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29th December, 2022

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room and via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 5th January, 2023 at 5.30 p.m., for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. Routine Matters

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes
- (c) Declarations of Interest

2. Motions

- (a) Comber Greenway (Pages 1 - 4)
- (b) School Street Schemes (Pages 5 - 8)



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Comber Greenway
Date:	5th January, 2023
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 9th January in relation to the Comber Greenway.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note that the Motion will be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p data-bbox="316 297 470 331"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 365 1516 432">The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="363 465 1516 633">(m) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will have delegated authority to adopt or reject Notices of Motion. The Lord Mayor will indicate at the Council meeting those Notices of Motion that have been considered by the Standards and Business Committee and whether such Notices of Motion were rejected or adopted. In either case, the proposer only may speak on the issue at Council.</i> <li data-bbox="363 656 1516 824">(n) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer all Notices of Motion directly to a standing committee when the matter to which the Notice of Motion refers falls within the remit of that committee. At Council, the Lord Mayor will indicate that the Notice of Motion was received and referred. There will be no speakers on such Notices of Motion at Council.</i> <li data-bbox="387 846 1516 947">(o) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter.</i> <li data-bbox="387 969 1516 1037">(p) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will not have the power to amend the wording of any Notice of Motion that is being referred to the full Council for debate.</i> <li data-bbox="387 1059 1516 1171">(q) <i>Any amendments to Notice of Motions to be proposed at the Council are to be furnished at least one day in advance of going to the full Council and will be circulated to Party Group Leaders in advance of the Council meeting.</i> <li data-bbox="387 1193 1516 1328">(r) <i>In referring any matter to the full Council, the Standards and Business Committee may determine to restrict contributions to the debate in relation to any Notice of Motion to one per political party. At the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor will clearly indicate if the restriction applies.</i> <p data-bbox="204 1361 1129 1395">3.2 The following motion has been received from Councillor Flynn:</p> <p data-bbox="316 1429 579 1462"><u>Comber Greenway</u></p> <p data-bbox="347 1496 1465 1563">“This Council notes the significant contribution which the Comber Greenway makes to East Belfast, in terms of active travel, urban biodiversity, and wildlife.</p> <p data-bbox="347 1597 1465 1697">The Council further notes the strategic importance of having well maintained and connected routes in the City, including gritting during the winter periods, providing residents and commuters with safe alternatives to getting around the City.</p> <p data-bbox="347 1731 579 1765">The Council will -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="379 1798 1465 1865">i. engage with relevant stakeholders to consider a plan for gritting the Comber greenway, making it accessible at all times of the year; and <li data-bbox="379 1899 1465 2000">ii. engage with the Department for Infrastructure regarding an asset transfer of the Comber Greenway between the Beersbridge Road and Tullycarnet boundary, with a view to bringing the urban path under full Council ownership.”

	<p>Proposer - Councillor Flynn</p> <p>Seconder – to be confirmed</p>
3.3	<p>The motion calls upon the Council to request an asset transfer – The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee is responsible for assets and, therefore, the motion should be referred to that Committee for consideration.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.4	<p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.5	<p>None.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	<p>None.</p>

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Subject:	Notice of Motion – School Street Schemes
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Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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2.1	The Committee is asked to note that the Motion will be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p data-bbox="316 300 470 331"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 365 1485 432">The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="363 499 1516 667">(m) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will have delegated authority to adopt or reject Notices of Motion. The Lord Mayor will indicate at the Council meeting those Notices of Motion that have been considered by the Standards and Business Committee and whether such Notices of Motion were rejected or adopted. In either case, the proposer only may speak on the issue at Council.</i> <li data-bbox="363 701 1516 869">(n) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer all Notices of Motion directly to a standing committee when the matter to which the Notice of Motion refers falls within the remit of that committee. At Council, the Lord Mayor will indicate that the Notice of Motion was received and referred. There will be no speakers on such Notices of Motion at Council.</i> <li data-bbox="387 902 1516 1003">(o) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter.</i> <li data-bbox="387 1037 1516 1104">(p) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will not have the power to amend the wording of any Notice of Motion that is being referred to the full Council for debate.</i> <li data-bbox="387 1137 1516 1238">(q) <i>Any amendments to Notice of Motions to be proposed at the Council are to be furnished at least one day in advance of going to the full Council and will be circulated to Party Group Leaders in advance of the Council meeting.</i> <li data-bbox="387 1272 1516 1406">(r) <i>In referring any matter to the full Council, the Standards and Business Committee may determine to restrict contributions to the debate in relation to any Notice of Motion to one per political party. At the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor will clearly indicate if the restriction applies.</i> <p data-bbox="204 1440 1182 1473">3.2 The following motion has been received from Councillor de Faoite:</p> <p data-bbox="316 1507 646 1541"><u>School Street Schemes</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 1574 486 1608">This Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="379 1641 1461 1809">i. notes that the “School Street” schemes in the Republic of Ireland and GB, which close the roads outside schools during drop-off and pick-up times, have the multiple benefits of improving road safety for pupils, encouraging active travel to school by walking, cycling and public transport, and improving the air quality around schools; <li data-bbox="379 1843 1461 1910">ii. commends Fingal County Council, which has successfully pioneered the scheme at many schools in North County Dublin; <li data-bbox="379 1944 1461 2011">iii. recognises that we do not have the statutory powers to introduce such a scheme in Belfast, either in pilot or permanent form;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. calls upon the Department for Infrastructure to bring forward urgently a School Streets pilot project in Belfast, identifying a number of pilot schools across the City; v. agrees that the Area Working Groups will agree a number of schools in each area to recommend to the Department for Infrastructure as part of a pilot scheme; and vi. shall explore further ways to work with all relevant partners to develop School Streets and support measures to cut vehicle emissions and pollution in the vicinity of schools, including enforceable No-Idling Zones, air quality measuring and tree planting as part of the one million trees initiative. <p>Proposer - Councillor de Faoite Seconded - Councillor Flynn</p>
3.3	<p>The motion calls upon the Council to request the Department of Infrastructure to introduce a Pilot in relation to School Street Schemes but that the Area Working Groups identify a number of schools – The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee is responsible for the Area Working Groups and the motion should, therefore, be referred to that Committee for consideration.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.4	<p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.5	<p>None.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	<p>None.</p>

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