

**Democratic Services Section  
Legal and Civic Services Department  
Belfast City Council  
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**Belfast  
City Council**

22nd August, 2022

## **STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in hybrid format, both in the Council Chamber and via Microsoft Teams, on Tuesday, 23rd August, 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

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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Devolution of Local Transport Powers</b>
<b>Date:</b>	23rd August, 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 1st September in relation to Devolution of Local Transport Powers.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
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.



	<p>As such, we will initiate dialogue with the Department for Infrastructure, Department for Communities and the Northern Ireland Local Government Association to commence the process of devolving these key powers.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor O’Hara</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Groogan</p>
3.4	The motion calls for the devolution of transport powers – can be adopted, referred to the Council for debate (with or without restrictions) or rejected.
3.5	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.6	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None.

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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Drink Spike Testing Kits in Licensed Premises</b>
<b>Date:</b>	23rd August, 2022
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<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 1st September in relation to Drink Spike Testing Kits in Licensed Premises.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to note that the motion should be referred, in the first instance, to the Licensing Committee.

3.0	<b>Main Report</b>
	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b>
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><b><u>Drink Spike Testing Kits in Licensed Premises</u></b></p> <p>“This Council, in a bid to make our night-time economy a safer place, will work with licensed premises to introduce drink spike testing kits into their premises.</p> <p>This will include training for staff on how to administer the kits, what to do in the event of a positive result, and promotional material promoting how customers can access the kits.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Murray</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Maghie</p>



3.4	The motion calls upon the Council to work with licensed premises. The Licensing Committee is responsible for the consideration of all matters pertaining to policy and legislation in relation to licensing matters and should be referred, in the first instance, to that Committee.
3.5	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.6	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None.

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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – GLL and Trade Unions</b>
<b>Date:</b>	23rd August, 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 1st September in relation to GLL and Trade Unions.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
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	<b>Main Report</b>
	<p data-bbox="276 264 427 297"><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="167 331 1465 398">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="167 465 1465 1373">3.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="327 465 1465 633">(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> <li data-bbox="327 667 1465 835">(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> <li data-bbox="327 869 1465 969">(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> <li data-bbox="327 1003 1465 1081">(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> <li data-bbox="327 1115 1465 1216">(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> <li data-bbox="327 1249 1465 1373">(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></li> </ul> <p data-bbox="167 1429 802 1462">3.3 The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="276 1496 595 1529"><b><u>GLL and Trade Unions</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="308 1563 1425 1765">“This Council recognises the importance of collective bargaining in the workplace and the central role of trade unions to this process, as representative voices for workers. Moreover, in a period where very many workers are opting to take industrial action, the Council recognises the right of workers to do so, and the role it can play in winning much needed pay increases during a cost-of-living crisis and while inflation continues to rise.</p> <p data-bbox="308 1798 1425 1966">The Council notes that there are ongoing issues in Council leisure centres across our city, which workers and their trade unions have been attempting to resolve. The Council also notes, with disappointment, that GLL do not officially recognise trade unions in Council leisure facilities, denying workers the ability to collectively bargain effectively.</p>

	<p>This Council agrees that GLL should officially recognise trade unions in Belfast City Council leisure centres and will write to the leadership of the organisation to urge them to do so.</p> <p>The Chief Executive of the Council will also convene a meeting with the relevant trade unions to hear directly about the issues facing workers in our leisure centres and commit to address them with GLL.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Ferguson</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Michael Collins</p>
3.4	The motion calls for the Council to undertake a number of actions – can be adopted, referred to the Council for debate (with or without restrictions) or rejected.
3.5	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.6	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None.

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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Commonwealth Games success and female sporting needs in the City</b>
<b>Date:</b>	23rd August, 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 1st September in relation to Commonwealth Games success and female sporting needs in the City.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to consider the motion and agree to either adopt part 1 of the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.</p> <p>The second part falls within the remit of the People and Communities Committee and should be referred to that Committee.</p>

3.0	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p data-bbox="272 259 427 293"><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="272 327 1453 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="165 461 209 495">3.2</p> <div data-bbox="323 461 1473 1368"> <p data-bbox="323 461 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></p> <p data-bbox="323 663 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></p> <p data-bbox="323 864 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></p> <p data-bbox="323 999 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></p> <p data-bbox="323 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></p> <p data-bbox="323 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> </div> <p data-bbox="165 1402 209 1435">3.3</p> <p data-bbox="272 1402 799 1435">The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="272 1469 1257 1503"><b><u>Commonwealth Games success and female sporting needs in the City</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="308 1536 1417 1637">“This Council recognises the special achievements of Team Northern Ireland at the Commonwealth Games and the recent success with the Northern Ireland Women’s Soccer team reaching the European Championships.</p> <p data-bbox="308 1671 1417 1738">We resolve that the Belfast Mayor invites both teams to the City Hall to give them proper civic recognition for their successes.</p> <p data-bbox="308 1771 1417 1973">This Council also notes with concern a lack of capacity for female sports across the City and resolves to work in partnership with the Department of Communities, Sport NI, the Irish Football Association and any other relevant body to do an immediate and focussed audit of female sporting needs across the City in an attempt to have as early data as possible in terms of what is required to meet capacity for female sports across all sporting disciplines.”</p> <p data-bbox="272 2007 660 2040">Proposer: Councillor Maskey</p>





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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Suspension of Government Debt Recovery for those in receipt of benefits and universal credit</b>
<b>Date:</b>	23rd August, 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 1st September in relation to Suspension of Government Debt Recovery for those in receipt of benefits and universal credit.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
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	<b>Main Report</b>
	<p data-bbox="272 259 427 293"><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="164 327 1465 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="164 461 1473 1368">3.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="323 461 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> <li data-bbox="323 663 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> <li data-bbox="347 864 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> <li data-bbox="347 999 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> <li data-bbox="347 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> <li data-bbox="347 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></li> </ul> <p data-bbox="164 1402 802 1435">3.3 The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="272 1469 938 1536"><b><u>Suspension of Government Debt Recovery for those in receipt of benefits and universal credit</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="308 1570 1422 1671">"This Council notes new research carried out by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation documenting the alarming cost of living impact due to benefit deductions and debt recovery.</p> <p data-bbox="308 1704 1422 1906">Many in receipt of means tested benefits and on Universal Credit, including many in work, are in bill payment arrears; taking on unaffordable debt; are going without household essentials; and are unable to properly heat their homes or feed their families. With inflation continuing to rise and the hardship emergency predicted to become more extreme as we face into the winter months the situation for many is set to worsen in the absence of immediate intervention.</p> <p data-bbox="308 1939 1422 2063">Benefit reductions to repay government and utility providers at unaffordable rates are compounding the hardship crisis faced by many of those struggling the most. Government departments are in some cases claiming back debts at higher rates than private creditors. Many people are unaware that they can receive debt reduction help.</p>

	<p>This Council will write to the Department of Communities' Minister requesting the immediate suspension of government debt recovery for those in receipt of benefits and universal credit.</p> <p>The Council also requests that the Department of Communities provide information on how many benefit and universal credit claims were subject to deductions in the most recent month for which data is available, broken down by Council area; how much on average was deducted in each Council area; what the total sum was of deductions in each Council area; and what proportion of each of those sums was deducted to repay advance payments."</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Matt Collins</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Ferguson</p>
3.4	<p>The motion calls for the Department of Communities to suspend government debt recovery for those in receipt of benefits and universal credit and requests also information from the Department in relation to benefits and universal credit claims – can be adopted, referred to the Council for debate (with or without restrictions) or rejected.</p>
3.5	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.6	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None.

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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Support for Striking Communication Workers Union</b>
<b>Date:</b>	23rd August, 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 1st September in relation to Support for Striking Communication Workers Union.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
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.





	<p>wages would be a welcome step toward addressing fuel poverty, inequality, and improving the livelihood of those struggling to cope with rising costs.</p> <p>Belfast City Council supports these communication workers in their demands for an above inflation pay offer. Council resolves to write to senior management of Royal Mail, BT and Openreach encouraging them to present a fair, above inflation pay offer to workers.</p> <p>The Council also resolves to host an all-party meeting of Councillors, officers and representatives from CWU engaging in strike action, to explore ways in which Council can support their demands for a fair pay increase.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Michael Collins</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Ferguson</p>
3.4	The motion calls upon the Council to support the strike action by the Communications Workers Union – can be adopted, referred to the Council for debate (with or without restrictions) or rejected.
3.5	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.6	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None.

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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Herbicide Reduction Policy</b>
<b>Date:</b>	23rd August, 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 1st September in relation to Herbicide Reduction Policy.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
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	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p data-bbox="316 297 470 331"><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="316 365 1492 432">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> <div data-bbox="316 499 1516 1406"> <p data-bbox="316 499 1516 667">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></p> <p data-bbox="316 701 1516 869">(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="316 902 1516 1003">(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="316 1037 1516 1104">(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="316 1137 1516 1238">(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="316 1272 1516 1406">(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="316 1440 842 1473">3.3      The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="316 1507 699 1541"><b><u>Herbicide Reduction Policy</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="316 1574 1460 1675">“This Council notes that Northern Ireland ranks 12<sup>th</sup> worst in the world for biodiversity loss, with significant threats to our natural and native wildlife and habitats due to human intervention.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1709 1460 1776">It further notes that a scientific study published in June stated that chemical pollution has passed the safe limit for humanity.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1809 1460 1910">This Council commits to the principle of herbicide reduction and will develop a herbicide reduction policy for use across the council estate, in line with best practice regarding weed control and land management.”</p> <p data-bbox="316 1944 673 1977">Proposer: Councillor Flynn</p> <p data-bbox="316 2011 689 2045">Seconder: Councillor Smyth</p>

3.4	The motion calls for the Council to develop a herbicide reduction policy – as this matter falls within the remit of the People and Communities Committee, it should be referred, in the first instance to that Committee.
3.5	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.6	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
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