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**Belfast
City Council**

22nd May 2026

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Tuesday, 26th May, 2026 at 5.15 pm, 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) Embedding Community Food Growing in the Planning Process for New Housing Developments (Pages 1 - 4)
- (b) Northern Ireland Housing Executive - Tenancy Succession Policy (Pages 5 - 8)
- (c) Policy Prohibiting Lock Boxes Associated with Short-term Holiday Lets (Pages 9 - 12)
- (d) Silent Fireworks (Pages 13 - 16)
- (e) Strengthening Disability Inclusion and Accessibility across the Council (Pages 17 - 20)



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| Subject: | Notice of Motion – Embedding Community Food Growing in the Planning Process for new housing developments |
| Date: | 26th May, 2026 |
| Reporting Officer: | Nora Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services |
| Contact Officer: | Jim Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance Manager |

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| 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 1st June, 2026 in relation to Embedding Community Food Growing in the Planning Process for new housing developments. |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | <p>Members are asked to note that, in accordance with Standing Orders, Notices of Motion which commit the Council to expenditure or falls within the remit of a particular Committee 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 a subsequent report will be brought to Committee, if that Committee so agrees, outlining a detailed consideration of the Notice of Motion and the potential costs implications.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to note that this motion will be referred on the first instance to the Planning Committee.</p> |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>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"> (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> (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> (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> (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> |

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- (q) *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.*
- (r) *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.*

The following motion has been received:

Embedding Community Food Growing in the Planning Process for New Housing Developments

“This Council recognises Belfast’s status as a Right to Food City and affirms that the planning system has an important role to play in building healthier, more sustainable and more food-resilient communities.

Council notes that new housing developments should not only provide homes, but should also contribute to the long-term health, wellbeing, sustainability and resilience of the communities in which they are built.

Council further notes that Belfast’s existing policy framework already recognises the importance of open space, residential amenity, placemaking, biodiversity, climate resilience, health and wellbeing, and that Council strategies also acknowledge the value of allotments, community gardens and local food growing.

Council agrees that officers bring forward a report examining how Belfast City Council, through its planning powers, planning policy framework and development management processes, could introduce a planning requirement or policy approach to ensure appropriate space for community food growing is considered and, where feasible, incorporated into new social and private housing developments.

This should include consideration of allotments, community gardens, orchards, raised beds, edible landscaping and other forms of productive green space.

The report should examine how this could be progressed through the Local Development Plan, Supplementary Planning Guidance, residential design guidance, Health Impact Assessment guidance, planning application validation requirements, planning conditions, developer contributions, Section 76 planning agreements or any other relevant planning mechanism.

Council agrees that this would represent a practical and innovative next step in giving meaning to Belfast’s status as a Right to Food City, placing food resilience, health and community wellbeing at the heart of how our city is planned and developed.”

Proposer: Councillor Paul Doherty

Seconder: Councillor Paul McCusker

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| 3.4 | <p>The motion calls upon the Council to bring forward a report examining how Belfast City Council, through its planning powers, planning policy framework and development management processes, could introduce a planning requirement or policy approach to ensure appropriate space for community food growing is considered and, where feasible, incorporated into new social and private housing developments. The Planning Committee is responsible for exercising the Council’s powers and duties in relation to local planning policies, plan strategies, the statement of community involvement and any other development plan documents and the motion will be referred to that Committee.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> |
| 3.5 | <p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> |
| 4.0 | Documents Attached |
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| Subject: | Notice of Motion – NIHE Tenancy Succession Policy |
| Date: | 26th May, 2026 |
| Reporting Officer: | Nora Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services |
| Contact Officer: | Jim Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance Manager |

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| 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 1st June, 2026 in relation to NIHE Tenancy Succession Policy. |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to note that this motion will be referred on the first instance to the People and Communities Committee. |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| | <u>Key Issues</u> |
| 3.1 | <p>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> <p>(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></p> <p>(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></p> <p>(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></p> <p>(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></p> <p>(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></p> <p>(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> |
| 3.2 | <p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Northern Ireland Housing Executive Tenancy Succession Policy</u></p> <p>This Council:</p> |

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| 3.3 | <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ongoing housing crisis across the North and the increasing demand for permanent social housing. • That many families live for long periods in Housing Executive properties and develop vital community roots. • That the current Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) succession policy prevents family members who have lived long-term in a property from succeeding a tenancy following the death of the tenant, where succession has already previously occurred (for example, between husband and wife). • That this policy can lead to unnecessary displacement, eviction, hardship, and further breakdown of family units. <p>Believes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That housing policy should prioritise stability for families and communities. • That family members or partners who have contributed to and depended on the household should not face eviction due to restrictive succession rules. • That social housing should be managed in a way that balances fairness, community stability, and objective housing need. <p>Resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To write to the Minister of the Department for Communities calling on him to undertake a legislative review of the NIHE tenancy succession policy. • To request the introduction of safeguards to prevent unnecessary eviction or relocation following the death of a tenant, particularly where long-term residence and established community ties exist. • To support the development of a fair and community-aligned succession policy that protects households while ensuring that social housing is allocated on the basis of objective need. • To seek engagement with residents' groups, community organisations, and elected representatives in the development of any revised succession policy. <p>Proposer: Councillor Claire Canavan</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Tina Black</p> <p>The motion calls upon the Council to write to the Minister for Communities calling on him to undertake a legislative review of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive tenancy succession policy – since housing matters fall under the People and Communities Committee, the motion will be referred in the first instance to that committee.</p> |
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| 3.4 | <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> |
| 3.5 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> |
| 4.0 | <p>Documents Attached</p> |
| | <p>None.</p> |



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| Subject: | Notice of Motion – Policy Prohibiting Lockboxes associated with short-term holiday lets |
| Date: | 26th May, 2026 |
| Reporting Officer: | Nora Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services |
| Contact Officer: | Jim Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance Manager |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues |
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| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | <p>Members are asked to note that, in accordance with Standing Orders, Notices of Motion which commit the Council to expenditure or falls within the remit of a particular Committee 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 a subsequent report will be brought to Committee, if that Committee so agrees, outlining a detailed consideration of the Notice of Motion and the potential costs implications.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to note that this motion will be referred on the first instance to the People and Communities Committee.</p> |
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| 3.2 | <p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Policy Prohibiting Lockboxes associated with short-term holiday lets</u></p> <p>“That the Council introduce a policy prohibiting lockboxes from being installed on any property, wall, railing, fence, or street furniture other than the dwelling to which they relate.</p> <p>This measure is needed because the proliferation of lockboxes in areas in Belfast particularly the inner city with high concentrations of short-term holiday lets is causing visual clutter and environmental harm, while also diminishing the amenity of residential streets and shared spaces, the Council should also ensure that any breach is subject to enforcement action and removal.</p> <p>This approach is consistent with action already taken by other councils and city authorities to restrict or remove external keyboxes associated with short-term holiday lets.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Conor McKay</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Arder Carson</p> |
| 3.3 | <p>The motion calls upon the Council to introduce a policy prohibiting lockboxes associated with short-term holiday lets from being installed on any property, wall, railing, fence, or street furniture other than the dwelling to which they relate. As the People and Communities Committee has a remit for Regulatory Matters, the Motion will be referred in the first instance to that committee.</p> |
| 3.4 | <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> |
| 3.5 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> |
| 4.0 | <p>Documents Attached</p> |
| | <p>None.</p> |

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| Subject: | Notice of Motion – Silent Fireworks |
| Date: | 26th May, 2026 |
| Reporting Officer: | Nora Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services |
| Contact Officer: | Jim Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance Manager |

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| 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 1st June, 2026 in relation to Silent Fireworks. |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to note that this motion will be referred on the first instance to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee. |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| | <u>Key Issues</u> |
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| 3.2 | <p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Silent fireworks</u></p> <p>“This Council recognises the distress caused by high-noise fireworks to many residents, including autistic people, those with sensory issues or PTSD, elderly residents, pets, livestock and wildlife.</p> |

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| | <p>Council notes that low-noise fireworks are increasingly used at public events and can provide the same visual impact while significantly reducing noise disruption to communities.</p> <p>Accordingly, Council agrees to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explore the use of low-noise fireworks at Council-run and Council-funded events. ▪ Include low-noise alternatives in future procurement processes. ▪ Receive a report on implementation options and costs. ▪ Write to the Justice Minister calling for a review of fireworks legislation and the sale of high-noise fireworks in Northern Ireland.” <p>Proposer: Councillor Anthony Flynn</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor (TBC)</p> |
| 3.3 | <p>The motion calls upon the Council to write to the Justice Minister calling for a review of fireworks legislation and the sale of high-noise fireworks in Northern Ireland. The City Growth and Regeneration Committee is responsible for events utilising fireworks and the motion will be referred to that Committee.</p> |
| 3.4 | <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> |
| 3.5 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> |
| 4.0 | Documents Attached |
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| Date: | 26th May, 2026 |
| Reporting Officer: | Nora Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services |
| Contact Officer: | Jim Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance Manager |

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| 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 1st June, 2026 in relation to Strengthening Disability Inclusion and Accessibility across Council. |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to consider the motion and agree to either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion. |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| | <u>Key Issues</u> |
| 3.1 | <p>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> <p>(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></p> <p>(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></p> <p>(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></p> <p>(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></p> <p>(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></p> <p>(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> |
| 3.2 | <p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Strengthening Disability Inclusion and Accessibility across Council</u></p> <p>This Council agrees that:</p> |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disability inclusion and accessibility should move towards a dedicated, streamlined corporate function, led by a senior officer and team with clear responsibility for coordinating and delivering this work across the organisation. A report will be brought forward setting out the structure, staffing, resources and reporting lines, and a timescale required, to establish that dedicated function and how it will streamline delivery across the organisation. 2. The Disability Strategy will be brought to committee within three months, with a revised Action Plan to follow, with clear and ambitious actions, responsible officers, cross-departmental responsibilities, timescales and how progress will be monitored and reported. 3. The Accessibility Roadmap 2035 is brought forward as soon as possible, setting out the lead officer or officers for delivery, required resources, key milestones, engagement with relevant Executive departments and how people with disabilities and relevant organisations will be involved from the beginning. 4. More focused reports are brought to each relevant committee, allowing members to be given timely information on progress to improve accessibility and inclusion across the city, and the delivery against the Action Plan and Accessibility Roadmap 2035. <p>Proposer: Councillor Ruth Brooks</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Nicola Verner</p> |
| 3.3 | <p>The motion calls upon the Council to strengthen disability inclusion and accessibility across Council departments through a Disability Strategy and Action Plan.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> |
| 3.4 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> |
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| 4.0 | <p>Documents Attached</p> |
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