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7th September, 2026

MEETING OF THE CITY GROWTH AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

As previously notified to you, I enclose a copy of the report for the following item to be considered at the meeting to be held on Wednesday, 9th September, 2026 at 5.15 pm.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

4. Strategic and Operational Issues

- (a) Notices of Motion Quarterly Update (Pages 1 - 6)

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Subject:	Notices of Motion – Quarterly Update
Date:	09 September 2026
Reporting Officer:	Damien Martin, Strategic Director of Place and Economy
Contact Officer:	Jamie Uprichard, Business Research and Development Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance allocated to the City Growth & Regeneration (CG&R) Committee.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	It is recommended that the Committee: Notes the updates to all Notices of Motion/ Issues Raised in Advance that this Committee is responsible for as referenced in Appendix 1; and

	Agrees to the closure of a single Notice of Motion, as referenced in Appendix 1 and noted in paragraph 3.3 below.
3.0	Main report
3.1	At the SP&R Committee meeting on 25th October 2019 , members agreed “ <i>that this Council notes that other Councils produce a monthly status report in relation to Notices of Motion; and agrees Belfast City Council adopts a similar practice and produces a monthly Notice of Motion Update which will be brought to each full Council Meeting.</i> ”
3.2	It was subsequently agreed that quarterly updates would be brought to the council’s statutory committees providing a regular update on the progress of each motion for which the committee is responsible for. At the SP&R Committee on 20th November 2020, members approved the arrangement for the future management of motions, which included recommendations that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons: Category 1 – Notice of Motion contained an action that has been completed. All Notices of Motion within this category contained a specific task that has since been complete. It is worth noting that, when Committee agree to action a Motion, there are sometimes additional actions agreed alongside the Motion. As these are not technically part of the Notice of Motion, they are taken forward through normal committee decision making processes. The Notice of Motion can therefore be closed, but additional actions related to it will continue to be progressed and reported to the committee. Category 2 - Notice of Motion has become Council policy or absorbed into a strategic programme of work. These Motions did not contain a specific task that could be completed but rather they are more strategic in nature and require changes in Council policy and/ or strategy for long term outcomes. Those listed within this category have all been agreed by Committee and are now either Council policy or are currently being implemented through a Council strategy that is managed by a Standing Committee through the corporate planning process.
3.3	There are presently 12 Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance for which the CG&R Committee is responsible for. Members are asked to approve the recommendation to close one motion (detailed below) and note status updates for the remaining 11 motions which remain open. Additional information is included at Appendix 1.
3.4	Category 2 Recommended Closure: 465: Artist and Creative Studio Space – as members approved Year 1 of the Artist Workspaces 5-Year Action Plan which includes an action that addresses this motion. It should be noted that progress since the last update in June 2026 has been limited, reflecting the substantial officer time and resources dedicated to the successful planning, preparation and delivery of the Fleadh Cheoil, as well as reduced staff capacity during the summer period due to annual leave.
3.5	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> There are no financial implications attached to the recommendation included within this report. Individual motions may have specific financial implications and where appropriate these will be highlighted in separate reports brought to committee.
3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> <u>Cultural Needs Assessment</u>

	There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained in this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents attached
	Appendix 1: Notices of Motion Live Database – (CG&R Committee Motions)

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City Growth & Regeneration Notice of Motions

Notices of Motion and Issued Raised in Advance that remain OPEN:

ID	Date	Notice of Motion	Proposed By	Referral Route	Lead Officer	Latest Status Update
208	04/10/2021	Belfast City Nightlife and Night-time Economy	Cllr S de Faoite	Notice of Motion – straight to CG&R	Damien Martin	An evening workshop / roundtable discussion was held at 2 Royal Avenue on 23 March 2026 for members of the City Centre All-Party Working Group and representatives of key stakeholder organisations to discuss the city's nightlife and night-time economy. The session enhanced the ongoing engagement and closer working arrangements between Elected Members, representative of the Purple Flag Steering Group (PFSG) including the Night Czar and wider stakeholders.
217	01/11/2021	Tourism Street Signage (Enlightenment Period)	Cllr M Long	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	Keith Forster	Officers have undertaken initial desk-based research on the Belfast Enlightenment Period, its potential tourism appeal and a list of proposed options. Further work on the motion has been delayed due to other priority work areas however consideration and audit of associated tourism experiences will form part of the ongoing Visitor Experience Development Plans (VEDP) development work.
431	05/02/2025	Bristol Music Fund	Cllr S de Faoite	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	Keith Forster	Officers are continuing to engage with Bristol City Council on knowledge transfer as part of the UNESCO and Cities of Music network.
465	06/08/2025	Artist and Creative Studio Space	Cllr A Groogan	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	Keith Forster	<u>Recommend to Close (Category 2)</u> At its June meeting, the City Growth and Regeneration committee approved the year one action plan for artist workspaces. Included within this plan (Theme 2, Action 2) is an action to “continue to work across council to explore opportunities in council owned assets and potential delivery models”.
472	10/09/2025	Rosetta Quietway	Cllr S de Faoite	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	Cathy Reynolds	DfI confirmed in November 2025 (Autumn Report presented to Special CG&R Committee) that the Knockbreda Crossing is scheduled in their future programme. It was noted that whilst the scheme is delayed, it remains a priority for DfI.
475	23/10/2025	Bike Bunkers Trial	Cllr B Smyth	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	Cathy Reynolds	Officers have undertaken desk-based research on the Bike Bunkers scheme and have engaged colleagues in Dublin City Council to understand resources requirements required to deliver the scheme. A future report detailing the findings of this work will be brought to a future committee meeting.

485	20/11/2025	Priority for our local traders	Cllr J Doran	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	Keith Forster	Officers have been in contact with Cllr Doran seeking further information in relation to the actions contained within the motion.
497	11/02/2026	Newtownards Road Corridor - Vision and Intervention	Cllr R Brooks	Issue Raised in Advance	Cathy Reynolds	Work is underway in respect of reviewing the Newtownards Road 2030 plan against the actions set out therein, with any necessary time-bound interventions identified. A site visit involving the Chief Executive, Director of City Regeneration and Development, EastSide Partnership and Cllr Brooks took place in July 2026.
499	24/02/2026	Ormeau Arts Centre	Cllr S de Faoite	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	Keith Forster	No update is yet available regarding the open Ormeau feasibility study. Officers are exploring budget requirements and further information will be brought to a future committee meeting.
523	26/05/26	Silent Fireworks	Cllr Flynn	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	Keith Forster	NEW: No update yet available
530	26/08/26	Pedestrianisation in Belfast City Centre	Cllr McKeown	Issue Raised in Advance	Cathy Reynolds	NEW: No update yet available
531	26/08/26	Christmas Market Expansion Plans	Cllr Kelly	Issue Raised in Advance	Keith Forster	Update provided in September Committee Report.