



Subject:	Notices of Motion Update – August 2026
Date:	11 th August 2026
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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

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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Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues

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	Recommendation
2.1	It is recommended that People and Communities Committee: • 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 • Agree to the closure of 10 Notices of Motion / Issues Raised in Advance, as referenced in Appendix 1 and noted in paragraph 3.5 below.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<u>Background</u> Members will recall that the previous Notices of Motion update was presented to People and Communities Committee in February 2026.
3.2	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.
3.3	Notice of Motion Updates There are currently 55 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. Closure of Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance At SP&R Committee on 20th November 2020, it was agreed that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons: • Category 1 - Notices of Motion which 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 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. • Category 2 - Notices of Motion have become Council policy or absorbed in to a strategic programme of work. 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. 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.

Category 1 Recommended Closures:**Ref No: 146 – 30 by 30 Biodiversity Campaign**

The National Lottery Heritage Funded Nature Town and Cities Project launched this year with our joint grantee Ulster Wildlife. Working in collaboration with communities, citizens, and key environmental stakeholders - it aims to create a blueprint for nature recovery in Belfast; as well as upskilling, informing, and raising awareness on how we can maximize the potential for our parks and open spaces for nature and climate resilience. The project will also build capacity to support local action for urban biodiversity. Other relevant key projects delivering on this NOM include a new Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Belfast which is due to be published this financial year; and development of baseline Ecological/Habitat Survey reports for Council owned open spaces with delivery of key actions. Delivery on capital actions are ongoing through the DAERA funded Belfast's "Making Space for Nature" Programme.

An update report on Biodiversity was taken to People & Communities on the 14th April 26 and regularly updates will follow as business as usual, therefore it is recommended this motion is closed.

Ref No: 321 Playful Belfast City Streets

A presentation from A Playful City was received at Committee on the 9th January 2024. Following this officers were to consider how best to progress this Motion and therefore it is requested that this be closed and reopened again when a proposal received.

Ref No: 363 Biodiversity in Council Parks and Open Spaces

A biodiversity unit budget now in place to support development of baseline Ecological/Habitat Survey reports for Council owned open spaces with delivery of key actions. In addition there is a new Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Belfast which is due to be published this financial year. We recommend closing this issue.

Ref No: 371 Request to invite South Belfast Youth League representative to present at a future meeting

Circumstances have changes from this request, and the issue has been incorporated into the Pitches Strategy, which involved consultations with Football clubs. South Belfast Youth League were engaged with twice during the development of the current draft strategy. We propose to close this issue as their information along with others will be captured in the new consultation to finalise the pitches strategy.

Ref: 424 - Bin Collections Over the Christmas Period

A report was tabled at People & Communities Committee on the 10th February 2026 and gave an update of the collections over the Christmas period, the communication process to customers and also included Bryson Recycling collections plan. It was noted that collections were impacted by the severe weather and that recovery took somewhat longer than usual due to the weather. At the same committee, a deputation from Bryson Recycling was received. Members were content with the update and agreed to close the issue.

Ref No: 429 - BCC Animal Welfare Services - Capacity and Emergency Access Arrangements

A report was tabled at SP&R on the 22nd May 26 which advised that the Judicial Review which was lodged in the High Court by Belfast City Council & Fermanagh Omagh District Council on behalf of SOLACE against DAERA, to challenge the Department's decision to cease funding of the Animal Welfare Service, found in favour of the Councils in that there was a breach on the grounds of a procedural legitimate expectation. The Committee agreed to write to the AERA Committee; continue the existing Animal Welfare Service Delivery Model to March 2027 and noted that a review of future Service Delivery Options might be required depending upon the response from the AERA Committee.

This motion is now closed.

Ref: 430 - Family Parking at GLL Leisure Centres

Following the update that was presented to committee in August 25, a further request was made to pilot family parking at 2 leisure centres. Officers have been exploring this and have advised that the allocation of carparking spaces at leisure centres is for accessible spaces, EV charging spaces and standard carparking spaces. Piloting family car parking would have implications for all 16 leisure centres, as some of the new leisure centres car parking demand regularly exceeds capacity. To pilot family car parking, we would need to remove 2 carparking spaces to make 1 family carparking space, this would have a significant impact and further reduce car parking spaces. An example would be for Lisnasharragh car park to increase family car parking by 5 carparking spaces would reduce the current 53 standard carparking spaces to 43 standard carparking spaces and will have serious impact upon current operational carpark capacity which is limited by the site footprint at this centre. Officers would recommend that all future Leisure Transformation centres develop car parking which will maximise family parking and would request to close this motion.

Ref: 468 - Support of Leisure Workers

The dispute between GLL and Trade Unions has been resolved through a labour relations process. This motion is now closed.

Ref: 471 - Proposed Community Consultation on Renaming of Balfour Avenue Playground

Report was tabled at People & Communities Committee on the 7th Oct 25 outlining the process and principles previously agreed to name or re(name) a parks or leisure facility. Members were content with the update and agreed to close the issue.

Ref: 490 - Bin Collections over the Christmas Period

A report was tabled at People & Communities Committee on the 10th February 2026 and gave an update of the collections over the Christmas period, the communication process to customers and also included Bryson Recycling collections plan. It was noted that collections were impacted by the severe weather and that recovery took somewhat longer than usual due to the weather. At the same committee, a deputation from Bryson Recycling was received. Members noted the update and agreed to close the issue.

Category 2 Recommended Closures:

N/A

Financial and Resource Implications

There are no additional financial implications required to implement these recommendations.

	<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
	Appendix 1: Notices of Motion Live Database – P&C Committee