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MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

In addition to those matters previously notified to you, the following items will also be considered at the meeting to be held at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 17th February, 2023.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

- 3. Matters referred back from Council/Motions
 - (b) Quarterly Update on Motions (Pages 1 22)
- 4. Belfast Agenda/Strategic Issues
 - (c) Update on Dual-Language Street Signs (Pages 23 30)
- 5. Physical Programme and Asset Management
 - (b) Asset Management (Pages 31 62)
- 8. Operational Issues
 - (d) Requests for the use of the City Hall and the Provision of Hospitality (Pages 63 66)
 - (e) Requests for the use of the City Hall Grounds for Various Events in 2023 (Pages 67 70)
 - (f) Request for the use of the City Hall Grounds Belfast Photo Festival Photographic Exhibition (Pages 71 84)

Agenda Item 3b



STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Subject:	Quarterly Update on Motions
Date:	17th Feb 2023
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, City Solicitor and Director of Legal and Civic Services
	Geoff Dickson, Strategic Policy Lead Officer
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer Clare Hutchinson, Strategic Planning and Policy Officer

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues											
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the progress of all motions for which											
	this Committee is responsible for.											
2.0	Recommendations											
2.1	The Committee is asked to:											
	i. note the updates on all motion for which the Strategic Policy and Resources											
	Committee is responsible for; and											
	ii. agree to the closure of motions 1, 2, 3, 16, 34, 56, 67, 83, 114, 130, 148, 149,											
	156, 157,176, 178, 179, 181, 192, 194, 200, 201, 204, 206, 212, 214, 219, 222,											
	229, 233, 233, 234, 268, 271, 272, 281 as referenced in the attached appendix											
	and paragraph 3.4 below.											
3.0	Main Report											
	Background											
3.1	At the Committee meeting on 25th October 2019, the following motion was agreed:											
	"That this Council notes that other councils produce a monthly status report in relation											
	to motions and agrees that Belfast City Council adopts a similar practice and produces											
	a monthly update on motions which will be brought to each full Council Meeting,											
	detailing the following:											
	1. Date received											
	2. Motion title											
	3. Submitted by which Councillor											
	4. Council meeting date											
	5. Committee the motion is referred to											
	5. Committee the motion is released to											

- 6. Outcome of Committee where the motion will be debated
- 7. Month it will be reported back to committee
- 8. Other action to be taken."
- 3.2 Following a review exercise, a new database containing all motions and Issues Raised in Advance at Committee was created and quarterly reporting to Committee commenced in March, 2021. Attached is the latest quarterly update showing all active motions and Issues Raised in Advance which the SP and R Committee is responsible for.

Closure of Motions and Issues Raised in Advance

- 3.3 At the Committee meeting on 20th November 2020, it was agreed that motions could be closed for one of two reasons:
 - motions which contained an action(s) that has been completed; and
 - motions which have become Council policy.
- 3.4 The Committee are asked to agree that the following 36 motions are now closed:

Category 1 Recommended Closures:

- Stained Glass Window Health Service (Ref no 1) This motion called for the
 Council to agree to the installation of a stained-glass window in the City Hall to
 commemorate and celebrate the contribution that those working in the Health Service
 have made to the lives of the citizens of our city. It has been agreed that this will be
 progressed by the Installations Working Group. Therefore, it is recommended that
 this motion is now closed.
- Stained Glass Window Explosives Ordnance Disposal Company (Ref no 2) This motion called for the Council to agree to the installation of a stained-glass window in the City Hall to acknowledge the work of the Explosives Ordnance Disposal Company, Royal Army Ordnance Corps. It has been agreed that this will be progressed by the Installations Working Group. Therefore, it is recommended that this motion is now closed.

- Fire Brigade Union (Ref no 3) This motion called for the Council to erect a suitable
 monument in City Hall or it's grounds in recognition of the service of the Fire Service
 and the 100th anniversary of the Fire Brigades Union. It has been agreed that this will
 be progressed by the Installations Working Group. Therefore, it is recommended that
 this motion is now closed.
- SEND Act and Out of School Hours Provision (Ref no 16) This motion called for the Council to arrange a cross party delegation meeting with the Department of Education, Education Authority, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and Out of School Hours Service providers to review resource challenges, share experiences, measure demand and explore best fit options of support to enable all children and young people to reach their highest aspirations. This meeting was delayed due to the 2019 local government elections and the Covid-19 pandemic but is now currently being arranged via video call. Therefore, it is recommended that this motion is now closed.
- Unregulated Car Washes (Ref no 34) This motion called for a report to be prepared on the number of unregulated car washes across Belfast. The Council has no responsibility for regulating or licensing hand car washes and valet services. Responsibility for Health and Safety at such car washes lies with the HSENI. The NI Environment Agency has responsibility for enforcing the requirements of the Water (NI) Order 1999 and has advised Council officers that, in line with guidance, it would recommend that vehicle washes are connected to mains sewer where possible and a suitable treatment system would be required. The NIEA currently doesn't have any vehicle wash sites in Belfast on their books which hold a consent to discharge. Further enquiries with the NIEA, HSENI and PSNI has not determined that the relevant data can be sourced from elsewhere. Therefore, it is recommended that this motion is now closed.
- Public Sector Pay (Ref no 56) This motion called for the Council to write to the
 Minister of Finance to ask him to implement fair pay for civil servants and to the British
 Secretary of State asking that the British Government fully funds its commitments
 contained within the New Decade, New Approach agreement. This action is now
 complete and, therefore, it is recommended that this motion is now closed

- Review of Hate Crime Legislation in NI (Ref no 67) This motion called for the
 Council to write a letter to Judge Desmond Marrinan, as part of his ongoing review of
 hate crime legislation in Northern Ireland expressing support for the inclusion of
 misogyny as a standalone offence and as a category of hate crime, recognising
 crimes targeted at women including trans women as hate crimes based on misogyny.
 This action has been completed and, therefore, it is recommended that this motion is
 now closed.
- Frederick Douglass Statute (Ref no 83) This motion called for a letter be sent to
 the Department for Communities requesting it to consider the installation in Rosemary
 Street of a statue in remembrance of Frederick Douglass, a slavery abolitionist. The
 Committee agreed that this work would be progressed by Installations Working
 Group. Therefore, it is recommended that this motion is now closed.
- Pay Increase for Health Workers (Ref no 114) This motion related to the 2020 pay increase which has been settled and it is recommended that this motion is now closed.
- Closure of Ulster Bank (Ref no 130) This motion called on the Council to write to relevant MPs requesting an all-party meeting about NatWest's proposals to close Ulster Bank. Responses from MPs were logged November 20, however, implementation of closures commenced. It is recommended that this motion is now closed.
- Uplift on Universal Credit (Ref no 148) This motion called on the Council to write
 to the Chancellor of the Exchequer requesting it maintain the £20 uplift on Universal
 Credit in April 2021 and extend the £20 uplift to all legacy benefits. Responses were
 noted by the Committee on 19.02.21 stating that the Government rejected calls to
 uplift and it is now recommended that this motion is closed.
- Black Lives Matters Demonstration (Ref no 149)— This motion was in relation to
 calling on having all penalty notices rescinded and prosecutions against Black Lives
 Matter activists relating to 6th June protests abandoned. This motion was resolved
 when the PSNI dropped the charges and it is recommended that this is now closed.
- Child Poverty Task Force (Ref 156) This motion called on the Council to write to the Minister for Communities to convene a child poverty task force. The response was noted by the Committee on 19.03.21 outlining that there were no current plans

to establish such a task force but that the council would be consulted on in relation to other future linked work. It is therefore recommended that this motion is now closed.

- Student Support (Ref no 157) This motion requested communication with university accommodation providers and private landlords who had not provided rent waivers to do so immediately, and release affected students from private rental contracts without penalty. In addition, a letter was to be sent to Department for the Economy and Department of Finance requesting the development and funding of a Student Support Grant for all full time third level students. The requested letters were sent on 21.12.20 and responses received from the Economy Minister and, as this related to student support during the Covid 19 pandemic, it is recommended that this motion is now closed.
- Mater Hospital Services (Ref no 176) This motion requested a meeting with Cathy
 Jack and the Minister for Health Robin Swann MLA to discuss plans for the future of
 the Mater, after Covid-19. The motion related to the provision of services during the
 pandemic. This was resolved, with services returning to normal from November 2022,
 and it is recommended that this motion is now closed.
- Pay Rise for Public Sector Workers (Ref no 178) This motion requested that a
 letter be sent to the British Government asking it to review its budget allocation to the
 Executive and to stress to them the need for multi-year budgets with adequate
 resources to fund pay increases to our health and social care and public sector staff.
 This issue has since been settled and it is recommended that this motion is now
 closed.
- Statue of Mary Ann McCracken (Ref no 179) This motion called on the Council
 to install a statue of Mary Ann McCracken in the grounds of the City Hall. The
 Committee approved the installation of the statue and this work is being taken forward
 by the Installations Working Group. It is, therefore, recommended that this motion is
 now closed.
- War Years Remembered (Ref 181) This motion called on the Council to engage
 with War Years Remembered to help find a solution to their current difficulties
 including a possible relocation to Belfast. The Culture and Tourism team engaged
 with War Years Remembered and signposted to possible funding schemes. War

Years Remembered indicated that they will get back in touch if they require any further assistance. It is, therefore, recommended that this motion is now closed.

- Marking the Centenary of the Ulster Memorial Tower (Ref no 194) This motion called for the Council to note the various historic connections between the Ulster Memorial Tower and Belfast City Council and agree to include recognition of this connection in their Centenary programme. The Committee granted retrospective approval for a Member to attend the Centenary Commemoration of the opening of the Ulster Memorial Tower in France on 18th November and authorised the payment of the associated costs. Therefore, it is recommended that this motion is now closed.
- Triple Lock Guarantee (Ref no 200) This motion asked for a letter to be sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, requesting him to honour the "Triple Lock Guarantee". The response from HM Treasury was noted by the Committee on 19.11.21 and it is recommended that this motion is now closed.
- NHS Pay (Ref no 201) This motion asked for communication to be sent to the Health Minister, Robin Swann, calling upon him to refuse to bring forward the 3% pay offer, urging him, alongside the First and Deputy First Ministers, to lobby the British Government to award a substantial offer and asking him to bring forward proposals on safe staffing. The response from the Minister of Health was noted by the Committee on 19.11.21 and this motion is now recommended for closure.
- Universal Credit (Ref 204) This motion called on the Council to write to the Minister
 for Communities to uphold the uplift for the remainder of the financial year and to
 write to the Prime Minister to recommend he reconsider the removal of the uplift.
 Responses were received from the two Ministers and we are still awaiting a response
 from the Prime Minister, therefore, it is recommended that this motion is now closed.
- Adopt a Kiosk Scheme (Ref no 212) This motion called for the Council to prepare a report on the feasibility of joining BT's Adopt a Kiosk scheme, outlining the options open to the Council for the removal of the kiosks, should a decision be taken not to proceed. Officers have reviewed the BT Adopt a Kiosk scheme and have received advice from BT that whilst the old 'red phone boxes' can be utilised in a number of ways, modern phone boxes can only be adapted to accommodate a heart defibrillator. Whilst BCC are unable to provide a dedicated resource to identify potential sites across the city for the repurposing of phone kiosks to house

defibrillators, or to meet the potential costs associated with installation and maintenance of defibrillators, officers will be happy to direct community groups to BT and the range of organisations' who provide funding for community defibrillators. It is recommended that this motion is now closed.

- Rent Controls (Ref 214) This motion called for the Executive to bring forward a
 rent control scheme for the city. The response was noted by the Committee on
 21.12.21 in relation to future plans to be brought forward and it is, therefore,
 recommended that this motion is now closed.
- Publication of information on Members' attendance at meetings (Ref no 219) –
 This motion requested that the Council, commencing in April 2022, would publish on
 an annual basis details of Members' attendance at meetings of the Council,
 Committees and Working Groups, as well as attendances for each year since the
 commencement of the current Council term. This action was implemented in April
 2022 and it is recommended that this motion is now closed.
- Insulation inspection and the provision of insulation (Ref 222) This motion called for the Council to write to the Minister for Communities requesting a review of the affordable warmth scheme. The response was noted by the Committee on 21.01.22 and it, is therefore, recommended that this motion is now closed.
- Pay Rise for Leisure Workers (Ref no 229) This motion called for the Council to meet GLL management and trade union representatives to discuss the feasibility of supporting the joint pay claim submitted by Unite the Union and NIPSA, calling for a 11.75% increase for Belfast City Council terms and conditions members and a 15.75% increase for Castlereagh Borough terms and conditions members, to address retrospective pay legacy issues. An update was provided to the Committee in September 22 and GLL continues to meet regularly with staff, the Trade Unions, and party representatives/Elected Members, on a range of issues. It is proposed that this motion is now closed.
- Proposed Closure of Regina Coeli House (Ref no 233) This motion called for communication to the Department of Communities' Minister and the NIHE to meet with the owners and management Committee of Regina Coeli hostel to discuss the withdrawal of this service. Letters were issued to all mentioned within the motion on 25.01.22. The Regina House facility was closed last year and it is, therefore, recommended that this motion is now closed.

- Irish Sea Border Checks (Ref 234) This motion authorised the Council's City
 Solicitor to commence legal proceedings to compel the Minister and the British
 Government to comply with protocol requirements, subject to any current derogations
 in the grace period. The Judicial Review was successful and a response was noted
 by the Committee in December 2022. It is now recommended that this motion is
 closed.
- Suspension of Government Debt Recovery for those in receipt of benefits and
 universal credit (Ref no 268) This motion called upon the Council to write to the
 Department of Communities' Minister requesting the immediate suspension of
 government debt recovery for those in receipt of benefits and universal credit. The
 response from the Department of Communities was noted by the Committee on
 21.10.22 and it proposed that this motion is now closed.
- Freedom of the City and County Borough of Belfast (Ref no 271) This motion called for the Council to confer the Freedom of the City and County Borough of Belfast on healthcare workers and those who worked on the frontline during the Covid-19 pandemic. This was granted and an event took place on the evening of 25th August and, therefore, it recommended that this motion is now closed.
- Devolution of Local Transport Powers (Ref 272) This motion called on the
 Council to liaise with relevant personnel and organisations to discuss the devolution
 of key powers. This motion was declared lost and it is, therefore, recommended that
 this motion is now closed.
- Christmas Tree Charity Collection (Ref no 281) This motion called for the Council to place a collection box beside the Christmas tree in the City Hall and for any funds raised to be channeled through the Lord Mayor's office for distribution to appropriate charities in the city. This was actioned and it is recommended that this motion is now closed.

Category 2 Recommended Closures:

- Paid Leave for Miscarriage (Ref no 192) This motion called upon the Council to bring forward compassionate, fair, and progressive proposals for bereavement leave to provide leave for miscarriage and stillbirth so employees who have been impacted do not have to use sick or annual holiday leave. Through the consultation process with the Trade Unions, enhanced provisions were agreed at JNCC on 15th December 2022, including treating miscarriage as a bereavement and offering 10 days' bereavement leave on full pay to employees who suffer a miscarriage as a day one right and offering 3 days' bereavement leave to an employee who is the partner/surrogate parents for someone who has had a miscarriage. These changes have been implemented as of 01.02.23 and it is now recommended that this motion is closed.
- Parental Bereavement Pay and Leave (Ref no 206) This motion called upon the Council to undertake a review of its bereavement policy, in conjunction with the unions, that sought to establish 2 weeks statutory bereavement leave and pay for all Council workers in line with the Coalition for Bereaved Workers "Call to Action" document. Through the consultation process with the Trade Unions, enhanced provisions were agreed at JNCC,15 December 2022, including awarding 10 consecutive days' bereavement leave, not solely in the case of a child under 18, including the case of still birth for the partner, or the death of a close relative or for those who have sole responsibility for the funeral arrangements; award 10 consecutive days' full pay, as a day one right with no qualifying service required and award 1 days paid leave to attend the funeral of an extended family member. These changes have been implemented as of 01.02.23 and it is recommended that this motion is now closed.
- Fertility Treatment Leave (Ref no 233) This motion called for the Council to implement a new leave provision for staff, which caters for those who need leave for fertility treatment and offers the same protections as sick leave. Through the consultation process with the Trade Unions, enhanced provisions were agreed at JNCC, 15 December 2022, including awarding 10 days full paid leave following any unsuccessful IVF treatment to employees who have undergone IVF treatment, as a day one right in addition to the paid time off for medical appointments that already exists and offering 3 days' leave to an employee who is the partner/surrogate parents

	for someone who had unsuccessful IVF treatment. These changes have been
	implemented as of 01.02.23 and it is recommended that this motion is now closed.
	Financial and Resource Implications
3.5	There are no additional financial implications required to implement these
	recommendations.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
3.6	There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained in this report.
4.0	Document Attached

Notice of Motion – Live Database



Ref	Туре	Date of Council Meeting	Motion (including hyperlinks)	Proposed by	Referral route	Committee	Agreed actions (agreed decisions from committee/Council)	Lead officer	Lead Department	Status	Status Update
1	Notice of Motion	03/05/2016	Stained Glass Window – Health Service	Clir Mullan	Referred to Diversity Working Group	SP&R		J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Proposal being taken forward through the Installations working Group
2	Notice of Motion	02/05/2017	Stained Glass Window – 321 Explosives Ordnance Disposal Company	Cllr Graham	Referred to SP&R	SP&R	Referred to SP&R	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	tion Class	Proposal being taken forward through the Installations working Group
3	Natce of Nation	01/06/2017	Fire Brigades Union	Cllr McVeigh	Referred to SP&R	SP&R	Referred to SP&R	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services		Proposal being taken forward through the Installations working Group
7	O notice of Motion	09/04/2018	<u>Childcare Strategy</u>	Cllr O'Hara	Referred to SP&R	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy		A child care strategy that is for Belfast alone would not be operational and outside the remit of the Council. The Council continues to engage with key central government departments and agencies through community planning and other structures to help improve the education and social outcomes for children and young people. The Education Minister recently confirmed (7th Sep 2022) the continued commitment to developing an integrated Early Learning and Childcare Strategy for NI with March 2023 as the anticipated date for the draft of the strategy and costed action plan which will be subject to NI Executive consideration. Council officers will engage with Depts and seek to input into this process and advocate the need to accelerate the finalisation and implementation of the regional strategy
16	Notice of Motion	04/03/2019	SEND Act and Out of School Hours Provision	Clir Black	Debated and passed	SP&R		J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services		Meeting was delayed due to the 2019 local government elections then the Covid-19 pandemic. Currently being arranged via video call.
23	Notice of Motion	01/07/2019	Removal of Banners and Paramilitary Flags in Belfast	Cllr Beattie	Debated and passed	SP&R		J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Consultation delayed due to Covid-19. Since the decision by SP &R in 2019, the FICT report commissioned by The Executive was published which covers similar issues. Extensive consultation was undertaken between 2016 – 19 on this and the contents of this report have the agreement of the 5 main political parties represented on the Commission Report to be brought to CMT and potentially Party Group Leaders for discussion on way forward.

:	24	Notice of	01/07/2019 Webcasting of Committee Meetings	Cllr Nicholl	Referred to SP&R	SP&R		J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Report prepared for PLCF then delayed due to Covid-19 pandemic. To be rescheduled when appropriate.
:	75	ssue Raised n Advance	23/08/2019 Abortion Imagery	Cllr Groogan		SP&R	Motion referred to SP&R	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Work is ongoing on the development of new city amenities byelaws which would try to address a number of issues in relation to good governance in the city centre including the display of promotional literature or material without a permit from the Council. The Council will need to seek approval for the draft byelaw from the Department for Communities.
	· ·	Notice of Motion	04/11/2019 Unregulated Car Washes	Cllr Newton	Referred to SP&R	SP&R	No further action required	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	BCC have no responsibility for regulating or licensing hand car washes and valet services. Responsibility for Health and Safety at such car washes lies with the HSENI. The NI Environment Agency has responsibility for enforcing the requirements of the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999. It is an offence under the Water Order to discharge or deposit, whether knowingly or otherwise, any poisonous, noxious or polluting matter so that it enters a waterway or underground stratum. Officers in Legal Services have written to the NIEA requesting any available data on the number of unregulated car washes in Belfast. The NIEA have advised that in line with guidance they would recommend that vehicle washes are connected to the mains sewer where possible. They anticipate such a facility would be available in Belfast. Should a consent be the only solution, a suitable treatment system would be required. The NIEA currently don't have any Vehicle wash sites in Belfast, on their books which hold a consent to discharge. Further enquiries with the NIEA, HSENI and PSNI has not deteremined that he relevant data can be sourced from elsewhere. Agreed with Clir Newton that the Motion now be Closed.
:	35	Notice of Motion	02/12/2019 Pridestrian Animation	Cllr Garrett	Referred to SP&R	SP&R		J Greer	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Officers have continued to engage with various groups. However, the Inclusive Mobility and Transport Advisory Committee (IMTAC) have recommended that colourful crossings should not be used. Officers are continuing to engage with relevant partners to source alternative proposals.
•	19	lotice of Motion	03/02/2020 Market Gardens and Urban Farming	Cllr de Faoite	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Climate Team are currently recommencing the Sustainable Food Places partnership in Belfast, as well as engaging with organisations, such as Social Farms and Gardens NI, in relation to existing land which may be suitable for community food based initiatives. Developments in this area could potentially include urban farm and/or market garden establishment, though there are no existing plans at this stage. Members will be kept updated.

50	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	Belfast Zoo	Clir Maskey	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Greer	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Dec 22 Summary: Major works have commenced on the new lion/big cat enclosure, due Easter 2023, providing an attractive experience for the start of the zoo's peak season. Annual seasonal events, such as Boo at the Zoo and Wildlife Wonderland, have returned to their pre-Covid format for the first time, with Boo at the Zoo performing particularly well. Following pandemic suspension, the zoo relaunched the popular 'Junior Keeper for a Day' experience in November, generating £5k in sales in its first month and very positive participant feedback. Refurbishment works are currently ongoing at the vacant Hazelwood House. A physical survey on the Bellevue Steps has been completed, with a report expected to help determine potential future refurbishment and/or usage. The Floral Hall physical survey is ongoing. CGR Cttee approved the first ever zoo hosted 'fun run' in March 2023 to be delivered by an external sports body, with a proportion of the registration fee going to the zoo. Following the successful installation of two large murals on-site in Spring 2022 and an Elmer the Elephant sculpture, an organisation has been appointed to develop an art trail throughout the zoo. The Council's Assets Team continue to work on a detailed action plan with timelines and potential funding opportunities.
51	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	Growth Deal	Cllr Beattie	Straight to Committee	SP&R		R Cregan	Finance & Resources	Ongoing	To be progressed as resources become available.
55	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	Drug Task Force	Cllr McCusker	Debated at Council	SP&R	Letters to be sent to Ministers for Health, Justice and Communities	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	To be progressed as resources become available.
56	tice of tion	03/02/2020	Public Sector Pay	Cllr Matt Collins	Debated at Council	SP&R	Letter to be sent to Minister for Finance	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Action completed
67	Notice of Motion	02/03/2020	Review of Hate Crime Legislation in Northern Ireland - Inclusion of Misogyny as a standalone offence	Cllr Groogan	Debated at Council	SP&R	Council will invite representatives of the Raise Your Voice project to deliver training for Members	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Action completed
73	Issue Raised in Advance	19/06/2020	Race Equality Champion for Belfast City Council	Cllr Nicholl		SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Director of City and Organisational Strategy is the CMT nominated Executive Sponsor for Race and is overseeing the development of a Race Action Plan. A draft plan covering three strands of work: Workforce, Access to services and Civic Leadership has been developed and further engagement and consultation with all stakeholders is planned for January to March 2023 with the aim of agreeing a three year plan 23/24 to 25/26.

74	issue Raised in Advance	19/06/2020	Disabled People and Older People	Clir McMullan		SP&R		N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	The draft Age Friendly plan 22-26 is scheduled to be presented to SP&R in September 22 before going out to public consultation in October 22. The plan outlines actions that will contribute to releavant aims in the Belfast Agenda, accessibility is explicitly mentioned in the report with proposed actions to address this issue. The emerging priorities include Infrastructure – helping people 'get out and about' and Social inclusion, promoting connections both themes will promote increased accessibility. Work will continue with the Council's internal Reference Group on Older People and officers have secured funding for a Council Age Friendly Co-ordinator, the recruitment process for this post will commence in the Autumn. It is therefore proposed that this Motion is now closed. 10.01.23 Part one of this motion in relation to older people and inclusivity is now recommended for closure due to the above update. However there are further actions and updates to be gained in relation to accessibility and inclusivity with regards to disabled people and in a wider sense. Therefore this motion has been left as on-going until these further updates have been obtained.
78	Dice of Oction 1	01/07/2020	Suicide Awareness Training.	Clir Michelle Kelly	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	A number of short courses developed by the Mersey Care Trust Foundation on suicide Awareness have been promoted to staff and elected members and are available on a continuous basis to all staff via our Health and Wellbeing Support page on our staff intranet. A number of council staff have attended Mental Health First Aid training. The establishment of a network of mental health first aiders / wellbeing champions has been included in the draft revised Health and Wellbeing Strategy action plan. It is anticipated that the revised three year strategy and action plan will be agreed by April 23.
83	issue Raised in Advance	31/07/2020	Frederick Douglass Statue	Cllr Beattie		SP&R	letter to be sent to Department for Communities	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Proposal being taken forward through the Installations working Group
93	issue Raised in Advance	21/08/2020	Video and Web Streaming of Council Committee Meetings	Cllr McReynolds		SP&R	The Committee also noted that an update report would be submitted to a future Committee with respect to the continuation of live streaming after the pandemic	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	To be progressed as resources become available.
98	Notice of Motion	01/09/2020	Procurement Policy - Living Wage	Cllr Murphy	Straight to Committee	SP&R	Referred to SP&R	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	The Council's Procurement Policy is being updated as part of the overall review of Social Value Procurement - including consideration of the real living wage. A public consultation on the draft policy is running until Tuesday 14 December 2021.
108	issue Raised in Advance	18/09/2020	Application to Ulster History Circle for a blue plaque - Olaudah Equiano	Cllr McMullan		SP&R	report to come back to SP&R Committee	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Nominations to Ulster History Circle closed during pandemic. Report to go back to Committee and letter to be sent seeking application for blue plaque.

114	Notice of Motion	01/10/20	20 Pay Increase for Health Workers	Cllr Michael Collins	Debated at Council	SP&R	The Council will invite local representatives of health and social care trade unions to speak about their pay, staffing demands and the challenges they face working in the health service	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	This motion was related to the 2020 pay increase which has been settled.
130	Notice of Motion	02/11/20	20 Closure of Ulster Bank	Cllr Heading	Debated at Council	SP&R	Letters sent. Awaiting response from Ministers	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Responses from MP's logged Nov 20. However implementation of closures commenced in September 2002. Motion should not be closed.
131	Notice of Motion	02/11/20	Sealing of the Records of Mother and Baby Homes	Cllr Michael Collins	Debated at Council	SP&R	Letters sent. Awaiting response from Irish Gov. Exec response received.	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Response from Irish Gov still outstanding - 06/09/21
138	Notice of Motion	07/12/20	20 World Environment Day	Cllr Garrett	Straight to Committee	SP&R	Report to come back to SP&R Committee	J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Climate team will discuss potential awareness raising content for World Environment Day on 5th June 2023 with Officers across relevant Council Departments and undate Members accordingly.
139	Notice of Motion	07/12/20	Establishment of an External Independent Review of Educational Provision	Cllr ⁻ McReynolds	Debated at Council	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	Dept of Education appointed an Independent Panel to undertake a deep rooted review of the education system in NI and the council will input into this process as it moves forward. The Dept of Education has recently published for consultation (20th Sep to 15th Nov 2022) its corporate plan " Every Child Matters 2023 - 2030". SP&R Committee agreed a Council response on 18th November (endorsed by Full Council) which had been submitted. Council officers continue to work with colleagues from Dept of Education and the Education Authority in bringing forward the refreshed Belfast Agenda and focus for the next four years.
148	Motion	07/01/20	21 Uplift on Universal Credit	Cllr Heading	Debated at Council	SP&R	reported to SP&R on 19/02/21	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Response from HM Treasury noted by SP&R 19/2/21 - Further letter issued 10/3/21. Response noted by SP&R, Government rejected calls to uplift. Motion should now be closed.
149	Notice of Motion	07/01/20	Black Lives Matters Demonstrations	Cllr Matt Collins	Debated at Council	SP&R	reported to SP&R on 19/02/21	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Referred back to S P and R by Council on 1/3/21 - letters also to be issued. Resolved when the PSNI dropped the charges. Motion should now be closed.
156	Notice of Motion	01/02/20	21 Child Poverty Task Force	Cllr McCusker	Debated at Council	SP&R	Response received - Sent to SPR team for issue.	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Response from Minister for Communities presented to S P and R 19/3/21. No plans by Dept to establish a Child Poverty Task Force, but council to be consulted on future work including Anti Poverty Strategy, etc.
157	Notice of Motion	01/02/20	21 Student Support	Cllr de Faoite	Debated at Council	SP&R	Response received - Sent to SPR team for issue.	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Letters sent 21/12/20 and response received from Economy Minister. This motion related to student support during the Covid-19 pandemic and can therefore now be closed.
162	Notice of Motion	01/03/20	Real Living Wage Foundation Accrediation	Cllr McLaughlin	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Council had submitted its application to the Real Living Foundation in December 2022 to become the first council in NI to become a 'Real Living Wage Employer'. A decision on the application is expected in early January 2023.
163	Notice of Motion	01/03/20	Application Fees in the private rented sector	Cllr Flynn	Debated at Council	SP&R	Council agrees to write to the Minister for Communities and the Minister of Finance, outlining concerns above and pledging council's support for the regulation of the private rented sector.	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	To be progressed as resources become available.

16	Notice of Motion	01/04/2021	Violence against Women and Girs	Notice of Motion	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	To be progressed as resources become available
16	Notice of Motion	01/04/2021	Legislation to Tackle the Third Party Sale of Pups	Councillor Newton	Debated at Council	SP&R		J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Letters sent 22/4/21 - further motion to Council on 1/11/21
16	Notice of Motion	01/04/2021	Mullaghglass Landfill Site - Legal Action	Councillor Baker	Debated at Council	SP&R		J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Legal proceedings remain ongoing. It is likely to be some time before the matter concludes.
177	Notice of Motion Page 16	01/04/2021	10 Per Cent Pay Increase for Counci Workers	Councillor Matt Collins	Debated at Council	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The NJC pay award for 2022-23, was agreed and finalised November 2022 in accordance with the NJC's Constitution. There is no provision for local pay deals to be reached unless a council has chosen to opt out of the national bargaining machinery. Management have met with Trade Union representatives from each locally recognised Trade Union, and Council agreed to award 2 x COL payments of £750 gross to all staff except for Chief Officers. Following extensive discussions, management and the Trade Unions have agreed an interim pay and grading structure effective from 1 Sep 2022 for NJC and Craft employees. The interim structure includes the removal of the first SCP in each grade, except for PO12 and the addition of 1 SCP to the top of each grade, except for PO12. All employees will progress by 1 increment with effect from 1 September 2022 with the exception of those employees at the top of PO12. From 1 April 2023, normal processes for incremental progression will apply.
17	Notice of	04/05/2021	Mater Hospital Services	Cllr Ferguson	Debated at Council	SP&R		J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	This motion related to provision of services during the pandemic - this was resolved with services returning to normal from November 2022. The motion can therefore be closed.
17	Notice of Motion	04/05/2021	Motion - Pay Rise for Public Sector Workers	Cllr Michael Collins	Debated at Council	SP&R		J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	This motion related to the pay rise for public sector workers which has since been settled. The motion can therefore be closed.
17	Notice of Motion	04/05/2021	Statue of Mary Ann McCracken	Cllr Long	Straight to Committee	SP&R	Was considered further in the report later in the meeting on installations in the City Hall/City Hall Grounds	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Committee approved the installation of a statue, the final form of which would be submitted to the Committee in due course for approval, as part of the Capital Programme (12/05/21). This motion is being dealt with by the Installations Working Group along with the other memorials and should therefore be closed.

181	Notice of Motion	04/05/2021	War Years Remembered	Cllr Pankhurst	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Greer	Place & Economy	Recommenda tion Close	The Culture and Tourism teams have continued to engage with War Years Remembered (WYR). As previously reported officers signposted WYR to potential support including National Lottery Heritage Funding and the Council's Vacant to Vibrant Pilot Capital Grant Scheme. We have not yet heard if the National Lottery Heritage Grant process will be appropriate. Whilst WYR have engaged with the Vacant to Vibrant Pilot Capital Grant Scheme it is recognised this would not be the panacea and any application would be subject to meeting the approved eligibility criteria. WYR have said they will contact us again if they need any further guidance.
187	Notice of Motion	01/06/2021	Local Government Pension Scheme – Responsible Investment Strategy	Cllr Murphy	Debated at Council	SP&R	Write to NILGOSC	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Letter sent 2/7/21. Meeting with NILGOSC requested by S P and R 20/8/21 - to be arranged
189	Notice of Motion	01/06/2021	PEACE IV to PEACE PLUS Programmes	Cllr Kyle	Debated at Council	SP&R	Write to TEO and SEUPB	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Letters sent 2/7/21. Response received from SEUPB 20/7/21 - TEO yet to respond
192	Me 17	01/07/2021	Paid Leave for Miscarriage	Cllr M Kelly	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Recommenda tion Close	On 19 August 2022, SP&R Committee agreed that the Council consult with the Trade Unions on proposed paid leave for miscarriage Through the consultation process with the Trade Unions, the following more favorable enhanced provisions were agreed at JNCC, 15 December 2022. •Treat miscarriage as a bereavement and offer 10 days' bereavement leave on full pay to employees who suffer a miscarriage as a day one right. •Offer 3 days' bereavement leave to an employee who is the partner/surrogate parents for someone who had a miscarriage. This has been ill be implemented as of 1 February 2023
194	Notice of Motion	01/07/2021	Marking the Centenary of the Ulster Memorial Tower	Ald Kingston	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	SP&R Committee granted retrospective approval for a Member to attend the Centenary Commemoration of the opening of the Ulster Memorial Tower in France on 18th November and authorised the payment of the associated costs.
195	Notice of Motion	01/07/2021	Chat Bench and Tackling Loneliness	Cllr Howard	Straight to Committee	SP&R		S Grimes	Physical Programmes	Ongoing	[No change from previous update]. To be progressed as resources become available. The NoM is wider than just physical projects.
196	Notice of Motion	01/09/2021	A Changing Places Toilets Policy for Belfast City Council	Cllr McMullan	Straight to Committee	SP&R		S Grimes	Physical Programmes	Ongoing	Draft policy to be presented to next meeting of Disability Working Group
197	, Notice of Motion	01/09/2021	The Rights of Nature	Cllr Smyth	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Climate team will discuss options to raise awareness on the Rights of Nature with Officers across relevant Council departments and update Members accordingly
198	Notice of Motion	01/09/2021	Bonfire Procedures	Cllr Beattie	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	To be implemented pending discussion at September SP&R Committee.
199	Notice of Motion	01/09/2021	Four-Day Working Week	Cllr Garrett	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	Management are currently developing proposals on how a 4 day working week may be trialled within the Council.
200	Notice of Motion	01/09/2021	Triple Lock Guarantee	Ald Copeland	Debated at Council	SP&R	Write to Chancellor of Exchequer	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Response from HM Treasury noted by S P and R on 19/11/21. This motion can now be closed.

201	Notice of Motion	01/09/2021	NHS Pay	Cllr Matt Collins	Debated at Council	SP&R	Write to Health Minister	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Response from Minister of Health noted by S P and R on 19/11/21. This motion can now be closed.
203	Notice of Motion	04/10/2021	Electric Charging Points	Ald Dorrian	Debated at Council	SP&R	Write to Minister for Infrastructure Members to receive a report from officers	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Responses from Ministers being considered by officers
204	Notice of Motion	04/10/2021	<u>Universal Credit</u>	Cllr Heading	Debated at Council	SP&R	Write to Prime Minister, Min. for Communities and Min. for Finance	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Responses received from 2 Ministers, awaiting PM response. Can now be closed as was in relation to temorary uplift of Universal Credit.
206	Notice of Motion	04/10/2021	Parental Bereavement Leave and Pay	Cllr Matt Collins	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Recommenda tion Close	On 19 August 2022, SP&R Committee agreed that the Council consult with the Trade Unions on proposed enhanced parental bereavement leave and pay. Through the consultation process with the Trade Unions, the following more favorable enhanced provisions were agreed at JNCC, 15 December 2022. Award 10 consecutive days' bereavement leave, not solely in the case of a child under 18, including the case of still birth for the partner, or the death of a close relative or for those who have sole responsibility for the funeral arrangements. Award 10 consecutive days' full pay, not statutory pay, as a day one right with no qualifying service required. Award 1 days paid leave to attend the funeral of an extended family member This has been implemented as of 1 February 2023
209	Notice of Spion	04/10/2021	Environmentally Sustainable Event Spaces	Cllr Garrett	Straight to Committee	SP&R		S Grimes	Physical Programmes	Ongoing	To be progressed as resources become available. A feasibility proposal to investigate Solar PV across the council estate as clean energy power source is being look at. The Solar PV feasibility roll out is programme for 2023/24, under the BCC Climate Fund programme.
210	Notice of Motion	04/10/2021	Staff on Temporary Contracts	Cllr McLaughlin	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	A report to January's SP&R Committee provides an update on the opinion received on the notice of motion regarding temporary staff from Senior Counsel, the Local Government Staff Commission and the Equality Commission NI and outlines the steps taken to reduce the reliance on temporary contracts and agency assignees.

212	Issue Raised in Advance	24/09/2021	Adopt a Kiosk Scheme	Cllr. Garrett	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		D Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Recommenda tion Close	Officers have reviewed the BT Adopt a Kiosk scheme and have received advice from BT whilst the old 'red phone boxes' can be utilised in a number of ways (usually in village/rural settings), that modern phone boxes can only be adapted to accommodate a heart defibrillator. Whilst BCC are unable to provide a dedicated resource to identify potential sites across the city for the repurposing of phone kiosks to house defibrillators, or to meet the potential costs associated with installation and maintenance of defibrillators, officers will be happy to direct community groups to BT and the range of organisations who provide funding for community defibrillators. BT have their own policy for the removal of payphones, which is based on evidence of usage and reasonable need. Under Universal Service obligations set by Ofcom, BT must provide public payphones to meet the reasonable needs of end users, but can remove a payphone if there is another within 400 metres. Applications for removal of phone boxes are made directly to BT, who will assess against set criteria.
213	Notice of Motion	01/11/2021	Community Sector Terms and Conditions	Cllr Bunting	Debated at Council	SP&R	Write to Minister for Communities	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Letter sent 16th November 2021
214	Notice of Motion Office of Motion	01/11/2021	Rent Controls	Cllr O'Hara	Debated at Council	SP&R	Write to NI Executive	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	30/11/12 - response received from DfC - report went to SP and R in December 2021. Mr Polley, DfC outlined future plans including Private Tenancies Bill and consultation on Intermediate Rent scheme and advised that first homes would be built under the scheme in 2023
215	Motion	01/11/2021	Regulation of AirBnBs	Cllr McKeown	Debated at Council	SP&R	Write to NI Executive	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Letter sent 16th November 2021
219	Raised	19/11/2021	Publication of Information on Members' Attendance at meetings		Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	This was implemented in April 2022 and the motion can therefore be closed.
222	Notice of Motion	01/12/2021	Insulation Inspection and the Provision of Insulation	Cllr Heading	Debated at Council	SP&R		J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Letter sent to DfC Minister 15/12/21 - Response to S P and R 21/1/22
225	Issue Raised in Advance	17/12/2021	City Centre Built Heritage	Cllr Murphy	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		C Reynolds	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Work continues to progress a report for consideration at Committee.
228	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	10/01/2022	Playing Pitches in Belfast	Cllr Brooks	Straight to Committee	SP&R		D Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	Further to some initial scoping work; the consultation on the Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy is underway. Strategic Leisure Limited was appointed to support council in the production of the strategy which commenced in September 2022 with initial stakeholder and project board meetings. A survey has been made available online and will close on 6 January 2023. As part of the strategy development, it is anticipated that a mapping exercise will be carried out across the Council area. This exercise will be identifying current provision, instances of duplication and opportunities for partnership investment and partnership delivery in physical activity and sport. A first draft of the strategy will be produced for further consultation by the end of February 2023.

2	29 r	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	10/01/2022	Pay Rise for Leisure Workers	Cllr Ferguson	Straight to Committee	SP&R		D Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Recommenda tion Close	Update provided to SP&R Committee in Sept 22. GLL continues to meet regularly with staff, the Trade Unions, and party representatives/elected members, on a range of issues. It is proposed that this Motion is now closed.
2	33	Notice of Motion	17/01/2022	Proposed closure of Regina Coeli House	Councillor McCusker	Debated at Special Council	SP&R	Call for multi agency meeting	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Letters issued to all organisations mentioned within the motion on 25/01/22. The Regina House facility was closed last year. This motion can now be closed.
2	33 i	ssue Raised n Advance	22/10/2021	Fertility Treatment Leave	Councillor Murphy	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Recommenda tion Close	On 19 August 2022, SP&R Committee agreed that the Council consult with the Trade Unions on proposed fertility treatment leave. Through the consultation process with the Trade Unions, the following more favorable enhanced provisions were agreed at JNCC, 15 December 2022. Award 10 days full paid leave following any unsuccessful IVF treatment to employees who have undergone IVF treatment, as a day one right in addition to the paid time off for medical appointments that already exists Offer 3 days' leave to an employee who is the partner/surrogate parents for someone who had unsuccessful IVF treatment. This has been e implemented as of 1 February 2023
2	34 () 1	tice of Wotion	07/02/2022	Irish Sea Border Checks	Cllr McLaughlin	Debated at Special Council	SP&R		J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	tion Class	The Judicial Review was successful. A verbal update was given to SP&R in December 2022.
2	85 r	votion - referred by S&B Committee	22/02/2022	Energy Price Crises	Cllr Smyth	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Tully/ Debbie Caldwell	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	
2	37 r	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	22/02/2022	Belfast Citywide Tribunal Service	Cllr Ferguson	straight to Committee	SP&R		D Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	Officers continue to work with BCTS to carry out due diligence in relation to this award. 50% of the award has been paid and officers are meeting with BCTS on an ongoing basis to secure the required information. September Council approved that a review of Council support for advice services be undertaken, this has been delayed due to other emerging priorities including administration of the Hardship Fund Voucher Scheme. Officers will bring an update in relation to 22/23 and 23/24 funding for the service in March/April.
2	39	Notice of Motion	01/03/2022	Mountainview Centre	Cllr Matt Collins	Debated at Council	SP&R		D Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	Letters issued following call in - responses received from Ministers for Finance and Education and the EA - to be presented to SP&R Committee on 15/4/22 (Minister for Communities acknowledged correspondence but no response received as of 08/04/22).

243	Notice of Motion	14/03/2022	Cost of Living	Cllr. Garrett	Debated at Special Council	SP&R	Present proposal to create a citywide hardship fund	J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Council agreed a £1million Fuel Hardship Fund and that the fund would be administered by nine partner organisations across the city based on agreed eligibility criteria and on a first-come first-served basis. Work is on-going to consider what role and additional support can be provided by Council – as requested in the NOM - in the context of the financial pressures and uncontrollable costs facing the council. Further reports will be brought to Committee as relevant.
247	Notice of Motion	04/04/2022	<u>City of Sanctuary</u>	Cllr. Kyle	Debated at Council	SP&R		D Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	Council has agreed that the Council should develop a Race Action Plan and officers across Council are developing associated actions. The Director of Organisational Development has been nominated as the Executive Sponsor for the Plan. A number of initiatives are also being supported through the Good Relations Action Plan and Shared City Partnership. The development of appropriate interventions is also included in the draft Belfast Agenda Refresh. An update on the development of the Race Equality Action Plan will be brought to SP &R in January 2023. Research commissioned by BCC,BHSCT & PHA on the inequalities experienced by Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic & Traveller people was launched on 1st December. Findings from this report will inform work going forward.
257	Issue Raised in dvance	17/06/2022	<u>City Cemetery - Bi-lingual</u> <u>Signage</u>	Cllr Beattie	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		S Grimes	Physical Programmes	Ongoing	City Cemetery works progressing. Work is underway to deal with the requests of this NOM. Further dual language work (site signage, app, videos etc) is underway and engagement with Irish language groups is ongoing and will remain so until all dual language works are completed.
	Issue Raised in Advance	19/08/2022	Electric Vehicle Charging Points Strategy	Cllr Long	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	Please see response to 152 - (This issue is regulated by the Parking Order which has its limitations. The Climate team will investigate the feasibility of a pilot scheme with colleagues in CNS, Physical Programmes and CR&D and will report back to Cttee. The Climate Team are commissioning work on a EV infrastructure strategy to identify ways to use council owned land to support EV charging infrastructure. EVI update report is on the agenda for the C&CR Oct Cttee to update Members on a range of EV/EVI items. Members will be engaged as part of the development of the Belfast EV strategy)
266	Notice of Motion		GLL and Trade Unions	Cllr Ferguson	Agreed at Committee	SP&R	CX to convene meeting	J Walsh	Chief Executives	Ongoing	Wrote to GLL cc'd CX's office - CD UPDATE: Response received and presented to September SP&R (CXs Office arranging TU Mtg)- CD
268	Notice of Motion	23/08/2022	Suspension of Government Debt Recovery for those in receipt of Benefits and Universal Credit	Cllr Matt Collins	Agreed at Committee	SP&R	Write to DfC	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	
269	Notice of Motion	23/08/2022	Support for Striking Communication Workers Union	Cllr Michael Collins	Agreed at Committee	SP&R	Write to BT/Openreach/Royal Mail & arrange an all party delegation with CWU reps.		Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Wrote to BT etc. and arranging APD - Response received on behalf of BT and Open Reach 15/9
271	Notice of Motion	25/08/2022	Freedom of the City and County Borough of Belfast	Cllr Carson	Debated at Special Council	SP&R		N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Council agreed to confer the Freedom of the City and County Borough of Belfast on healthcare workers and those who worked tirelessly on the frontline. Event took place on evening of 25 August.

27	2 Notic Motic		01/09/2022	<u>Devolution of Local</u> <u>Transport Powers</u>	Cllr O'Hara	Debated at Council	SP&R	motion fell.	J Walsh	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Motion declared lost
280	()	e Raised dvance	21/10/2022	Fuel Poverty Hardship Fund	Cllr Flynn	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		D Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services		This scheme is now operational. Members agreed to administer through 9 Strategic partners with set eligibility to access the scheme. All partners will be processing applications for support by 9th January
28:	1	e Raised dvance	21/10/2022	<u>Christmas Tree Charity</u> <u>Collection</u>	Cllr McKeown	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommenda tion Close	Action implemented
28	3	e Raised dvance	18/11/2022	Memorial to Baroness May Bl	Cllr Murray	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		S Grimes	Physical Programmes	Ongoing	Discussed at the City Hall/City Hall Grounds Installations Working Group on December 2022. To be included as an Emerging Project on the Capital Programme for approval by the SP&R Committee.
284	4	e Raised dvance	18/11/2022		Cllr Michelle Kelly	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		S Grimes	Physical Programmes		[No change from previous update]. A report on the potential reinstatement of the Ceremony Room to be submitted to a future Committee meeting.
293	Notic Motic		19/03/2021	Council to become an Autism Impact Champion	Cllr McMullan	Straight to Committee	SP&R		N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Equality and Diversity Unit have included 'becoming an Autism NI Impact Champion' as an action measure in the new Disability Action Plan 2022-25
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Agenda Item 4c





Subjec	et:	Update on Dual-Language Street Signs							
Date:		17th February, 2023							
		Kate Bentley, Director of Planning and Build							
Report	ing Officer:	Nora Largey, City Solicitor and Director of Legal and Civic Services							
Contac	ct Officer:	Ian Harper, Building Control Manager							
Restricted Reports									
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of main Issues								
1.1		neeting on 20th January, it was agreed that a							
	the meeting in Febr	uary providing an update on dual language s	treet signs applications.						
1.2	The report:								
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	provides an	overview of applications and current status;							
	 outlines the 	stages in the process; and							
	outlines the	ongoing work in relation to applications within	n the City centre.						
2.0	Recommendations	<u> </u>							
2.1	The Committee is a	sked to:							
	i. note the cor	ntents of the report; and							
	ii. agree the pr	ocess to be applied to City centre application	is.						

3.0	Main Report
	Key Issues
	Applicants and Current Status
3.1	Following approval by the Council of the revised Dual Language Streets Signs Policy on 4th July 2022, the Building Control Service received over 500 requests for dual language street signs.
3.2	These emailed requests had to be responded to individually, many of which did not contain the required information to validate and process the application. For example, requests which did not include the name of the street or the applicant's full address.
3.3	Further emails were sent to applicants requesting the required information. While many responded and provided the information, some did not, and the applications were closed. In writing to confirm the closing of these applications, a further period of time was given to provide the information. All the action above took some time to complete and proved to be much more resource intensive than envisaged. It also involved contacting a limited number of applicants more than once.
3.4	The Council's application form went live on 9th September, available on the website through an online form, or via email, by post or in person. Any requests received after that date must be through that formal application form and applicants are advised of this where they have made requests by other means. The reason for this is that the form sets out the required information for a valid application and ensures that all relevant information is provided at the outset. This is in line with other application processes, and with GDPR requirements for the collection and use of data.
3.5	As of 6th February 2023, the Service has received 611 requests under the new policy. Some streets have had multiple applications made. Following the aforementioned validation exercise to obtain the requisite missing information, 162 applications proved to be invalid leaving 449 applications to be taken through the process currently. Applications are being processed in batches, in the order received. In relation to the 449 live applications the validity of the applicant is being determined as each batch is processed so it may be the case that the Service discover further invalid applications as processing proceeds. In addition, it can be confirmed the 449 applications involves 352 unique streets.

Stages of the Application Process

Validation

Once an application is being processed, checks are carried out to ensure the applicant is an occupier of the street. This must be done by attending the Electoral Office for residential applications, which make up the majority of the applications received.

Implementation of the initial assessment process

- 3.7 The initial assessment process, on the grounds of equality and good relations, as described in the public consultation and the EQIA in relation to the policy, was finalised in September and is now being applied to all applications.
- This initial assessment is high-level and intended to identify any potential equality or good relations issues. Such assessment is in the context of the considerations set out in the EQIA which accompanied the Policy which set out the various protections in place for minority languages, together with Equality Commission advice that the use of Irish in signage is, in their opinion, a neutral act and that the use of minority languages, particularly Irish and Ulster Scots for common or official purposes would normally or objectively be considered to be a neutral act that would not be discriminatory.
- 3.9 Where adverse impacts on the grounds of equality or good relations are identified as part of this initial assessment the applications will be referred to Committee for direction.

Elected Member Notification

3.10 The most recent notification to Members was issued on 26th January. These lists of applications for streets will be issued via Democratic Services as batches are being processed. The purpose of this notification is solely to allow Members to raise equality or good relations concerns in respect of a particular application. Those concerns must be forwarded to the Director of Planning & Building Control who will, in consultation with the City Solicitor, determine whether the issues raised warrant referral of the application to Committee before a survey takes place.

Electoral Office

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Appointments to view files at the Electoral Office have been booked in advance. While these are used to validate that the applicant is an occupier of the street, they are also used to confirm the occupants of the street who will be surveyed.

Survey Preparation and Issue

3.12 The issuing of surveys is dependent on the previous stages being undertaken, but the time taken is also determined by the number of properties and occupiers, with some streets involving hundreds of surveys. Surveys are issued with a unique identifier, to ensure they can be tracked, and with a prepaid envelope for return. Results are collated against each application as returned, and the final results provided for the committee report. Occupiers are given 30 days to respond to the survey.

Committee Report

3.13 Committee reports will be presented for all applications where the 15% threshold of occupiers in favour of the erection of dual language street sign has been met. The report will include all the results from the surveys, and any findings from the equality and good relations assessment.

Erection of Signs

Following ratification of the Committee decision, erection of the relevant sign will take around 4-6 weeks depending upon the availability of the contract.

Current Position

3.15 As outlined at last month's Committee meeting, the first completed application was taken to the People and Communities Committee earlier this month. 5 applications are currently out for survey, with the anticipation that they can be brought to March or April P and C Committee. To date, 6 streets have been surveyed with a total of 707 residents being surveyed. With the further Elected Member notification and initial assessments carried out this will result in more applications being brought to Committee in the months ahead.

City Centre Applications

- 3.16 The EQIA carried out in respect of the Policy states that "any decision relating to the erection of a second nameplate in the city centre (business core) will, in addition to the current policy considerations and the survey of occupiers, be subject to a wider public consultation to reflect the community of users."
- 3.17 Officers have considered a number of options but believe that, from a consistency perspective, it would be appropriate to use the City Centre Boundary as set out in the draft

BMAP, excluding the protected housing areas. A map outlining the proposed city centre boundary for the purposes of this Policy is attached.

Officers would also propose that where an application is received for the city centre, that will be subject to public advertisement in accordance with the Council's policy on placing public adverts. This will be in addition to the survey of the residents of the street. Committee is asked to approve the proposed city centre boundary and the proposed method of wider public consultation for applications in this area.

Financial and Resource Implications

3.18

3.19 In December, three additional staff members were recruited on a temporary basis to deal with the volume of applications received. However, as two of these posts were from within the existing team, the process for backfilling and covering their duties is still ongoing. While they are being trained and are processing dual language street sign applications, there are also other duties in their substantive posts to be undertaken. When they are fully released to their new roles and training completed, this will allow for an increase in the number of applications being processed.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

3.20 The process for carrying out initial assessments on the ground of equality and good relations is in place. Where adverse impacts are identified, a further screening will take place and finding presented to Members. This work has been developed working with colleagues in our Equality and Diversity Unit together with an external consultant.

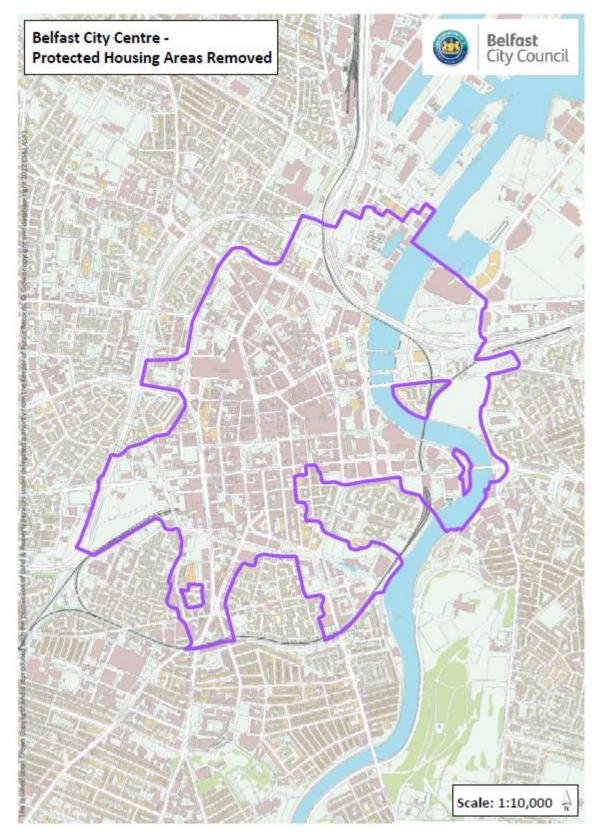
4.0 Documents Attached

Proposed City Centre Boundary



Proposed City Centre Boundary

BMAP boundary excluding residential areas





Agenda Item 5b





	Asset Management
	i) Carrick Hill Community Centre – Lease with Carrick Hill Residents Association
	ii) Sally Gardens Community Centre – Lease to Poleglass Community Association
	iii) Sally Gardens Community Centre – Licence with Celtic Boys Football Club
	iv) Falls Park - Licence with Belfast Celtic Football Club
	v) Forth Meadow Community Greenway – Lease with Northern Ireland Housing Executive
	vi) Forth Meadow Community Greenway – Lease with Invest NI
Subject:	vii) Forth Meadow Community Greenway – Licence with Braidwater Homes / Coredale
	viii) Brook Playing Fields – Agreement with Phoenix Natural Gas Limited
	ix) Reverend Robert Bradford Memorial Park – Licence with Bluehouse Development Ltd.
	x) Botanic Gardens (Lower Section) – Licence Agreement with Queen's University Belfast
	xi) Cromac Street Car Park - Licence with Northern Ireland
	Housing Executive
	xii) City of Belfast Playing Fields - Licence to Antrim and
	Newtownabbey Borough Council
	xiii) Smithfield Market – Update on Units Letting
Date:	17th February, 2023
Reporting Officer:	Sinead Grimes, Director of Physical Programmes
Contact Officer:	Pamela Davison, Estates Manager

Restricted Reports									
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Call-in									
Is the d	lecisio	on eligible for Call-in?							
1.0	Purp	ose of Report/Summary of Main Issues							
1.1	The p	ourpose of this report is to seek approval from the Committee on asset related disposal,							
	acqui	isition, and estates matters.							
2.0	Recommendations								
2.1	The Committee is asked to:								
	i) Carrick Hill Community Centre – Lease with Carrick Hill Residents Associati								
	- approve the surrender of the current ground Lease at Carrick Hill Community C								
	subsequent transfer of ownership of the asset to Belfast City Council and a new								
	back to Carrick Hill Residents Association.								
	ii)	Sally Gardens Community Centre – Lease to Poleglass Community Association							
	- approve a new lease with Poleglass Community Association								
	iii)	Sally Gardens Community Centre – Licence with Celtic Boys Football Club							
	-	approve the grant of a licence to Celtic Boys Football Club for a secure storage							
		container at the Sally Gardens sports complex.							
	iv)	Falls Park – Licence with Belfast Celtic Football Club							
	-	approve the grant of a licence to Belfast Celtic Football Club for a secure storage							
		container in Falls Park.							

v) Forth Meadow Community Greenway – Lease with Northern Ireland Housing Executive

- approve entering into a lease with Northern Ireland Housing Executive for c. 4 sq m of land situated at the junction of Ballgomartin Road and Cairnmartin Road to install an illuminated sign as part of the Forth Meadow Community Greenway project.

vi) Forth Meadow Community Greenway - Lease with Invest NI

- approve entering into a lease with Invest NI of c. 16 sq m of land situated at Forthriver Business Park to install a public art sculpture as part of the Forth Meadow Community Greenway project.

vii) Forth Meadow Community Greenway – Licence with Braidwater Homes/ Coredale

 approve entering into a licence with Braidwater Homes / Coredale to use part of their land at West Circular Road for the construction of part of the Forth Meadow Community Greenway project.

viii) Brook Playing Fields - Agreement with Phoenix Natural Gas Limited

- approve of a Gas Connection Application Agreement with Phoenix Natural Gas Limited

ix) Reverend Robert Bradford Memorial Park - Licence with Bluehouse Development Ltd.

- approve the grant of a Licence Agreement to Bluehouse Development Ltd.
- x) Botanic Gardens (Lower Section) Licence Agreement with QUB
 - approve the grant of a Licence Agreement to Queen's University Belfast (QUB)

xi) City of Belfast Playing Fields – Licence to Antrim and Newtownabbey BC

 approve the licence of two small plots of land of c. 3 sq m situated at the entrance gates to City of Belfast Playing Fields to Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council to enable the placing of 2no. sandbag bins.

xii) Cromac Street Car Park – Licence with Northern Ireland Housing Executive

approve the renewal of a Licence agreement from the Northern Ireland Housing

xiii) Smithfield Market – Update on Letting of Units

- note the recent lettings at Smithfield Market approved under delegated authority to Director of Physical Programmes.

3.0 Main Report

3.1 i) Carrick Hill Community Centre – Lease with Carrick Hill Residents Association

Key Issues

At its meeting on 8th December 2020 the People and Communities Committee granted approval to the proposed transfer to the Council of ownership of the community centre building at Carrick Hill and a subsequent leaseback arrangement for the community centre building via the Council's model for Independently Managed Centres, subject to reaching agreement with Carrick Hill Residents Association ("CRA") in relation to detailed lease terms. Approval is sought to surrender current lease dated 4th September 1997 for the ground. Approval is also sought for the transfer of ownership of the community centre building from CRA to BCC at nil consideration. LPS have assessed the rent for the community centre at £10,800 per annum. In line with that charged at other centre's managed via the Council's Independently Managed Centre's model the group will receive their grant "net of rent" which is in line with the approval from SP&R Committee on 22nd April 2016. A map showing Carrick Hill Community Centre is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

Financial and Resources Implications

LPS Valuation of premises - £10,800 per annum, subject to 5 yearly rent reviews in line with the Retail Price Index (RPI). Carrick Hill Community Centre will become an Independently Managed Centre with the allocated grant to be paid "net of rent". Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.2 ii) Sally Gardens Community Centre – Lease to Poleglass Community Association Key Issues

The Sally Gardens Community Centre is currently held by Poleglass Community Association (PCA) under a 10-year lease from 20th December 2016 initially at a peppercorn rent. The Executive Office, under the Urban Villages Initiative, have proposed a project to enhance the existing community centre to include a gym and changing rooms attached to the existing buildings. The extension of the existing facility will replace a disused external soft play area at the building gable. At its meeting on 23rd October 2020 the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee granted approval to the surrender of the existing lease and grant of a new 25-year Lease to PCA to include the existing Community Centre and proposed extension of the existing facility which is being funded by Urban Villages. The approval noted that the "rental income is to be assessed by the Estates Management Unit and taken back to Committee for

approval". Land and Property Services ("LPS") have since provided a valuation of the subject property with the benefit of the proposed side extension, to be somewhere in the region of £33,000 per annum. Sally Gardens Community Centre is an Independently Managed Centre which allows the allocated grant to be paid "net of rent". A map showing the Community Centre and proposed side extension is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

Financial and Resources Implications

LPS Valuation of premises is £33,000 per annum. Sally Gardens Community Centre will remain an Independently Managed Centre with the allocated grant to be paid "net of rent". Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.3 iii) Sally Gardens Community Centre – Licence with Celtic Boys Football Club

Key Issues

At its meeting in December 2022, the People and Communities Committee approved an application from Celtic Boys Football Club to install a storage container in the sports complex adjoining the Sally Gardens Community Centre. Recent incidents of vandalism have resulted in damage to the club's equipment and the installation of a container will provide a secure storage facility and prevent further damage to equipment and players personal belongings. The container will be used exclusively by the club at agreed times and for storage purposes only. No mains services are to be provided and the container will be maintained and insured by the club. Approval is sought for delegated authority for the Director of Physical Programmes and Director of Neighbourhood Services to agree terms of the licence including final site area and location.

Financial and Resources Implications

The licence will be subject to a nominal rent and Legal Services will act upon the instructions of the Estates Management Unit.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.4 iv) Falls Park – Licence with Belfast Celtic Football Club

Key Issues

At its meeting in December 2022, the People and Communities Committee approved an application from Belfast Celtic Football Club to install a storage container in Falls Park. Recent incidents of vandalism have resulted in damage to the club's equipment and the installation of a container will provide a secure storage facility and prevent further damage to

equipment and players personal belongings. The container will be used exclusively by the club at agreed times and for storage purposes only. No mains services are to be provided and the container will be maintained and insured by the club. Approval is sought for delegated authority for the Director of Physical Programmes and Director of Neighbourhood Services to agree terms of the licence including final site area and location.

Financial and Resources Implications

The licence will be subject to a nominal rent and Legal Services will act upon the instructions of the Estates Management Unit.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.5 v) Forth Meadow Community Greenway – Lease with NIHE

Key Issues

As part of Forth Meadow Community Greenway Project, the Council is proposing installig an illuminated sign at the junction of the Ballygomartin Road and the Cairnmartin Road, to highlight the entrance to that section of the greenway. This will require leasing c.4 sq m of land from NI Housing Executive (NIHE). A site map showing the location of the land required is attached as Appendix 3. Subject to NIHE's internal approvals, NIHE is prepared to lease the land to the Council for a term of 25 years at nil rent. The terms of the lease will be agreed by the Estates Management Unit and Legal Services.

Financial and Resources Implications

No financial implications. Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.6 vi) Forth Meadow Community Greenway – Lease with Invest NI

Key Issues

As part of Forth Meadow Community Greenway Project, the Council is proposing installing a public artwork sculpture at the entrance roundabout to Forth River Business Park off the Springfield Road. This will require leasing c.16 sq m of land from Invest NI. A site map showing the location of the land required is attached as Appendix 4. Invest NI has agreed to lease the land to BCC for a term of 50 years at nil rent. The terms of the lease will be agreed by the Estates Management Unit and Legal Services.

Financial and Resources Implications

No financial implications. Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.7 vii) Forth Meadow Community Greenway – Licence with Braidwater Homes / Coredale

Key Issues

Part of the Forth Meadow Community Greenway is proposed to be situated on a small part of land owned by Braidwater Homes / Coredale. A site map showing the location of the land required is attached as Appendix 5. Braidwater Homes / Coredale has agreed in principle to licence the land to the Council for the construction of the Greenway. Approval is sought to enter into a licence with Braidwater Homes / Coredale to facilitate the completion of Section 2 of the Greenway.

Financial and Resources Implications

Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.8 viii) Brook Playing Fields – Agreement with Phoenix Natural Gas Limited

Phoenix Natural Gas Limited (PNG) have requested access to replace a Gas Pressure Reduction Facility (GPRF) presently on Council lands at Brook Playing Fields Site. A new Gas Connection Application Agreement with an agreed right of access over Council lands will be entered into between PNG Ltd & the Council. The GPRF shall be located in the area coloured yellow on the map attached at Appendix 6 and access to the equipment shall be solely over the lands coloured blue.

Financial and Resources Implications

No financial implications. Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report

3.9 ix) Reverend Robert Bradford Memorial Park - Licence with Bluehouse Development Ltd

Bluehouse Development Ltd is constructing an apartment block containing 23 apartments on a site adjacent to Reverend Robert Bradford Memorial Park / Donegall Pass Community Centre and have requested access to, and use of, a small portion of Council lands to ensure development works can be conducted safely for a period of 6 months from 25th March 2023 up to and including 24th September 2023 with a 4-week contingency period in the event of programme delays. The Licence will also include crane oversailing rights and cover the period from 8th August 2022 up to and including 31st December 2023. Bluehouse Development Ltd may extend their right to the crane oversailing by a further 3 months in the event of construction delays. See map attached at Appendix 7.

Financial and Resources Implications

Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit. A licence fee of £500+VAT for first four weeks then £100+VAT per each week thereafter plus a crane oversailing fee of £1,800+VAT has been agreed with Bluehouse Development Ltd.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.10 x) Botanic Gardens (Lower Section) – Licence Agreement with QUB

Queen's University Belfast (QUB) have requested access to and use of a portion of Council land at Botanic Gardens (Lower Section) in connection with the Council's Upsurge Project. QUB have requested a licence agreement from 25th February 2023 up to and including 31st September 2026 then month to month thereafter up to a maximum of 6 further months. The licence fee will be nominal as QUB are partnering with the Council in the delivery of the Upsurge Project. See map attached at Appendix 8 showing the location of the proposed licence area at Botanic Gardens (Lower Section) and temporary route of access.

Financial and Resources Implications

Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.11 | xi) Cromac Street Car Park – Licence renewal with NIHE

Key Issues

As part of the Transfer of Functions legislation for off-street car parking from DRD, the car park at Cromac Street transferred to Council on 01 April 2015. This car park is owned by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) and has been held by Council under Licence

since the transfer date. The current Licence from NIHE was for a term of 1 year and expired on 31/03/2021. Council are currently holding over. NIHE are willing to renew the Licence for a further term of 3 years up to 31/03/2024. Land & Property Services (LPS) have provided a valuation of £44,784 for the Licence Fee for the initial year ending 31/03/2022 which is based on a percentage of the actual income the car park generated in the previous year. LPS have proposed a fee of £48,000 pa for the following two years, to be paid annually in advance and reconciled at the end of the Licence term to a percentage of the actual income generated. Council will retain all revenue generated from its operation of the car park. Both NIHE and Council will have a mutual break option given the car park may become available to acquire. See map at Appendix 9.

Financial and Resources Implications

Licence fee for first year £44,784 pa. The Licence will be drafted by NIHE and Councils Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estate Management Unit.

Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

3.12 xii) City of Belfast Playing Fields – Licence to Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council

Key Issues

Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council (ANBC) have requested consent from the Council to place 2 no. sandbag bins adjacent to the entrance gates to City of Belfast Playing Fields to enable a supply of sandbags to be available to the general public. If approved by Members, ANBC has agreed to enter into a short-term agreement with the Council with terms to be agreed by the Estates Management Unit & Legal Services. A site map showing the proposed location of the sandbag bins is attached at Appendix 10.

Financial and Resources Implications

No financial implications. Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

xiii) Smithfield Market - Units Letting Update

Key Issues

The Committee is asked to note recent lettings and rental terms of Units at Smithfield Market as agreed under the delegated authority granted to the Director of Physical Programmes.

The Council's Scheme of Delegation provides for retrospective reporting of lettings at Smithfield Market.

Unit 3 - Smithfield Market

Tenant – Ryan Barnes

Unit size – 136 sq ft

Use – Sale of clothing and sportwear

Rent - £200 per month plus rates.

Term – Tenancy Agreement for six months and monthly thereafter commencing 19th December 2022.

<u>Unit 5/6 - Smithfield Market</u>

Tenant – Alan Taylor

Unit size - 996 sq ft

Use – Sale of Comic books, novels, pop culture memorabilia and beverages

Rent - £850 per month plus rates.

Term – Tenancy Agreement for six months and monthly thereafter commencing 1st December 2019.

Unit 16 - Smithfield Market

Tenant – Christine Boyles

Unit size - 462 sq ft

Use - Hairdressers

Rent - £500 per month plus rates.

Term – Tenancy Agreement for six months and monthly thereafter commencing 16th November 2022.

Unit 17/18 - Smithfield Market

Tenant - Michael Bates

Unit size – 996 sq ft

Use – Sale of second-hand musical instruments, records, CD's and cassettes

Rent - £900 per month plus rates.

Term – Tenancy Agreement for six months and monthly thereafter commencing 17th January 2023.

Unit 22 - Smithfield Market

Tenant - Joe Gilmartin

Unit size - 150 sq ft

Use – Sale of records, CD's and DVD's

Rent - £225 per month plus rates.

Term – Tenancy Agreement for six months and monthly thereafter commencing 1st June 2021.

Unit 23 - Smithfield Market

Tenant - Daniel Kerr

Unit size – 150 sq ft

Use - Sale of Paint & Art Supplies

Rent - £235 per month plus rates.

Term – Tenancy Agreement for six months and monthly thereafter commencing 1st October 2022.

Unit 34 is currently the only vacant unit within Smithfield Market.

Financial and Resources Implications

The current rental income for Smithfield equates to £158,220 per annum.

Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

4.0 Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – Map showing Carrick Hill Community Centre

Appendix 2 – Map showing Sally Gardens Community Centre and Proposed Side

Extension

Appendix 3 – Map showing portion of land required for illuminated sign at Forth River

Business Park

Appendix 4 - Map showing portion of land required for public artwork sculpture at

Ballygomartin / Cairnmartin Road

Appendix 5 – Map showing portion of land required for the Forthmeadow Community

Greenway from Braidwater Homes / Coredale lands

Appendix 6 – Map showing equipment location and route of access at Brook Activity Centre

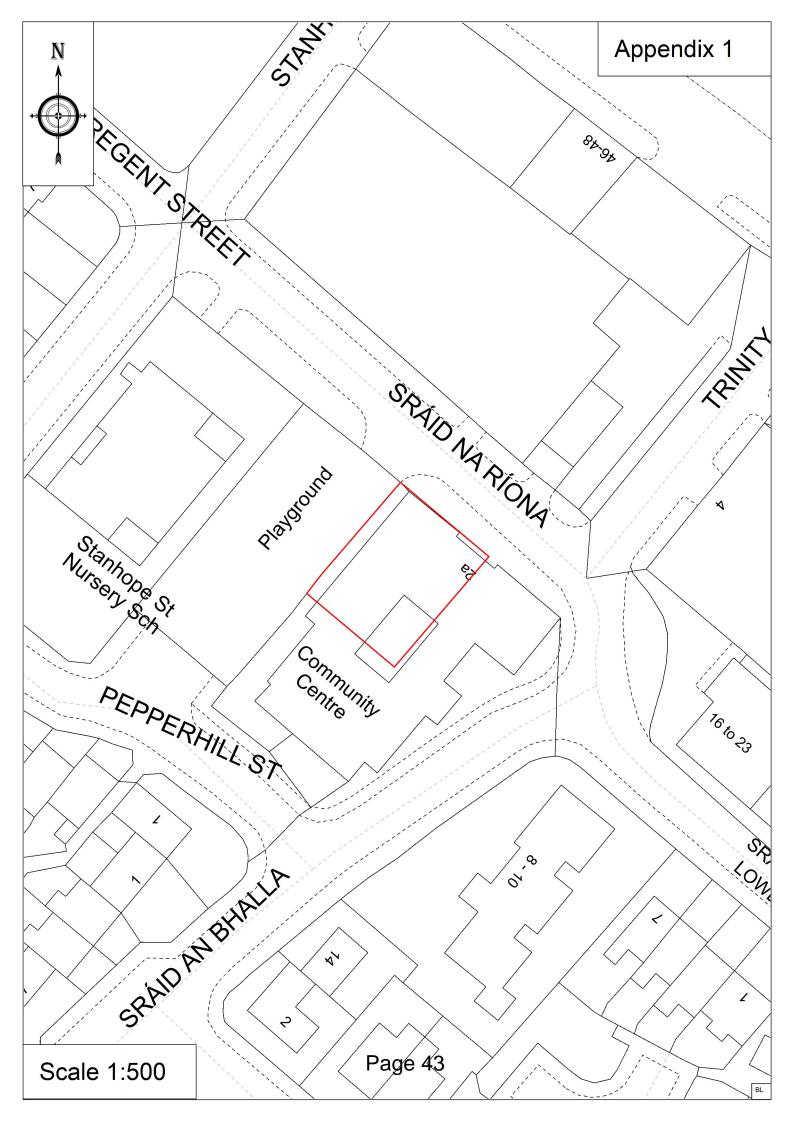
Playing Fields.

Appendix 7 – Map showing works areas, route of access and tower crane intrusion zone at Reverend Robert Bradford Memorial Park / Donegall Pass CC.

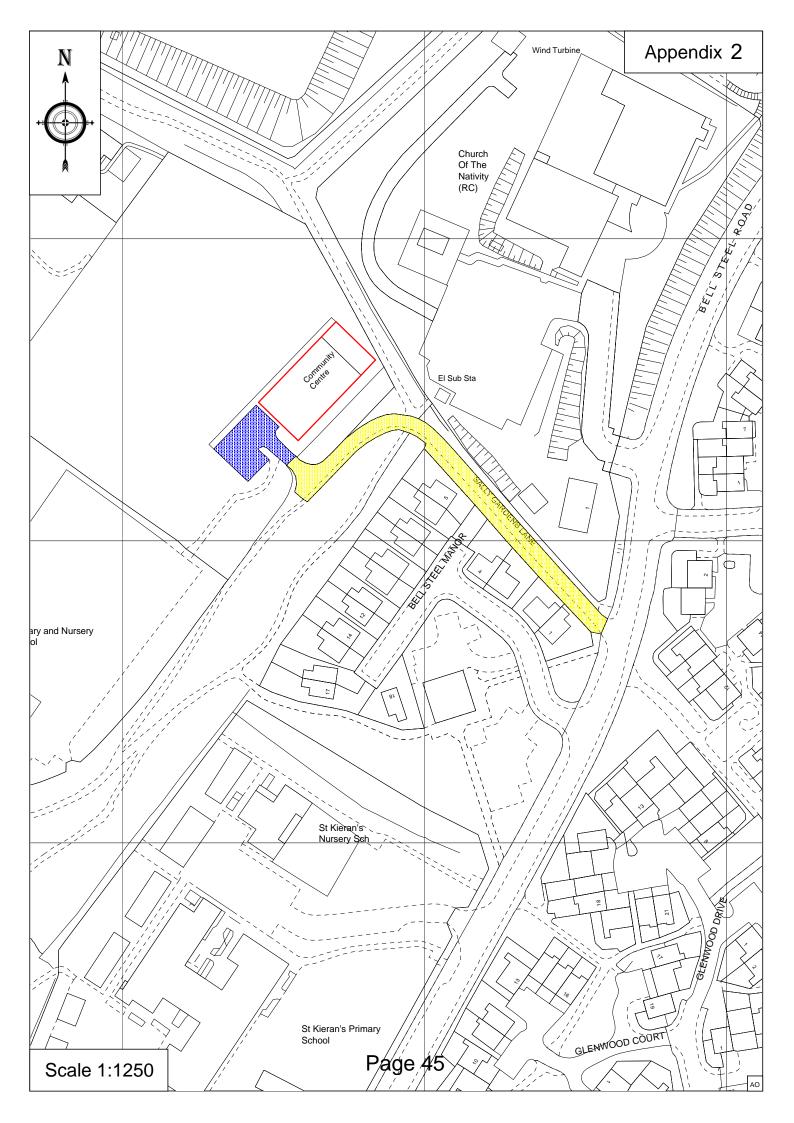
Appendix 8 – Map showing the location of the licence area in connection with the Upsurge Project at Botanic Gardens (Lower Section) and temporary route of access.

Appendix 9 – Map showing Cromac Street Car Park.

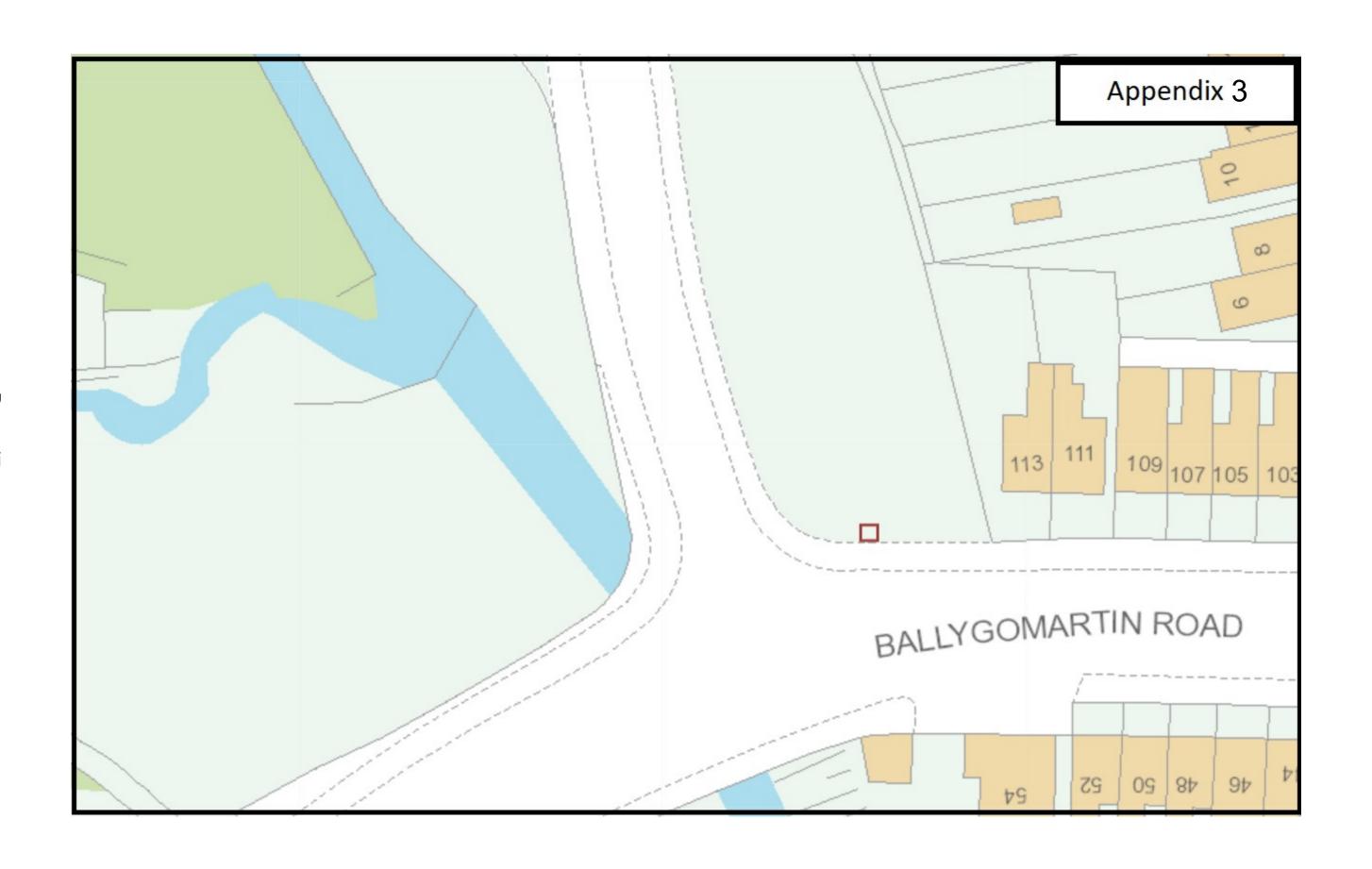
Appendix 10 – Map showing location of sandbag bins at City of Belfast Playing Fields



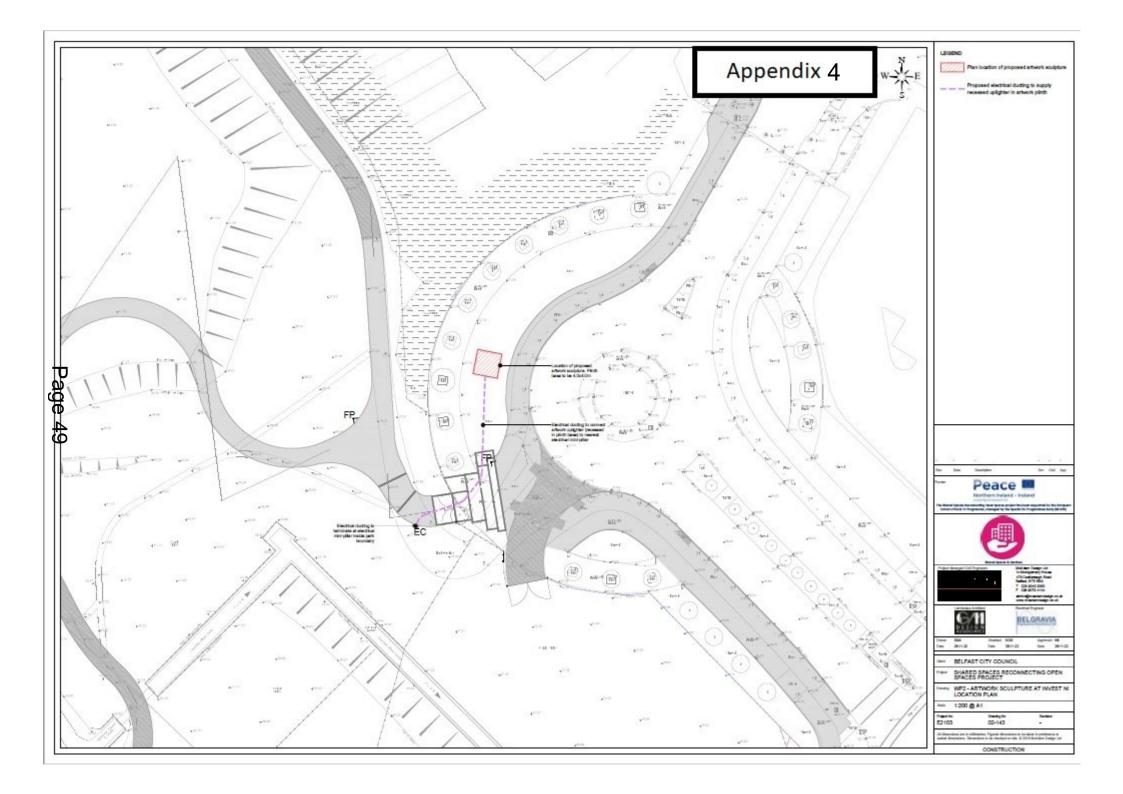




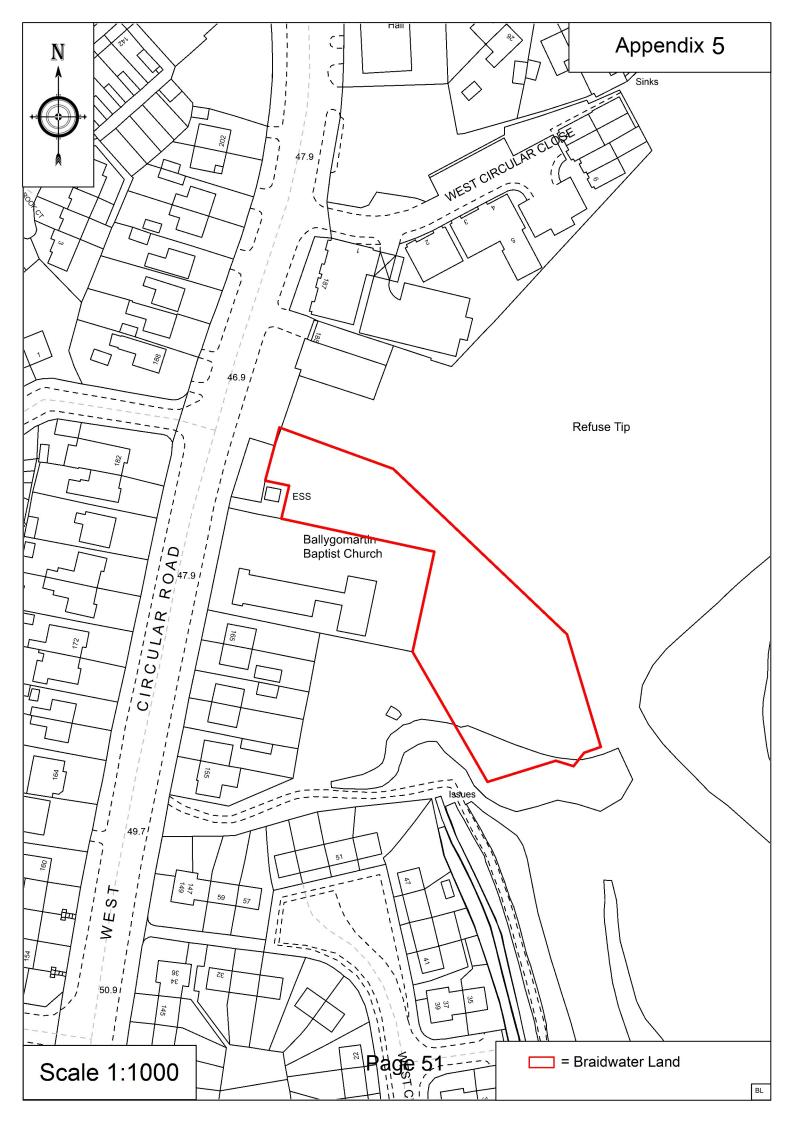




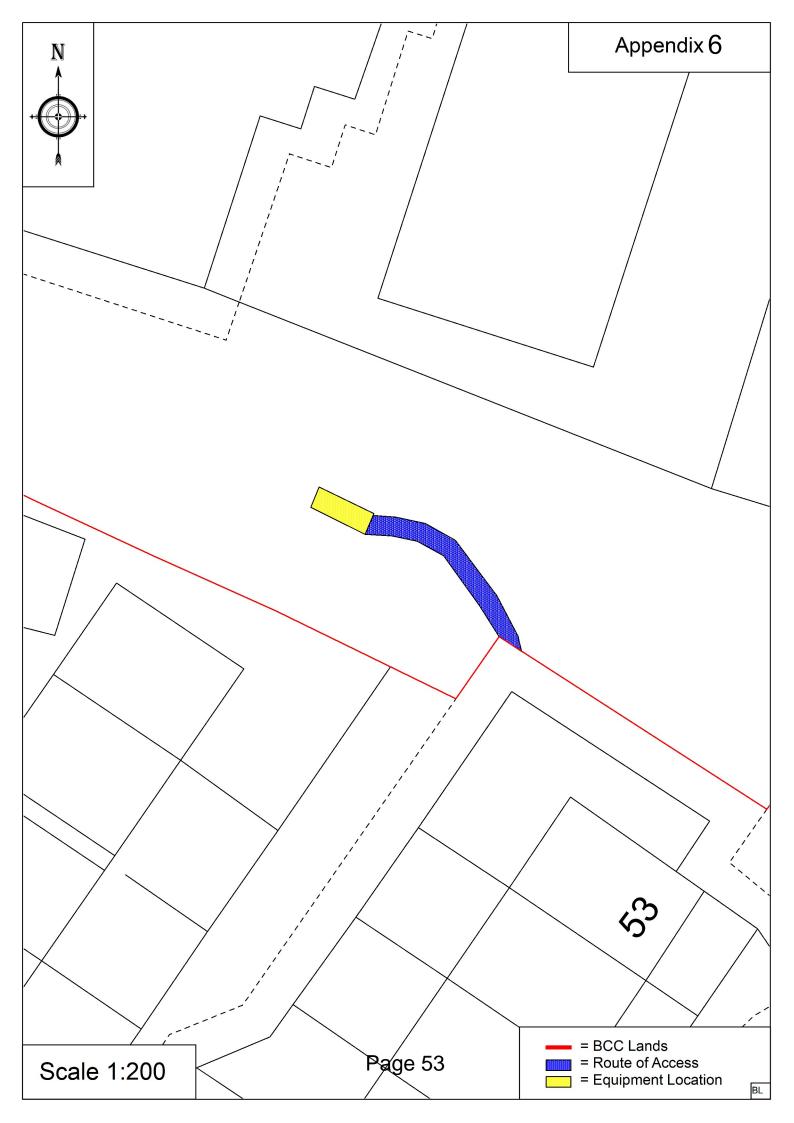
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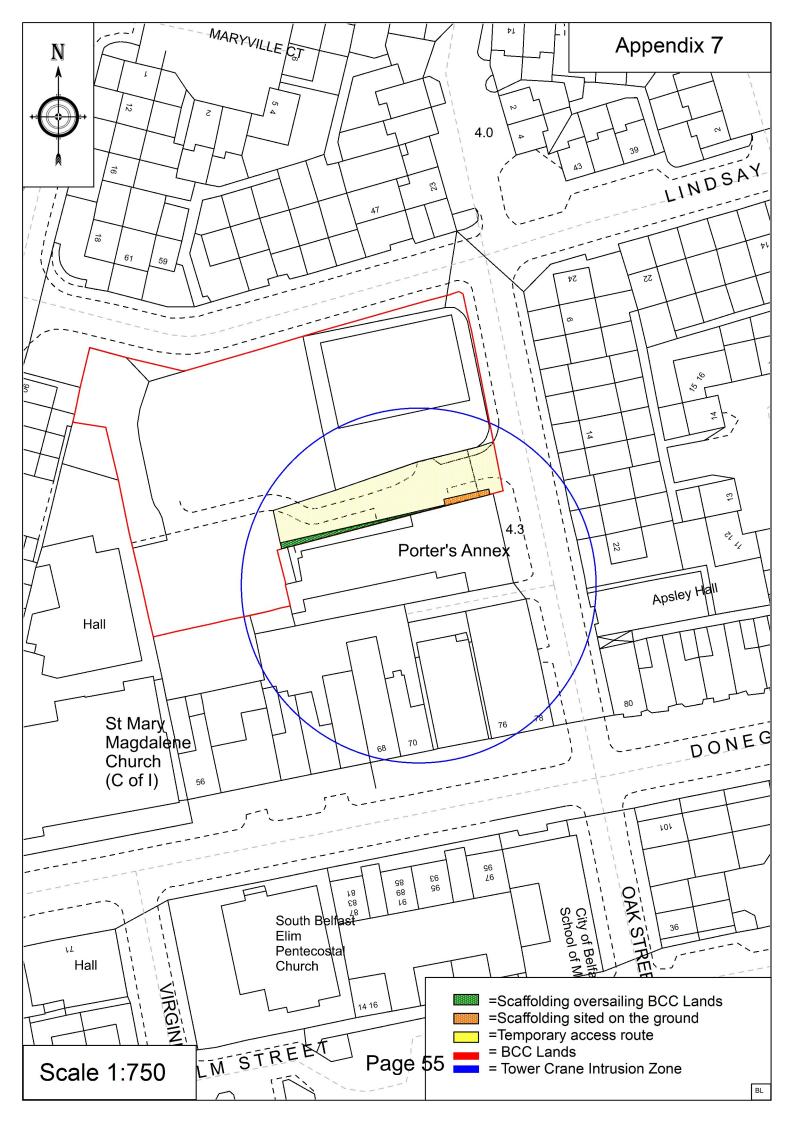
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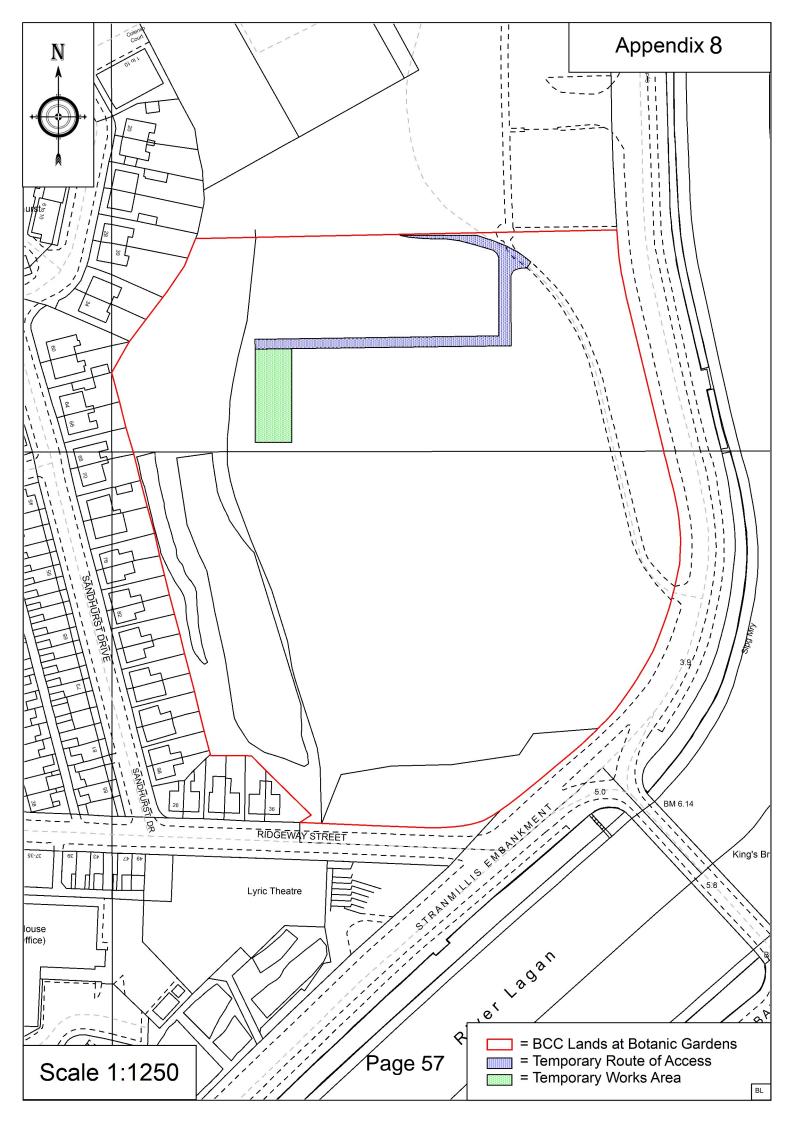




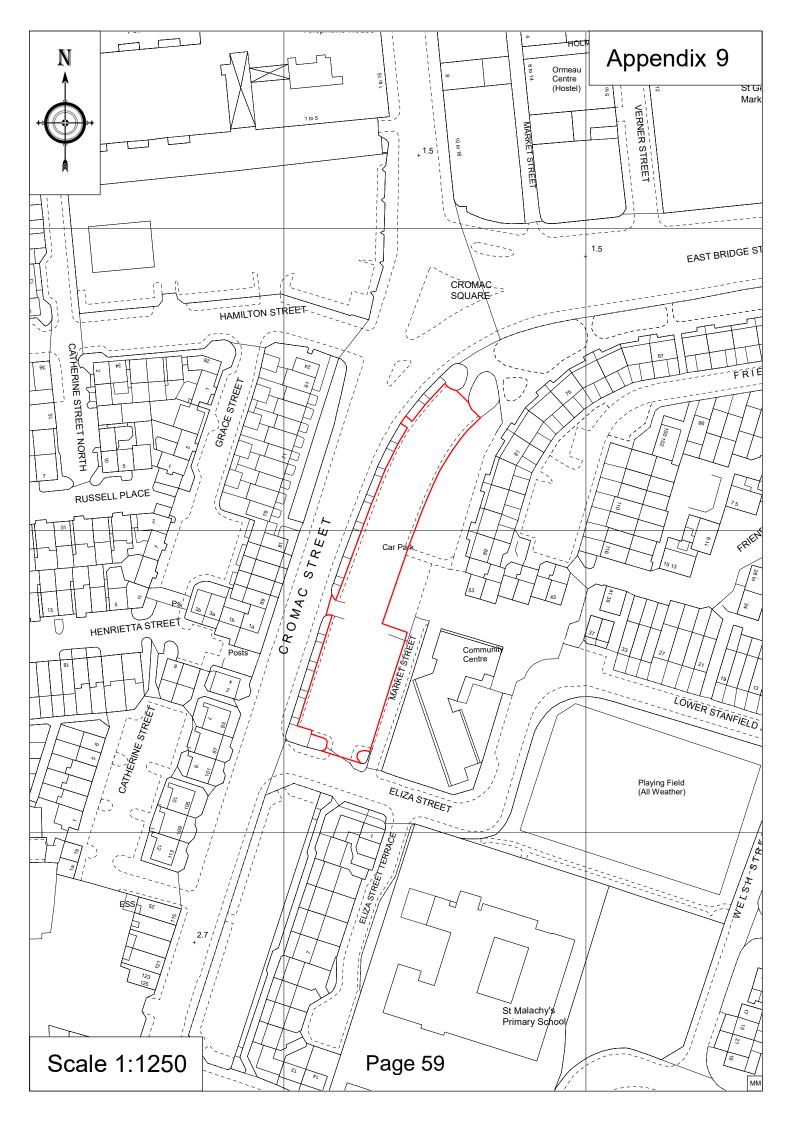




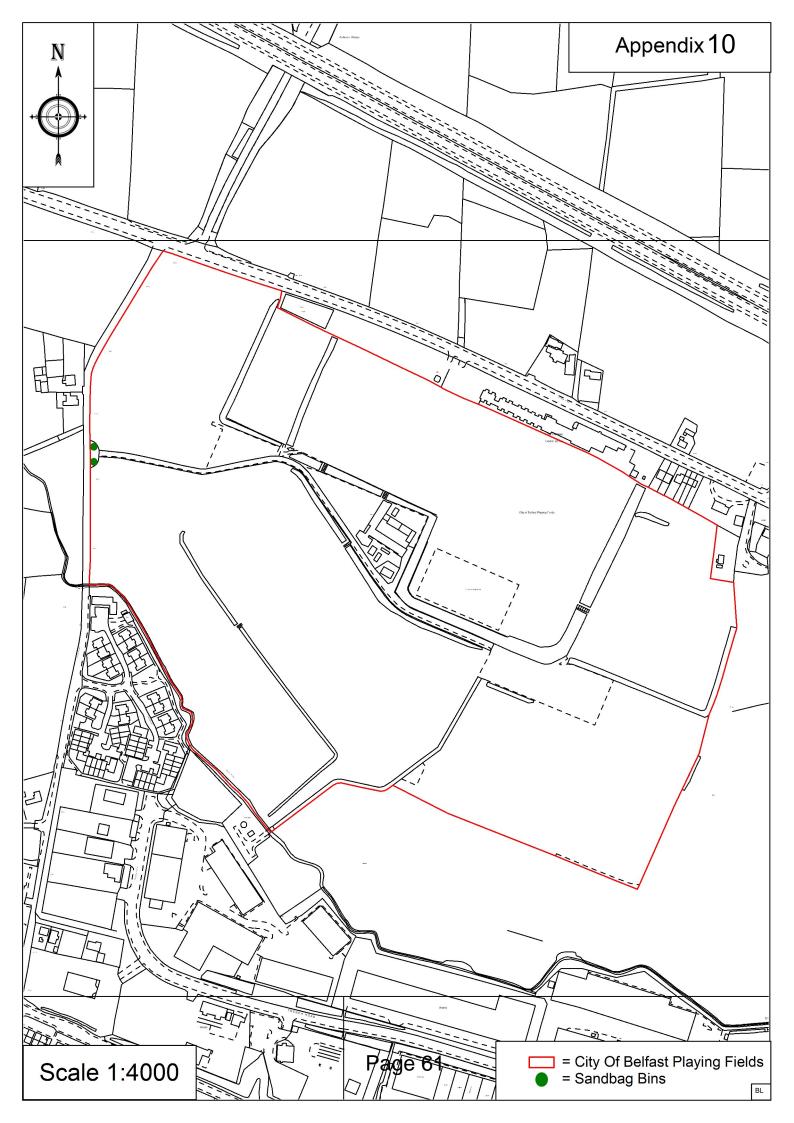














Agenda Item 8d

STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE



Subje	ct:	Requests for use of the City Hall and the Provision of Hospitality				
Date:		17th February, 2023				
Repor	ting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor and Director of Legal and Civic Services				
Conta	ct Officer:	Aisling Milliken, Functions and Exhibition Manager				
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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?						
1.0	Purpose of Report					
1.1		with the attached appendix, contains the recommended approach in				
		e requests by external organisations for access to the City Hall function				
		o 3rd February, 2023.				
2.0	Recommendation					
2.1	The Committee is as	ked to approve the recommendations as set out in the attached appendix.				
3.0	Main Report					
	Background Informa	<u>tion</u>				
3.1	The current criteria f	or use of the function rooms used to review external applications is:				
	Functions permi	ted:				
	 functions wh 	ch support other events in the City and which are of demonstrable				
	economic be	nefit to Belfast whether organised by the Council or not;				

- functions which demonstrably enhance the city's image nationally or internationally as a desirable commercial, business or tourist destination;
- functions designed to celebrate or commemorate a notable achievement or significant anniversary (25, 50, 100 years) by an organisation or body with close links to the city or province; and
- functions organised by recognised local community or voluntary sector groups for nonprofit and non-political purposes.

3.2 Functions not permitted:

- conferences, meetings, seminars, performances, wedding receptions, private parties or receptions and similar booking requests in the prestige function rooms;
- functions, which have as their principal purpose the generation of commercial gain for the organisers. Charity-fundraising functions are managed by the Lord Mayor's Office;
- functions which have no compelling links to the council or the city specifically and which could instead use local private sector facilities;
- functions which have as their primary purpose the advancement of any political or religious cause or campaign or are otherwise potentially contentious or involve significant reputation risks for the Council; and
- functions which involve exceptionally large or disruptive set-ups or pose a real and tangible risk to the fabric of the building or grounds

Key Issues

- 3.3 The existing revised criteria and scale of charges have been applied to the various requests received and the recommendations herein are offered to the Committee on this basis for approval.
- 3.4 The attached list covers 5 applications for functions, scheduled for 2023 and 2024.

Financial and Resource Implications

3.5 | None.

Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment

3.6 None.

4.0 Documents Attached

Schedule of function requests received up to 3rd February, 2023.

FEBRUARY 2023 CITY HALL FUNCTION APPLICATIONS

NAME OF ORGANISATION	FUNCTION DATE	FUNCTION DESCRIPTION	CRITERIA MET	ROOM CHARGE	HOSPITALITY OFFERED	CIVIC HQ RECOMMEND
	T		023 EVENTS		T	T
Consulate General of Spain (Edinburgh office)	9 March 2023	Spanish Ambassadors Reception to bestow the Order of Civil Merit on Honorary Vice Consulate. Numbers attending — 60 - 75	D	Yes - £115	No as group wish to bring traditional Spanish food	Approve Charge £115 No hospitality
Northern Ireland Football League	22 April 2023	NI Football League 10 th Anniversary and Awards Celebration- Drinks Reception, Awards, Dinner and entertainment. Numbers attending — 350	C & D	Charge £825	Yes, Wine Reception as significant anniversary	Approve Charge Wine Reception £500 given to their chosen caterer for wine on arrival
Newhill Football Club	2 September 2023	Newhill Football Club 50 th Anniversary Celebration- Drinks Reception, Awards, Dinner and entertainment. Numbers attending — 200	C & D	No Charge as charity	Yes, Wine Reception as significant anniversary	Approve No Charge Wine Reception £500 given to their chosen caterer for wine on arrival
Belfast Bible College	8 December 2023	Post-Graduation Reception — reception event to make the graduation and achievements of the students at the college. Numbers attending - 200	C & D	No (Charity)	No hospitality	Approve No Charge No hospitality
2024 EVENTS						
The Scout Association, Northern Ireland Scout Council	5 January 2024	Chief Scout's Award and Queen's Scout Award Presentation – 120 young people receiving awards and attending a reception.	B & D	No charge - Complimentary as Charity	No hospitality	Approve No Charge No Hospitality

FEBRUARY 2023 CITY HALL FUNCTION APPLICATIONS

		Numbers attending - 450				
Holocaust Memorial Day Trust	24 January 2024	Northern Ireland regional ceremony to mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2023 - a time for all to remember the millions of people killed in the Holocaust and subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. The event is the official Northern Ireland commemoration of the Holocaust. Numbers attending – 400 - 500	С	No (charity)	No hospitality (funding provided)	Approve No Charge No hospitality

Agenda Item 8e





Subjec	Requests for the use of the City Hall Grounds for Various Events in 2023						
Date:		17th February, 2023					
Report	ting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor and Director of Services	Legal and Ci	vic			
Contac	ct Officer:	Aisling Milliken, Functions and Exhibition Manager					
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1.0	Purpose of Repor	t/Summary of Main Issues					
1.1	To present to the C	Committee the following requests from various clients for	the use of Cit	y			
	Belfast 0	Cancer Breast Foot Forward Walk – 9th June, 2023 One Film Screening – 15th and 16th July, 2023 icnic – 22nd July, 2023					

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to:
	i. authorise the use of the City Hall grounds on dates listed above; and
	ii. authorise the events to take place on the basis of the submission of an event
	management plan and risk assessment to ensure delivery of a safe public events.
3.0	Main Report
	Background Information
3.1	Members will be aware that requests for the use of City Hall are normally dealt with under
	the authority delegated by the Committee to the Director of Legal and Civic Services using
	criteria agreed for this purpose. Occasionally however, it is necessary to place such requests
	directly before the Committee and those in this report fall into this category.
	Key Issues
3.2	Several requests have been received for events over the spring and summer period and this
	report seeks to update the Committee on larger events using the City Hall grounds, due to
	the larger scale of activities involved it is deemed necessary to seek Committee approval.
	The Proposed Events
3.3	The proposed events would take place on the front lawns only and areas such as the Titanic
	Garden and Cenotaph will remain open to the public. Access to the City Hall building will not
	be affected.
3.4	The event would be free to enter. In each case, the organisers would be providing all
	stewarding/marshalling staff and first aiders and would of course have to comply with the
	usual conditions including indemnities for damage and submission of a formal event-
	management plan.
	9th June 2023 - Action Cancer Breast Foot Forward Walk
2.5	The Dread Fact Femoral wells had tales along at the O's 11 H. S. COAA 15 S. A. C.
3.5	The Breast Foot Forward walk has taken place at the City Hall since 2014. It is Action
	Cancer's flagship fundraising event and raises circa £60,000 each year. The City Hall is the
	starting point for the event, with entertainment and warm up activities, before 800 participants
	take part in 5k or 10k walk around Belfast returning to the City Hall as the end point. This is
	an annual event in the City Hall calendar and has been delivered without incident.

15th and 16th July 2023 - Belfast One Cinema Screenings

This event aims to encourage people to experience the city centre shops and hospitality while they are in town. Organisers will be offering attendees information about potential offers provided our business members. Belfast One plan to show 4 films per day. Films early in the day will be aimed at young children and families and later films at a slightly older audience. All films will be rated appropriately. The event will be ticketed and access managed. There will be a big screen and audio equipment and additional entertainment by way of face painting and film props. Previous events in 2022 were very popular and were delivered without incident.

22nd July 2023 Belfast Pride Family Fun Day

3.7 This event would take place on the front lawns would include a radio roadshow, various performers on a stage, food stalls and children's attractions. The event would last from 12 noon to 5.00 p.m., although access would be required earlier and later in the day for set ups and strip downs. The event would be free and the organisers estimate up to 5,000 people would be in attendance. Previous event in 2022 and 2019 were very popular and were delivered without incident.

19th August 2023 Belfast Mela Carnival Parade Party

In 2022, ArtsEkta launched a new event as part of the festival titled 'Mela Carnival, a spectacular opening to the festival and begin a series of 50 events across a full week which will culminate in the traditional event at Botanic Gardens. The 2022 event was very successful and it wishes to host the event again this year.

A 800-participant carnival parade will begin at Writers Square, proceed onto Royal Avenue into Donegal Place and end at City Hall grounds. ArtsEkta requests the use of the City Hall grounds for a free to access carnival party and celebration event for the participants, family/friends and wider audiences with stage entertainment, performers, food traders and carnival floats.

	14th October 2023 - Cancer Research Shine Night Walk
3.9	The Shine Night Walk is a 10k walk around Belfast starting and ending at the City Hall. The grounds infrastructure includes stage entertainment, gantry, marquees and warm up activities for 700 participants. The event took place in 2022 and was very successful and well delivered by Action Cancer fundraising team.
	Financial and Resource Implications
3.10	There would be no costs for the council as the various organisers would bear any/all
	stewarding and equipment costs etc themselves. The utilities costs on the day are of a very
	minor nature and the normal event support in the form of electrical and water provision in the
	grounds will be provided.
	There are no concerns from an asset management point of view, although the organisers
	would be required to provide the usual insurances, indemnities, and obligations.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
3.11	There are no direct good relations, equality or rural needs implications arising from this
	report.

Document Attached

None

4.0

Agenda Item 8f

STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE



Subjec	et:	Request for use of the City Hall Ground Photographic Exhibition	ds – Belfast Photo Festival	
Date:		17th February, 2023		
	ting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor and Services	Director of Legal and Civic	
Contact Officer:		Aisling Milliken, Functions and Exhibition	Manager	
Restricted Reports				
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3.0	Main Report
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	the authority delegated by the Committee to the Director of Legal and Civic Services, using
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	directly before the Committee and the request set out below falls into this category.
	Key Issues
3.2	A request has recently received from the organiser of the Belfast Photo Festival (BPF) to
	hold a photographic exhibition in the grounds of the City Hall from 13th to 30th June, 2023.
	The BPF is the visual arts festival of Northern Ireland and one of the leading photography
	festivals in the UK. Launched in 2011, the festival attracts 85,000 visitors across 24 city centre
	venues and is one of the city's major art events.
3.3	Each year, the City-wide festival includes the grounds of the City Hall as a primary location
	for both photographic exhibitions and other events. Previous exhibits have included the
	DeLorean Print Project in 2015 which proved to be very successful and brought a real
	spectacle to the City Hall lawns. In 2018 the exhibition looked at music and photography,
	2020 exhibition theme "The Man Machine' shows 'speculative fictions' where artificial
	creatures, robots and other avatars interact with man in everyday life scenarios. The 2022
	exhibition is 'Lockdown Collages' by Nico Krinjo featuring kitsch household items, ornate
	furniture, marble sculptures etc have been cut horizontally and later formed into vertical
	totems and weaved together the mediums of photography.
3.4	The theme for 2023 is 'Journey', focusing on photography's ability to capture and reflect the
	world around us, from journeys of self-discovery, migration and spiritual journeys. This
	exhibition focuses on Vasantha Yogananthan most renowned body of work, A Myth of Two
	Souls, which charts an epic 7-year journey across India, Nepal and Sri Lanka, charting a
	spiritual and personal journey. It will be its debut in Northern Ireland. There will be 24 images
	in all in the exhibition.
3.5	The exhibition would be installed on the West and East Lawn of City Hall grounds on 10th
	June and dismantled on 29th June, 2023. It would be free for members of the public to view
	daily, in line with the opening times of the grounds.
3.6	The Good Relations and Corporate Communications Units will review the exhibition images
	included in the proposal but presently no negative good relations implications have been

	identified which should stop the exhibition being hosted at the City Hall. A copy of the		
	exhibition proposal is attached.		
	Financial and Resource Implications		
3.7	There are no direct resource implications in terms of staff time or additional costs		
	associated with this request and hosting of the exhibition.		
	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment		
3.8	Good Relations will be consulted on this request and the exhibition content, but do not		
	foresee any negative implications.		
4.0	Document attached		
	2023 Exhibition Proposal		



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Proposal for Belfast City Hall Lawn, June 2023



- Winner: Arts Award for Excellence (2019 Allianz Arts & Business NI Awards)
- "One of the best photography festivals in the world" - Capture Magazine
- 100,000+ visitors in June 2021
- Working with 30+ partners in arts, culture & education to deliver the 2022 festival
- Winner: Best PR Campaign (2020 PRCA Dare Awards)

PREVIOUS OUTDOOR EXHIBITIONS



Since 2013, Belfast Photo Festival has been producing exhibitions and art works for outdoor display across the city, including the City Hall and Botanic Gardens.

2023 FESTIVAL THEME: JOURNEY

Focusing on photography's ability to capture and reflect the world around us



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Proposed Exhibition: 'A Myth of Two Souls' Vasantha Yogananthan







































OUTDOOR EXHIBITION INSTALLATION

C-Bond Triangular Displays

Artworks: 2 structures of 1.5m wide x 25m high and 6 structures of 2.5m wide x 2.5m high (Three images per display upit)

Displayed as presented in these photographic examples showing the same method used in Queen's University, Botanic Park & Belfast Harbour.

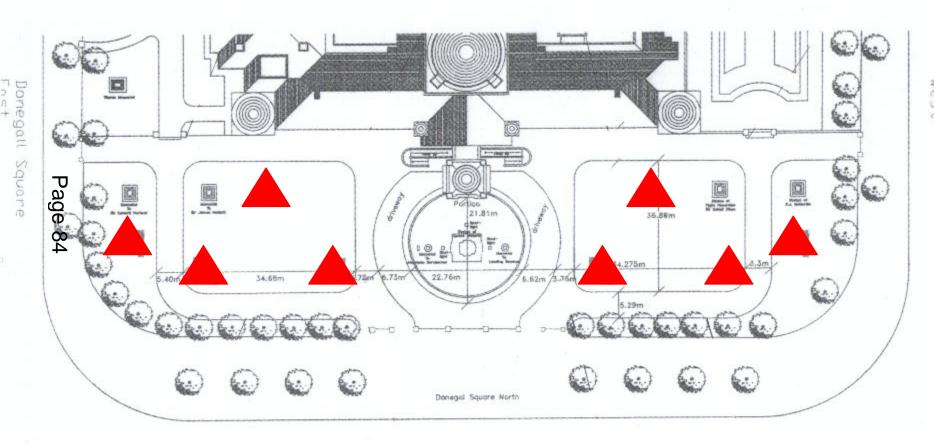






PROPOSED EXHIBITION LAYOUT





Danegall Square North

Number of Triangular Display Units = 8 weighted displays