



Subject:	Notices of Motion – Annual Update
Date:	16 th September 2025
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Some time 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 or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This report provides an annual update on the Notices of Motion that the Planning Committee is responsible for, in line with the agreement of the Strategic Policy & Resources (SP&R) Committee that all standing committees receive regular updates.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	It is recommended that the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notes the updates to all Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance that Planning Committee is responsible for, as referenced in Appendix 1 and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree to the closure of Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance, numbers 236 and 374 as referenced in Appendix 1 and paragraph 3.4 below.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p>At the SP&R Committee meeting on 25th October 2019, members agreed “<i>that this Council notes that other Councils produce a monthly status report in relation to Notices of Motion; and agrees Belfast City Council adopts a similar practice and produces a monthly Notice of Motion Update which will be brought to each full Council Meeting, detailing the following:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Date received</i> <i>Notice of motion title</i> <i>Submitted by which Councillor</i> <i>Council meeting date</i> <i>Committee motion is referred to</i> <i>Outcome of committee where Notice of Motion will be debated</i> <i>Month it will be reported back to committee</i> <i>Other action to be taken.”</i>
3.2	<p>Following a review exercise, a new database containing all Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance at Committee was created and reporting to Committees commenced in March 2021. Planning Committee is provided with an annual report containing an overview of the actions taken and the progress of each motion that the committee is responsible for.</p>
3.3	<p>At the SP&R Committee on 20th November 2020, members approved the arrangement for the future management of motions, which included recommendations that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Category 1 – Notice of Motion contained an action that has been completed. 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 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. Category 2 - Notice of Motion has become Council policy or absorbed into a strategic programme of work.

	<p>These Notices of Motion did not contain a specific task that could be complete but rather they are more strategic in nature and require 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.</p> <p>3.4 There are presently 3 Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance for which the Planning Committee is responsible for. Members are asked to approve the recommendation to close 2 motions (detailed below) and note status updates for the other motion which remains open. Additional information is included at Appendix 1.</p> <p>Category 1 Recommended Closures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Local Inquiry for the Dalradian Gold application (ID = 374) <p>This motion called on Council to intervene in the Inquiry for the Dalradian Gold Planning applications as there was a direct hydrological link to Lough Neagh from the Sperrin mountains which supplies Belfast's drinking water. The Planning Appeals Commission indicated that organisations with similar objections should be grouped together. At its meeting in June, SP&R agreed to outline Council's opposition to the Commission but not actively engaging in the Inquiry and request that Fermanagh and Omagh District Council keep Council informed particularly in respect of the concerns on the impact of the drinking water. It is recommended that this Issue Raised in Advance is now closed.</p> <p>Category 2 Recommended Closures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic Belfast Street Signs (ID = 236) <p>This motion called on Council to put in place practical arrangements to protect and upkeep the traditional black tile street signs which play an important part in the built heritage of Belfast. Research has been carried out in conjunction with DFC's Historic Environmental Division and an application made for external funding. As of May, SP&R agreed that the Historic Tiled Street project would progress to Stage 2 Uncommitted in the Capital Programme. It is recommended that this Notice of Motion is now closed.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional financial implications attached to this report. Finance and resource implications are considered by Committee when taking decisions on the specific Notices of Motion and Issues Raised by Members.</p>

3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained in this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents attached
	Appendix 1: Notices of Motion Live Database – Planning Committee