



Subject:	Notices of Motion – Quarterly Update
Date:	19 September 2025
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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

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 or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the progress of all Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance for which SP&R Committee is responsible for.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>It is recommended that SP&R Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the updates to all Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance that SP&R Committee is responsible for; • Agree to the closure of Notice of Motions 35, 49 and 40; and • Note that a review of the NoM process will be incorporated into phase 1 of the governance review which is due to brought to Committee next month.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>At SP&R Committee on 25th October 2019, the following Notice of Motion was agreed: “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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Date received 2. Notice of motion title 3. Submitted by which Councillor 4. Council meeting date 5. Committee motion is referred to 6. Outcome of committee where Notice of Motion will be debated 7. Month it will be reported back to committee 8. Other action to be taken.”
3.2	Following a review exercise, a new database containing all Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance at Committee was created and quarterly reporting to Committee commenced in March 2021. Appendix 1 is the latest quarterly update showing all active Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance which SP&R Committee is responsible for.
3.3	Members will recall that the last time this report was brought to Committee, it was agreed that the Council should undertake a review of the NoM process. Proposals around the NoM process will be incorporated into phase 1 of the governance review which is due to brought to Committee next month.

3.4	<p>Closure of Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance</p> <p>At SP&R Committee on 20th November 2020, it was agreed that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notices of Motion which contained an action(s) that has been completed; and • Notices of Motion have become Council policy. <p>SP&R Committee are asked to agree that the following Notice of Motions and Issues Raised in Advance are now closed:</p>
3.5	<p>Category 1 Recommended Closure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pridestrian Animation (35): <p><i>This Notice of Motion called on the Council to create permanent Rainbow Pride themed animation along the Pride Parade route, including, but not limited to, pedestrian crossing points and public realm points along the route.</i> Guidance released by the Inclusive Mobility and Transport Advisory Committee (IMTAC) raised concerns regarding colourful crossings, indicating that they may pose hazards for some disabled individuals and older people. Since then the Council have made a significant contribution to support the Pride event and the LGBTQ+ community. Given the actions already taken and the guidance provided by IMTAC, it is recommended that this motion is closed.</p>
3.6	<p>Category 2 Recommended Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Gardens and Urban Farming (49): <p><i>This Notice of Motion called on the Council to establish an urban farm for community use and market garden development on an existing site within the Belfast City Council land bank.</i> 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. Engagement to develop the Sustainable Food Strategy was completed with Area Working Groups in February/March 2025 and the draft strategy is under review. 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epilepsy – Education and Training (406): <p><i>This Notice of Motion called on the Council to provide better education about Epilepsy and training for staff and Councillors in how to deal with seizures and other episodes.</i> Corporate HR have sourced appropriate education and training resources for employees which will be</p>

	available on the e-learning platform and will be signposted on Interlink. The Council also continue to deliver a rolling programme of first aid training for staff.
3.7	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> There are no additional financial implications required to implement these recommendations.
3.8	<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 – SP&R Committee