



<b>Subject:</b>	Notices of Motion Update – August 2025
<b>Date:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
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### Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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### Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
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1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance allocated to the People and Communities Committee.
2.0	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	<p>It is recommended that People and Communities Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes the updates to all Notices of Motion / Issues Raised in Advance that People and Communities Committee is responsible for as referenced in Appendix 1; and</li> <li>• Agree to the closure of 12 Notices of Motion / Issues Raised in Advance, as referenced in Appendix 1 and noted in paragraph 3.5 below.</li> </ul>
3.0	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Members will recall that the previous Notices of Motion update was presented to People and Communities Committee in August 2024.</p>
3.2	<p>This report provides an overview of the progress on those Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance which remained open following the February 2025 update, and those Motions and Issues which have since arisen.</p>
3.3	<p><b>Notice of Motion Updates</b></p> <p>There are currently 36 active Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance which the People and Communities Committee is responsible for. An update on those Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance which remain active on the live database is attached at Appendix 1.</p> <p><b>Closure of Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance</b></p> <p>At SP&amp;R Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020, it was agreed that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Category 1 - Notices of Motion which contained an action that has been completed.</b> All Notices of Motion within this category contained a specific task that has since been complete. It is worth noting that, when Committee agree to action a Notice of Motion, there are sometimes additional actions agreed alongside the Notice of Motion. As these are not technically part of the Notice of Motion, they are taken forward through normal committee decision making processes. The Notice of Motion can therefore be closed, but additional actions related to it will continue to be progressed and reported to the committee. These additional actions are not contained in this report but will be noted in the live database moving forward.</li> <li>• <b>Category 2 - Notices of Motion have become Council policy or absorbed in to a strategic programme of work.</b> These Notices of Motion did not contain a specific task that could be complete. Instead, they were more strategic in nature and required changes in Council policy and/ or strategy for long term outcomes. Those listed within this category have all been agreed by Committee and are now either Council policy or are currently being implemented through a Council strategy that is managed by a Standing Committee through the corporate planning process.</li> </ul> <p>Following an update of those Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance on the live database, it is recommended that Members approve the following Motions/Issues for closure.</p>

### **Category 1 Recommended Closures:**

#### **Cleansing Task Force (Ref 255)**

The last meeting of the Cleanliness Task Force was on the 8th May 2024, however, multi operational task force meetings have taken place with the last meeting held on the 28th May 2025. An action from the Belfast agenda was that we seek to consolidate the Multi Agency Operational (Tasing) Group and FCC Leadership Group into 'City Centre Leadership Coordination Group' chaired by the Chief Executive. The first meeting of this group took place on the 24th June 2025. Given the establishment of the new group, which will address the issues covered by the Cleanliness Taks Force, it is recommended this motion be closed.

#### **Corey Jack Memorial Park (Ref 286)**

An updated report was presented and agreed to People & Communities Committee on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025, and it was agreed to rename Glenbryn Play Park as 'Corey Jack Aughey Memorial Park' and a dedicated memorial bench commemorating Corey Jack placed within the park. This motion is now closed.

#### **Secure Needle/Drug Waste Bins (Ref 345)**

A report was presented and agreed to People & Communities Committee on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 that a 'Sharps Bin' be located within the Council owned carpark in Little Donegall Street. Work has commenced on the installation, and it will be complete by the end of the month. It is therefore recommend to close this motion.

#### **Signage at Finaghy Community Centre (Ref 353)**

DFI agreed to the additional signage for Finaghy Community Centre at Finaghy Road South, and this has been installed. This issue is now closed.

#### **Signage at Ruby Murray Park (Ref 362)**

A report was agreed at People & Communities Committee in March 2025 and the signs and Tree are now in place. This issue is now closed.

#### **Books for Refugee Children Living Across Belfast (Ref 389)**

At April P&C Committee it was noted that officers had consulted with two direct service providers, namely, The Book Trust and the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust's Family Help Clinic, both of whom provided support to refugee families. Accordingly, it was recommended that authority be granted to enter into a formalised agreement with the aforementioned organisations to deliver appropriate reading materials, at a cost not to exceed £2,000. Committee granted the authority sought and therefore this issue is closed.

#### **Erection of Memorial Tree – Ruby Murray Village (Ref 428)**

An updated report was presented and agreed to People & Communities Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and the signage and tree are in place. This issue is now closed.

#### **Family Parking at GLL Leisure Centres (Ref 430)**

Car parking spaces is a condition of planning and there is no specific legal requirement that leisure centres must provide dedicated family car parking spaces. This issue is now closed.

#### **Returning of Black Bins to Properties (Ref 445)**

This was included as part of the Waste Update Report which was taken to People & communities on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 which advised the Council has no enforcement powers. This issue is now closed.

### **Category 2 Recommended Closures:**

#### **Creating Better Access into the Hills (Ref 145) & Belfast Hills 'Call to Action' Document (Ref 161)**

	<p>Both these motions were included in a Physical Programme update report to SP&amp;R in June and it was agreed that it is added to the Capital Programme and moved to Stage 3 – Committed and held at Tier 0. A separate part of the motion is also covered under the PeacePlus Capital Programme withing Physical Programmes. As this motion is being considered under the Capital Programme it is recommended the motions are closed.</p> <p><b>Memorial at Former Workhouse Burial Site – Donegall Road (Ref 436)</b>  As this is not Council property, it was raised by an Elected Member at the South Area Working Group, and it was agreed that it will be considered as a potential Capital Programme through Property &amp; Projects and SP&amp;R committee. It is therefore recommend that this issue is now closed.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b>  There are no additional financial implications required to implement these recommendations.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b>  There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained in this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	<b>Appendix 1:</b> Notices of Motion Live Database – P&C Committee