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**Belfast
City Council**

5th January, 2022

MEETING OF STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet Remotely via Teams on Thursday, 6th January, 2022 at 5.30 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. Routine Matters

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes
- (c) Declarations of Interest

2. Motions

- (a) Notice of Motion – Free Public Transport for Young People (Pages 1 - 4)
- (b) Notice of Motion – End of Hunting of Mammals with Dogs (Pages 5 - 8)
- (c) Notice of Motion – Holocaust Memorial Day (Pages 9 - 12)
- (d) Notice of Motion – Playing Pitches in Belfast (Pages 13 - 16)
- (e) Notice of Motion – Pay Rise for Leisure Workers (Pages 17 - 20)

3. To be followed by a Workshop on the Local Resolution Protocol



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Free Public Transport for Young People
Date:	6th January, 2022
Reporting Officer:	John Walsh, City Solicitor
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider the Notices of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 10th January in relation to Free Public Transport for Young People.
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 or reject the motion.

3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Committee will be aware Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r) as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October is as follows:
3.2	<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>
3.3	<p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Free Public Transport for Young People</u></p> <p>“This Council supports the promotion and expansion of sustainable transport in Belfast as a critical step to averting climate change, address the significant levels of air pollution, reduce congestion and improve public health. Extending and improving uptake of sustainable transport is key to our City playing its part in averting climate breakdown. In order to create a societal shift in how people access public transport, this Council therefore calls upon the Minister for Infrastructure and Translink to introduce a pilot of free public transport for young people in Belfast.</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Smyth</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor O'Hara</p>
3.4	Calling on the Minister for Infrastructure and Translink to introduce a policy change - no cost implications to the Council – can be adopted by the Committee, referred to the Council for debate or rejected.

3.5	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.6	None.
4.0	Documents Attached
	None.

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Subject:	Notice of Motion – End of Hunting of Mammals with Dogs
Date:	6th January, 2022
Reporting Officer:	John Walsh, City Solicitor
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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 10th January in relation to End of Hunting of Mammals with Dogs.
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 or reject the motion.

3.0	Main Report
	<p data-bbox="272 259 427 293"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 327 1452 394">3.1 The Committee will be aware Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r) as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October is as follows:</p> <p data-bbox="165 461 1473 1368">3.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="325 461 1473 629">(m) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will have delegated authority to adopt or reject Notices of Motion. The Lord Mayor will indicate at the Council meeting those Notices of Motion that have been considered by the Standards and Business Committee and whether such Notices of Motion were rejected or adopted. In either case, the proposer only may speak on the issue at Council.</i> <li data-bbox="325 663 1473 831">(n) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer all Notices of Motion directly to a standing committee when the matter to which the Notice of Motion refers falls within the remit of that committee. At Council, the Lord Mayor will indicate that the Notice of Motion was received and referred. There will be no speakers on such Notices of Motion at Council.</i> <li data-bbox="349 864 1473 965">(o) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter.</i> <li data-bbox="349 999 1473 1066">(p) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will not have the power to amend the wording of any Notice of Motion that is being referred to the full Council for debate.</i> <li data-bbox="349 1099 1473 1200">(q) <i>Any amendments to Notice of Motions to be proposed at the Council are to be furnished at least one day in advance of going to the full Council and will be circulated to Party Group Leaders in advance of the Council meeting.</i> <li data-bbox="349 1234 1473 1368">(r) <i>In referring any matter to the full Council, the Standards and Business Committee may determine to restrict contributions to the debate in relation to any Notice of Motion to one per political party. At the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor will clearly indicate if the restriction applies.</i> <p data-bbox="165 1424 802 1458">3.3 The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="272 1491 826 1525"><u>End of Hunting for Mammals with Dogs</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1559 1461 1760">“This Council notes the widespread support across Belfast for the ending of animal cruelty and the improvement of animal welfare; expresses disappointment at the lack of legislative progression on banning the hunting of mammals with dogs in the Northern Ireland Assembly; reaffirms our support for ending this barbaric practice; and agrees to write to DAERA and the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Affairs to show our support for ending the practice of hunting for mammals with dogs.”</p> <p data-bbox="272 1794 719 1827">Proposer: Councillor McReynolds</p> <p data-bbox="272 1861 692 1895">Seconder: Councillor McAllister</p> <p data-bbox="272 1928 1473 2029">Calling on the Council to support a ban on the practice of hunting mammals with dogs - no cost implications to the Council – can be adopted by the Committee, referred to the Council for debate or rejected.</p>

3.4	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.5	None associated with this report. <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None.
4.0	Documents Attached
	None.

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Subject:	Notice of Motion – Holocaust Memorial Day
Date:	6th January, 2022
Reporting Officer:	John Walsh, City Solicitor
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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 10th January in relation to Holocaust Memorial Day.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note that the motion should be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, then on to the Shared City Partnership.

3.0	Main Report
	<p data-bbox="272 259 432 293"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 327 1452 394">3.1 The Committee will be aware Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r) as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October is as follows:</p> <p data-bbox="165 461 1473 1368">3.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="325 461 1473 629">(m) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will have delegated authority to adopt or reject Notices of Motion. The Lord Mayor will indicate at the Council meeting those Notices of Motion that have been considered by the Standards and Business Committee and whether such Notices of Motion were rejected or adopted. In either case, the proposer only may speak on the issue at Council.</i> <li data-bbox="325 663 1473 831">(n) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer all Notices of Motion directly to a standing committee when the matter to which the Notice of Motion refers falls within the remit of that committee. At Council, the Lord Mayor will indicate that the Notice of Motion was received and referred. There will be no speakers on such Notices of Motion at Council.</i> <li data-bbox="349 864 1473 965">(o) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter.</i> <li data-bbox="349 999 1473 1066">(p) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will not have the power to amend the wording of any Notice of Motion that is being referred to the full Council for debate.</i> <li data-bbox="349 1099 1473 1200">(q) <i>Any amendments to Notice of Motions to be proposed at the Council are to be furnished at least one day in advance of going to the full Council and will be circulated to Party Group Leaders in advance of the Council meeting.</i> <li data-bbox="349 1234 1473 1368">(r) <i>In referring any matter to the full Council, the Standards and Business Committee may determine to restrict contributions to the debate in relation to any Notice of Motion to one per political party. At the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor will clearly indicate if the restriction applies.</i> <p data-bbox="165 1424 802 1458">3.3 The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="272 1491 619 1525"><u>Holocaust Memorial Day</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1559 1458 1738">“This Council agrees to formally mark Holocaust Memorial Day on an annual basis by lighting a flame on the front lawn of Belfast City Hall from 2022 onwards. The Council agrees to light the flame for a full day from dawn until midnight on Holocaust Memorial Day and also agrees to invite members of the Jewish Community and other relevant groups to take part in a short Memorial Service while the flame is lit.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1783 1458 1962">Furthermore, this Council recommits to vehemently oppose contemporary anti-Semitism, racism, and hatred in all its forms against Jews. To that end, we request that Council make this a public declaration and that a letter is sent to representatives of our Jewish brothers and sisters from the Lord Mayor reaffirming this City’s solidarity and commitment to stand with the Jewish people, both here in Belfast, and worldwide.”</p>

<p>3.4</p>	<p>Proposer: Councillor Pankhurst</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor McCullough</p> <p>The Committee should note that, amongst other things, the remit of the Shared City Partnership, through the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote good relations between people of different religious and political beliefs and different racial groups in every aspect of Council activities • To use the Council's influence as a democratically elected body, providing civic leadership to the City, to promote good relations throughout society <p>3.5 Therefore, the motion should, in the first instance, be referred to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.6 None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>3.7 None.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None.</p>

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Subject:	Notice of Motion – Playing Pitches in Belfast
Date:	6th January, 2022
Reporting Officer:	John Walsh, City Solicitor
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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 10th January in relation to Playing Pitches in Belfast.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note that the motion should be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p data-bbox="272 255 432 293"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 322 1453 389">The Committee will be aware Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r) as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October is as follows:</p> <p data-bbox="165 456 213 495">3.2</p> <div data-bbox="325 456 1473 1368"> <p data-bbox="325 456 1473 629">(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 data-bbox="325 658 1473 831">(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 data-bbox="349 860 1473 965">(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 data-bbox="349 994 1473 1061">(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 data-bbox="349 1090 1473 1196">(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 data-bbox="349 1225 1473 1368">(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> </div> <p data-bbox="165 1420 213 1458">3.3</p> <p data-bbox="272 1420 804 1458">The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="272 1525 636 1563"><u>Playing Pitches in Belfast</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1599 1453 1704">“There is a constant complaint from both clubs and individuals regarding the shortage of playing pitches in Belfast. However, there also a number of sites, under council ownership, which could be better utilised to address this issue.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1742 1442 1883">This Council will ask officers to bring forward an action plan which will include investing in identified sites, which are in Council ownership, and how they can be brought up to match day quality. This will in turn generate additional income for the Council while maximising asset use for the benefit of the local community”.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1957 652 1995">Proposer: Councillor Brooks</p> <p data-bbox="272 2024 663 2063">Seconder: Councillor T. Kelly</p>

3.4	<p>The Committee should note that, amongst other things, the remit of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing the internal strategies to ensure the smooth running of the council including; asset management, procurement, grants, human resources, diversity, communications and accommodation • managing and maintaining the corporate land bank and city assets, including the City Hall
3.5	<p>Therefore, the motion should, in the first instance, be referred to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.6	<p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.7	<p>None.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	<p>None.</p>

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Subject:	Notice of Motion – Pay Rise for Leisure Workers
Date:	6th January, 2022
Reporting Officer:	John Walsh, City Solicitor
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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 10th January in relation to a Pay Rise for Leisure Workers.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note that the motion should be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p data-bbox="271 264 430 297"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="271 331 1474 398">The Committee will be aware Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r) as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October is as follows:</p> <p data-bbox="271 465 1474 1373"> 3.2 (m) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will have delegated authority to adopt or reject Notices of Motion. The Lord Mayor will indicate at the Council meeting those Notices of Motion that have been considered by the Standards and Business Committee and whether such Notices of Motion were rejected or adopted. In either case, the proposer only may speak on the issue at Council.</i> (n) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer all Notices of Motion directly to a standing committee when the matter to which the Notice of Motion refers falls within the remit of that committee. At Council, the Lord Mayor will indicate that the Notice of Motion was received and referred. There will be no speakers on such Notices of Motion at Council.</i> (o) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter.</i> (p) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will not have the power to amend the wording of any Notice of Motion that is being referred to the full Council for debate.</i> (q) <i>Any amendments to Notice of Motions to be proposed at the Council are to be furnished at least one day in advance of going to the full Council and will be circulated to Party Group Leaders in advance of the Council meeting.</i> (r) <i>In referring any matter to the full Council, the Standards and Business Committee may determine to restrict contributions to the debate in relation to any Notice of Motion to one per political party. At the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor will clearly indicate if the restriction applies.</i> </p> <p data-bbox="271 1429 802 1462">3.3 The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="271 1529 686 1563"><u>Pay Rise for Leisure Workers</u></p> <p data-bbox="271 1608 1474 1776">“This Council recognises and appreciates the remarkable role our leisure workers have played in keeping services running during very difficult services the past year and more. Notes that these workers have been substantially underpaid for years and have not had any pay uplift since 2018; further notes that, since the outsourcing of leisure services, there remains a serious pay legacy issue regarding staff who have TUPE’d over to GLL.</p> <p data-bbox="271 1821 1474 2065">Accordingly, this Council supports 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. The Council will also host a specific meeting as soon as is reasonably possible, that is open to representatives from all parties, and also includes Council management, GLL management and trade union representatives, in order to discuss this pay claim</p>

<p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p>Proposer: Councillor Ferguson</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Matt Collins</p> <p>The Committee should note that the responsibility for the monitoring of the Leisure contract with GLL is the responsibility of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p> <p>Therefore, the motion should, in the first instance, be referred to the Strategic Policy and Resources 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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