



**Democratic Services Section
Chief Executive's Department
Belfast City Council
City Hall
Belfast
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20th May, 2022

MEETING OF STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Council Chamber and remotely via Teams on Tuesday, 24th May, 2022 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) Notice of Motion – Belfast City Council Inclusive Play Parks (Pages 1 - 4)
- (b) Notice of Motion - Cleansing Task Force (Pages 5 - 8)
- (c) Notice of Motion- Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (Pages 9 - 12)

To: The Chairman and Members of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Belfast City Council Inclusive Play Parks
Date:	24th May, 2022
Reporting Officer:	John Walsh, Chief Executive
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 1st June in relation to Belfast City Council Inclusive Play Parks.
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 1449 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 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 847 1525"><u>Belfast City Council Inclusive Play Parks</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1559 1473 1626">“This council believes every child has the right to play but recognises not every child in Belfast has realised this right.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1659 1473 1827">It notes the findings and recommendations of the ‘Let Me Play: Inclusive play park study 2022’ report undertaken by Play Board NI and the Mae Murray Foundation and the recent statement (and Appendix) from UK Play Safety Forum and Children’s Play Policy Forum – which has the endorsed the ‘Let Me Play’ report and published definitions for ‘accessible’ and ‘inclusive’.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1861 1473 1995">The report found compelling evidence that children and families are facing exclusion from play park environments in Northern Ireland from experience across the following areas: Wider infrastructure surrounding play parks; Play Park site facilities; Access; Participation; Communication; and Attitudes.</p>

	<p>The UK Play Safety Forum and Children’s Play Policy Forum statement defines accessible and inclusive play spaces as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Accessible Play Space is a space which is barrier-free, allows users access to move around the space and offers participation opportunities for a range of differing abilities. Not every child of every ability will be able to actively use everything within an accessible play space. • An Inclusive Play Space provides a barrier-free environment, with supporting infrastructure, which meets the wide and varying play needs of every child. Disabled children and non-disabled children will enjoy high levels of participation opportunities, equally rich in play value. <p>This council will adopt the full findings from both the ‘Let Me Play’ report and the UK Play Safety Forum and Children’s Play Policy Forum statement into its park and play park planning processes.</p> <p>In doing so it will also conduct a review of our full estate and make strategic decisions on where to plan to specifically build or upgrade to ‘inclusive’ status to deliver accessible and inclusive play parks within reasonable distances in each quarter (North/South/East/West) for all children to play together.</p> <p>As the delivery of ‘accessible and inclusive’ play parks will also require linkage with surrounding infrastructure and public transport services, we will also work with the Department for Infrastructure, Translink and other stakeholders.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor McMullan</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor McKeown</p>
3.4	<p>The responsibility for Parks falls within the remit of 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>
3.5	<p>None associated with this report.</p>
	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.6	<p>None.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	<p>None.</p>

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2.0	Recommendation
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3.4	<p>We must use everything at our disposal to resolve this problem, such as and not exclusively, improved service delivery structures, street inspectors, increased staffing and better communication with citizens.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Beattie</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor <></p> <p>The responsibility for cleansing falls within the remit of the People and Communities Committee and the motion should be referred, in the first instance, to that Committee for consideration.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
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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.

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3.3	<p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill</u></p> <p>“This council, noting the UK government’s introduction of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill, believes that the proposals within this Bill fail to honour the UK’s obligation under the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) to carry out proper investigations into deaths and serious injuries that occurred during the NI conflict. This council also recognises this bill is a unilateral move by the UK government to abandon its commitment to the Stormont House Agreement, again demonstrating contempt for agreements made with international partners.</p> <p>Furthermore, this Council echoes fears made by civil society and victims organisations that, under these proposals, the Secretary of State may in practice decide who gets immunity from prosecution.</p>

3.4	<p>Accordingly, this Council calls on the UK government to abandon this Bill and return to the already agreed structures as outlined in the Stormont House Agreement and to recognise to state or non-state actor should have control over how a victim seeks truth and justice.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Lyons</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Whyte</p> <p>The motion is the Council to call upon the UK Government to abandon the abovementioned Bill – can be adopted by the Committee, referred to the Council for debate (with or without restrictions) or rejected.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
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