

City Growth & Regeneration Notice of Motions

Notices of Motion and Issued Raised in Advance that remain OPEN:

ID	Date	Notice of Motion	Proposed By	Referral Route	Lead Officer	Latest Status Update
208	04/10/2021	Belfast City Nightlife and Night-time Economy	Cllr S de Faoite	Notice of Motion – straight to CG&R	Damien Martin	Following engagement by the City Centre All Party Working Group (CCAPWG) with the Night Tsar in December 2024, it has been agreed that ongoing engagement and closer working arrangements are established between Elected Members and the Purple Flag Steering Group (PFSG). The Night Tsar has agreed to provide ongoing updates to the working group, while enhanced elected member engagement on Belfast's nightlife and nighttime economy will be facilitated by the Chair of the CCAPWG joining the PFSG. Research by DfE, TNI and the three BIDs into NI's Night-Time Economy will be launched at a business breakfast event on 17th September . The event will also be used to present findings from the CARD consumer survey; and the first annual update from the Belfast Night Czar.
217	01/11/2021	Tourism Street Signage (Enlightenment Period)	Cllr M Long	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	Keith Forster	Officers have undertaken initial desk-based research on the Belfast Enlightenment Period, its potential tourism appeal and a list of proposed options. Further work on the motion has been delayed due to other priority work areas however consideration and audit of associated tourism experiences will form part of the ongoing Visitor Experience Development Plans (VEDP) development work.
289	01/12/2022	Translink - Night-time provision of services	Cllr D Lyons	Notice of Motion – debated at council	Cathy Reynolds	This motion remains open at the request of members. The activity included within the motion has been mainstreamed and included within the Belfast Agenda action plans: "Expand the timetable with a greater service in the evenings and funding for the provision of night-time services", for which Translink are the lead partner. Council has had positive engagement with relevant Ministers and continue to work with Translink and other interested stakeholders to respond to the increased calls for the extension of night-time public transport services. A report will be submitted to SPR Committee following receipt of correspondence from Ministers seeking support and financial contributions from a number of Executive Departments and from Council for a pilot scheme that would span both the 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years, with an anticipated start date of November 2025.

425	15/01/2025	Gary Moore Statue	Cllr B Smyth	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	Sinead Grimes	This motion will be considered at the next meeting of the City Hall/ City Hall Grounds Installations Working Group, scheduled for November 2025. A group called the Wild Frontier Memorial Project are leading the project and are aiming to fundraise the estimated costs of £80,000.
431	05/02/2025	Bristol Music Fund	Cllr S de Faoite	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	Keith Forster	Officers have met with counterparts in Bristol City Council in April 2025, in relation to the establishment of the Bristol Music Fund. Further information will be brought back to a future committee meeting.
465	06/08/2025	Artist and Creative Studio Space	Cllr A Groogan	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	Keith Forster	NEW: No update yet available

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309	22/02/2023	Rent Controls	Cllr C Beattie	Issue Raised in Advance (Special CG&R)	Nora Largey	<p><u>Recommend to close (Category 1)</u></p> <p>A letter was sent to the Minister for Communities on 29 May 2025 to engage with the Council and other key stakeholders concerning rent controls in Belfast. A response was received on 5 June 2025 and is included on the agenda for the September meeting of CG&R. The Department's response advised that Section 7 of the Private Tenancies Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 placed a duty on them to research and consult on the implications of a rent freeze/cut, and that a report was subsequently laid in the Assembly and published on the Department's website. The response also highlighted that since the council's initial correspondence, the primary power to freeze or cut rents, as provided for by the Private Tenancies Act has expired. Nevertheless, the power to restrict the frequency of rent increases has remained and was commenced by the Minister from 01 April this year. From this date, private sector rents can only be increased once in every 12-month period, with a 3-month notice. This legislation will assist low-income tenants by providing assurances that they will not face multiple or unexpected rent increases over a short period of time.</p>
450	07/05/2025	Proposed US Tariff on Films Made Outside of the US	Cllr S de Faoite	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	Damien Martin	<p><u>Recommend to close (Category 1)</u></p> <p>Letters to each Ministerial office regarding US Film Tariffs were sent on 24th June. To date, responses have been received from TEO, DfE and the UK Government and are included on the agenda for the September meeting of CG&R.</p>