



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion –Parents’ Attendance Records at Council</b>
<b>Date:</b>	21st November, 2025
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance Manager

<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.</b>	
Insert number <input type="text"/>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Information relating to any individual</li><li>2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual</li><li>3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information)</li><li>4. Information in connection with any labour relations matter</li><li>5. Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained</li><li>6. Information showing that the council proposes to (a) to give a notice imposing restrictions on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction</li><li>7. Information on any action in relation to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime</li></ol>	
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
	To bring to Members' attention a motion in relation to Parents' Attendance Records at Council, which the Standards and Business Committee considered at its meeting on 23rd October.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
	<p>Members are asked to note that in accordance with Standing Order 13(i) that Notices of Motion which commit the Council to expenditure must be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>At this time, Members are only asked to note that the Notice of Motion has been received and that, if agreed, a subsequent report will be brought to Committee outlining a detailed consideration of the Notice of Motion and the potential costs implications.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>The Standards and Business Committee, at its meeting on 23rd October, referred the following motion to the Committee for consideration:</p> <p><b><u>Parents' Attendance Records at Council</u></b></p> <p>"That this Council, recognising the important contribution of parents to politics, will investigate ways in which new parents' attendance records reflect the fact that they may have missed meetings due to maternity or paternity for the first six months after having a baby."</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Maghie</p> <p>Councillor: Councillor Abernethy</p>
3.2	The motion calls upon the Council to reflect new parents' attendance records reflect the fact that they may have missed meetings due to maternity or paternity. Democratic Services (under the remit of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee) is responsible for the recording of Members' attendance at meetings in accordance with the legislation - the motion was therefore referred to this Committee.
3.3	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None at this stage as there is no commitment to proceed with the Notice of Motion.</p> <p>Details of any financial and resource implications will be reported at a subsequent meeting.</p>

3.4	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u></b> This motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.
4.0	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None