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HYBDID MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE – COMBINED PACK

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Thursday, 4th January, 2024 at 5.30 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. **Routine Matters**
 - (a) Apologies
 - (b) Minutes
 - (c) Declarations of Interest
2. **Motions**
 - (a) Memorial Wall - Covid-19 (Pages 1 - 4)
 - (b) Fast Track Cities (Pages 5 - 8)
 - (c) Ulster Bank Closures (Pages 9 - 12)

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Subject:	Notice of Motion – Memorial Wall – Covid-19
Date:	4th January, 2024
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 8th January in relation to a Memorial Wall – Covid-19.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note that this motion will be referred on the first instance to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	<p>The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows:</p> <p>(m) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will have delegated authority to adopt or reject Notices of Motion. The Lord Mayor will indicate at the Council meeting those Notices of Motion that have been considered by the Standards and Business Committee and whether such Notices of Motion were rejected or adopted. In either case, the proposer only may speak on the issue at Council.</i></p> <p>(n) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer all Notices of Motion directly to a standing committee when the matter to which the Notice of Motion refers falls within the remit of that committee. At Council, the Lord Mayor will indicate that the Notice of Motion was received and referred. There will be no speakers on such Notices of Motion at Council.</i></p> <p>(o) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter.</i></p> <p>(p) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will not have the power to amend the wording of any Notice of Motion that is being referred to the full Council for debate.</i></p> <p>(q) <i>Any amendments to Notice of Motions to be proposed at the Council are to be furnished at least one day in advance of going to the full Council and will be circulated to Party Group Leaders in advance of the Council meeting.</i></p> <p>(r) <i>In referring any matter to the full Council, the Standards and Business Committee may determine to restrict contributions to the debate in relation to any Notice of Motion to one per political party. At the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor will clearly indicate if the restriction applies.</i></p>
3.2	<p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Memorial Wall – Covid-19</u></p> <p>"This Council recognises the pain, suffering and loss caused during the Covid-19 pandemic and the trauma of those bereaved and those still suffering with long covid. This Council will facilitate a memorial wall which allows people to remember their loved ones."</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Emmet McDonough-Brown</p>

<p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p>	<p>Secunder: Councillor Christine Bower</p> <p>The motion calls upon the Council to facilitate a memorial wall - the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee is responsible for Managing and maintaining the corporate land bank and city assets, including the City Hall and for allocating resources based on the corporate and city priorities and the motion should be referred, in the first instance, to that Committee.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None.</p>

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Subject:	Notice of Motion – Fast Track Cities
Date:	4th January, 2024
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
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2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the motion and agree to either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
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3.2	<p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Fast Track Cities</u></p> <p>"This Council recognises that ending the HIV epidemic requires a comprehensive approach that allows all those in need, to access quality lifesaving treatment, enhances prevention, care, and support services for HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and viral hepatitis. Council further recognises that integrating these services into sexual, reproductive, and mental health services is critical to achieving universal access to health care.</p>

<p>3.3</p>	<p>Seeks to eliminate stigma and discrimination by building on scientific evidence. Understanding that successful HIV treatment and viral suppression prevents HIV transmission which can help reduce stigma and encourage people living with HIV to initiate and adhere to HIV treatment.</p> <p>Acknowledges by working together, cities and municipalities can accelerate local actions towards ending the HIV, TB, and viral hepatitis epidemics globally by 2030. As called for by the New Urban Agenda, we will leverage our reach, infrastructure, and human capacity to build a more equitable, inclusive, prosperous, and sustainable future for all our residents, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, and social and economic circumstances.</p> <p>Therefore, this Council will sign up to the Paris Declaration supporting the Fast-Track Cities aim of eliminating the stigma associated with HIV and AIDS as well as aiming for no new HIV diagnosis by 2030.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Pdraig Donnelly</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Róis-Máire Donnelly</p> <p>The motion calls upon the Council to sign up to the Paris Declaration supporting the Fast-Track Cities aim of eliminating the stigma associated with HIV - the Committee can either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.4 None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>3.5 None.</p>
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2.0	Recommendation
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3.2	<p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Ulster Bank Closures</u></p> <p>This Council notes its concern with Ulster Banks decision to close another ten of its branches resulting in the loss of 21 jobs and removal of access to cash and face to face services; acknowledges that the move towards increased digitalisation will make it harder for small businesses to access finance and for people to access cash, advice and ATM services; recognises the worrying trend that 52 branches across various banks have closed in the last three years; and</p>

<p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p>	<p>Calls on this Council to support the Financial Services Unions (FSU) and to write to Ulster Bank calling on them to reverse these closures, protect jobs and maintain its branch network; and supports efforts that would protect our local communities and prevent further branch closures in the next few years.</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Geraldine McAteer</p> <p>Seconded Councillor John Gormley</p> <p>The motion calls upon the Council to support the Financial Services Union opposing the Ulster Bank closures - the Committee can either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
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