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28th March 2022

MEETING OF STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Dear Councillor

The above-named Committee will be held on a hybrid basis for Members of the Committee i.e. both remotely and in-person in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Belfast on Wednesday, 30th March, 2022 at 4.30 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend. The names of those Members who will be physically present should, therefore, be provided in advance of the meeting.

Yours faithfully

JOHN WALSH

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. Routine Matters
 - (i) Apologies
 - (ii) Minutes
 - (iii) Declarations of Interest
2. Motions
 - (i) Graffiti Removal (Pages 1 - 4)
 - (ii) University Dispute - Industrial Dispute (Pages 5 - 8)
 - (iii) City of Sanctuary (Pages 9 - 12)

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Subject:	Notice of Motion – Graffiti Removal
Date:	30th March, 2022
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, Divisional 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 4th April in relation to Graffiti Removal.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note that the motion should be referred, in the first instance, to the People and Communities Committee.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p data-bbox="272 259 432 293"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 327 1452 394">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 1481 1368">3.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="325 461 1481 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 1481 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 1481 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 1481 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 1481 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 1481 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 804 1458">3.3 The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="272 1491 504 1525"><u>Graffiti Removal</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1559 1481 1626">“With the growth of graffiti vandalism across the city, this council will consider investing in and expanding the in-house unit charged with tackling this problem.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1671 1481 1816">At present there is a team which deals primarily with sectarian, racist and homophobic graffiti. However there has been a noticeable growth in more general graffiti, which undermines efforts to keep our city clean. This is not a problem unique to Belfast but is one for which we should consider innovative solutions alongside traditional cleaning methods</p> <p data-bbox="272 1850 1481 1962">Council will also work in an inter-agency capacity to address issues around unwanted graffiti across the city. In doing so, Council should consider how its team can be made available to other agencies on a commercial basis.”</p> <p data-bbox="272 1995 651 2029">Proposer: Alderman Dorrian</p>

<p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p>	<p>Seconder: Councillor Newton</p> <p>This issue has been considered by the People and Communities Committee and the motion should be referred, in the first instance, to that Committee for consideration.</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 – University Sector Industrial Action
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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 4th April in relation to University Sector – Industrial Dispute.
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
3.1	<p data-bbox="272 259 432 293"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 327 1452 394">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 1481 1368">3.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="325 461 1481 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 1481 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 1481 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 1481 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 1481 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 1481 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 804 1458">3.3 The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="272 1491 794 1525"><u>University Sector - Industrial Dispute</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1559 1481 1693">“This Council acknowledges the contribution to civic and economic life made by both Queens University Belfast and University of Ulster to the citizens of Belfast City. Belfast City Council also notes the high standard of teaching and research carried out by staff at both universities and the benefits made to the people of Belfast as an employer.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1727 1481 1928">This Council is concerned at the current Industrial dispute taking place throughout the university sector and in particular its detrimental impact upon the international reputation, civic and economic contribution of Queens University Belfast and University of Ulster to the City. This council is further concerned of the failure to resolve this dispute will mean staff will seek employment outside the sector impacting upon quality of teaching and research and the local and international standing as universities of excellence.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1962 1481 2029">Belfast City Council is also concerned at the failure of Universities and Colleges Employers' Association (UCEA), of which Queens University Belfast and University of Ulster are</p>

	<p>members, in addressing the proposed 35% cut in the Universities Superannuation Scheme payable to staff on retirement.</p> <p>Belfast City Council is further concerned the Universities and Colleges Employer's Association appear to have no resolve in negotiating an amicable solution and is therefore prolonging unnecessarily the industrial dispute.</p> <p>Belfast City Council therefore calls upon both local University Vice Chancellors to use their influence with the Universities and Colleges Employers' Association to resolve this dispute and if required for call for an allocation from the sector's reserves estimated at £46.8 billion to be used to support the Universities Superannuation Scheme.</p> <p>This Council asks the Lord Mayor to write to both Vice Chancellors expressing the views of council and in particular the dispute to be resolved fairly and that Belfast City Council supports the principle of adequate pensions for all employees on retirement.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Heading</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Lyons</p>
3.4	<p>The motion calls on the Council to write to the Universities in relation to the dispute - no cost implications to the Council – can be adopted by the Committee, referred to the Council for debate (with or without restrictions) or rejected.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
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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 4th April in relation to a call for Belfast to become a City of Sanctuary.
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.

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	<p>challenges and that as city leaders we will play our part in working to build a culture of welcome, equality and inclusion.</p> <p>d) This council will work to implement a “City of Sanctuary” through our actions and policies, through understanding the lived experience of communities that are new to Belfast and through supporting our partners in the community and voluntary sectors.</p> <p>The Council Resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join a network of cities and towns which promote the inclusion and welfare of people who are fleeing violence and persecution in their own countries and become a recognised “Council of Sanctuary” • Continue to understand the lived experience of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants living in Belfast • Continue to work with organisations in the city who support refugees, asylum seekers and migrants • Challenge anti-refugee and anti-migrant attitudes wherever they are found • Ensure equality in the provision of our services and facilities and that public spaces can be accessed and enjoyed by everyone • Develop an internal Race Equality and Diversity Action Plan – that will review how we deliver our services and take action as an employer to create a diverse workforce.” <p>Proposer: Councillor Kyle</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor McMullan</p>
3.4	<p>The motion calls on the support of Belfast City Council becoming a “Council of Sanctuary” and supports the initiative to have Belfast recognised as a “City of Sanctuary – can be adopted by the Committee, referred to the Council for debate (with or without restrictions) or rejected.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
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