



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Winter Outdoor Preparedness Strategy
Date:	24th 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 1st February in relation to a Winter Outdoor Preparedness Strategy.
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 1185 1395">3.2 The following motion has been received from Councillor McMullan:</p> <p data-bbox="316 1429 863 1462"><u>Winter Outdoor Preparedness Strategy</u></p> <p data-bbox="363 1496 1437 1597">“This Council notes the recent spate of icy cold weather in December 2022 that left streets frozen over for days exposed how poorly prepared the Council is to ensure safe walking, wheeling and cycling across the city.</p> <p data-bbox="363 1630 1437 1765">Noting that other councils have certain measures in place that this Council currently does not, including gritting town centres and high streets working in conjunction with the Department for Infrastructure to provide additional grit and white salt for use by the council, residents and local businesses.</p> <p data-bbox="363 1798 1437 1899">The Council will work with key stakeholders to put a funded winter outdoor preparedness strategy and action plan- including a grit policy- for the city together, to be operational by Quarter 3 of 2023/2024 financial year.”</p>

	<p>Proposer - Councillor McMullan</p> <p>Seconder – Councillor Long</p>
3.3	<p>The motion calls upon the Council to put together a funded winter outdoor preparedness strategy. The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee is responsible for the Council's financial strategy which would include additional services and areas for growth – the motion should 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.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	<p>None.</p>