



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Comber Greenway
Date:	5th January, 2023
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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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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 1517 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 1517 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 1517 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 1517 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 1517 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 1517 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 1517 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>