



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Support the network of WW2-era Pillboxes
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 Support the network of WW2-era Pillboxes.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note that the Motion should be referred, in the first instance, to the City Growth and Regeneration 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> <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> (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> (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>
3.2	<p>The following motion has been received from Alderman Dorrian:</p> <p><u>Support the network of WW2-era Pillboxes</u></p> <p>“That this Council supports the development of culture and tourism and in doing so will supporting the concept of regenerating the network of WW2-era pillboxes and other structures across Belfast and beyond, and engages with other local councils and relevant government departments to develop an Action Plan to promote their regeneration, in partnership with the local communities where they are sited.”</p> <p>Proposer – Alderman Dorrian</p> <p>Seconder – Councillor Spratt</p>
3.3	<p>The motion calls upon the Council to support the concept of regenerating the network of WW2-era pillboxes and other structures in terms of heritage and tourism. These are areas</p>

3.4	<p>of responsibility of the City Growth and Regeneration and the motion should be referred to that Committee for consideration.</p> <p>Members are reminded that in accordance with Standing Order 13(l) where the notice of motion seeks to commit the Council to expenditure not previously agreed through the Committee process, the notice of motion is referred to the relevant Committee for consideration. This will usually require a further report from officers outlining the financial and other implications should the notice of motion be adopted.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.5	<p>None associated with this report but there may be finance and resource implications associated with the substantive notice of motion is approved and adopted.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.6	<p>None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	None.