aine Groogan | SP&R | Cathy Reynolds | Place & Economy | Recommend Close | Recommended to Close (Category 2) The housing led regeneration programme provides the basis to actively seek to identify suitable sites that could be used for cohousing. The strategic site assessments city centre and city wide, supported by the Council's private sector partner for the delivery of housing led mixed use regeneration development will look at sites through the lens of mixed tenure, which comprises all housing product types. |
| 385 | Notice of Motion | 30/04/2024 | Plant Based Councils Initiative | Cllr Anthony Flynn | SP&R | John Tully | City & Organisational Strategy | Ongoing | Internal engagement with Procurement around how to take this forward ongoing. Report to SP&R in due course. |
| 395 | Issue Raised in Advance | 24/05/2024 | Transfer of Powers - Licensing of Bus Tour Operators in the City | Cllr Ciaran Beattie | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Discussions ongoing with DfI in relation to bus tour operators generally. |

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| 396 | Issue Raised in Advance | 24/05/2024 | Connection of Water Supply to Social Homes | Cllr Michael Donnelly | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | |
| 402 | Issue Raised in Advance | 20/09/2024 | Sunday Trading - Pilot Scheme | Cllr Sam Nelson | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | |
| 406 | Notice of Motion | 24/10/2024 | Epilepsy - Education and Training | Cllr Michael Long | SP&R | Christine Sheridan | Human Resources | Ongoing | Corporate HR will source appropriate education and training resources and deliver them via the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan and member development programme |
| 407 | Notice of Motion | 24/10/2024 | Blood and Bone Marrow Donations | Cllr Christine Bower | SP&R | Christine Sheridan | Human Resources | Ongoing | A blood donation session has been organised for employees in City Hall for 18 June. Corporate HR will also work with internal communications to raise awareness on bone marrow donation. |
| 409 | Notice of Motion | 24/10/2024 | NILGOSC - Disposal of Government Bonds | Cllr Carl Whyte | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | |
| 411 | Issue Raised in Advance | 25/10/2024 | Fundraising box at the City Hall Christmas Tree | Cllr Gary McKeown | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | |
| | | | Addressing Educational Inequalities in Belfast | | | | | | Response received from Education Minister (dated 25 March 2025), stating that the intention is to establish Locality Reference Groups for each Raise locally, which will include representatives of all relevant stakeholders. Each Locality Reference Group will oversee the development of a Strategic Area Plan which will set out the priority needs and actions for tackling educational disadvantage. |
| 417 | Notice of Motion | 21/11/2024 | | Cllr David Bell | SP&R | John Tully | City & Organisational Strategy | Ongoing | In response, Minister also states that the RAISE initiative and emerging Area Plans will support the delivery of the ambitions of the Belfast Agenda. |
| 432 | Notice of Motion | 20/02/2025 | Action to Address Empty Homes | Cllr Michael Collins | SP&R | Kate Bentley | Place & Economy | Ongoing | NEW: No update yet available |
| | | | Developing a Sponsorship and Philanthropy Network in Belfast | | | | | | Being considered in context of work underway to explore the potential development of a Corporate Social Responsibility Framework. Engagement planned with Social Policy Working Group. Party Groups leaders and Members to help inform the emerging thinking. |
| 433 | Notice of Motion | 20/02/2025 | | Cllr Michael Long | SP&R | John Tully | City & Organisational Strategy | Ongoing | Report to be brought to a future meeting of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee. |
| 439 | Issue Raised in Advance | 21/03/2025 | LORAG - Youth Club Development - Council Land | Cllr Ciaran Beattie | SP&R | Sinead Grimes | Property & Projects | Ongoing | NEW: P&P Estates Mgt Unit is looking at this. |
| 440 | Issue Raised in Advance | 21/03/2025 | Bi-weekly meeting of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee: Efficiency/Consultancy Paper | Cllr Ciaran Beattie | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Workshop taking place 13/06/25. |
| 446 | Notice of Motion | 28/04/2025 | Pathways to Work Green Paper | Cllr Paul Doherty | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Democratic Services sent letter to OFMDFM & Minister for Communities on 15/05/25. Awaiting response. |
| 447 | Notice of Motion | 28/04/2025 | US War Planes out of Belfast | Cllr Michael Collins | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Democratic Services sent letter to OFMDFM, Westminster Government and Aldergrove Airport re NOM - Awaiting response. |
| 448 | Notice of Motion | 28/04/2025 | National Famine Commemoration Day | Cllr Conor McKay | SP&R | Nora Largey | Legal & Civic Services | Ongoing | Democratic Services sent letter to Irish Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media on 15/05/25. Awaiting response. |