

**Democratic Services Section  
Legal and Civic Services Department  
Belfast City Council  
City Hall  
Belfast  
BT1 5GS**



**Belfast  
City Council**

22nd September, 2023

**MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room, City Hall and remotely via Teams on Tuesday, 26th September, 2023 at 5.30 p.m., 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 – Pavement Parking (Pages 1 - 4)
- (b) Notice of Motion – National Famine Memorial Day (Pages 5 - 8)
- (c) Notice of Motion – Right to Food Campaign (Pages 9 - 12)





<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Pavement Parking</b>
<b>Date:</b>	26th September, 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<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 2nd October in relation to Pavement Parking
<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="316 304 472 331"><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="316 365 1514 432">The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="363 465 1514 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="363 656 1514 824">(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="387 846 1514 947">(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="387 969 1514 1037">(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="387 1059 1514 1160">(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="387 1182 1514 1328">(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="204 1361 844 1395">3.2 The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="316 1429 572 1462"><b><u>Pavement Parking</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="316 1496 1514 1798">“That this Council notes that inconsiderate pavement parking affects everyone in Belfast, but disproportionately children, people with visual impairments, mobility aid users, neurodiverse people and people with prams or pushchairs; and therefore it is essential that the Council plays its full role in reinforcing the message that pavements are for people and it is never acceptable to park in a manner which forces people off a footway and into the road. This Council acknowledges the challenges in solving this issue but resolves to work towards stopping vehicles from blocking pavements through inconsiderate or dangerous parking, including by undertaking a public information campaign about the negative impacts of pavement parking in its forthcoming communications.”</p> <p data-bbox="316 1832 762 1865">Proposer: Councillor Tara Brooks</p> <p data-bbox="316 1899 699 1933">Seconder: Councillor Nelson</p>

3.3	<p>The motion calls upon the Council to resolve to work towards stopping vehicles from blocking pavements through inconsiderate or dangerous parking, including by undertaking a public information campaign about the negative impacts of pavement parking in its forthcoming communications - the Committee can either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p>
3.4	<p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p>
3.5	<p>None.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	<p>None.</p>

This page is intentionally left blank



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – National Famine Memorial Day</b>
<b>Date:</b>	26th September, 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<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 2nd October in relation to National Famine Memorial Day.
<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="316 304 470 331"><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="316 365 1516 432">The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="363 465 1516 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="363 667 1516 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="387 869 1516 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="387 1003 1516 1070">(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="387 1104 1516 1205">(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="387 1238 1516 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>
3.2	<p data-bbox="316 1417 845 1440">The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="316 1473 746 1507"><b><u>National Famine Memorial Day</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="316 1541 1516 1809">“This Council recognises the tragic and historic impact of the Great Famine/An Gorta Mór, which affected the entire island between 1845 to 1852 and resulted in the death of nearly one million people and the forced emigration of at least a further one million. As the island’s second largest city, Belfast and its citizens were directly affected by the Famine through death and emigration of people from all backgrounds who lived both here and in surrounding towns and countryside. Alongside these tragic events, various citizens led relief efforts in Belfast, across Ulster and across Ireland, saving men women and children from death by starvation.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1843 1516 2038">As a first step to a regular remembrance of the tragedy and events of the Great Famine, this Council will write to the Minister at the Department of Tourism, Arts, Culture, Gaeltacht, Sport &amp; Media to request that Belfast hosts the National Famine Memorial Day, which takes place every May, in 2024. This will be only the second time the event is held in Northern Ireland, and the first time it is held in Ireland’s second city and can play an important role in commemorating the tragic events of that period.”</p>



3.3	<p>Proposer: Councillor Whyte</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Doherty</p> <p>The motion calls upon the Council to write to the Minister at the Department of Tourism, Arts, Culture, Gaeltacht, Sport &amp; Media to request that Belfast hosts the National Famine Memorial Day in May 2024 - the Committee can either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p>
3.4	<p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p>
3.5	<p>None.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None.

This page is intentionally left blank



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Right to Food Campaign</b>
<b>Date:</b>	26th September, 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<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 2nd October in relation to the Right to Food Campaign.
<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="316 304 472 331"><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="316 365 1514 432">The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="363 465 1514 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="363 667 1514 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="387 869 1514 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="387 1003 1514 1070">(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="387 1104 1514 1205">(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="387 1238 1514 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>
3.2	<p data-bbox="316 1417 842 1440">The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="316 1473 627 1500"><b><u>Right to Food Campaign</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="316 1534 1514 1668">“This Council recognises the impact the scourge of food poverty is having on families right across our city, made worse by the cost-of-living emergency and recent price rises and gives its formal backing to the Right To Food campaign, joining cities like Liverpool and Manchester in becoming a Right To Food city.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1702 1514 1803">We believe that the British Government and any restored Executive must prioritise food poverty, implementing a range of new measures including universal free school meals, support for community kitchens and enshrining the Right To Food for all through legislation.”</p> <p data-bbox="316 1836 703 1870">Proposer: Councillor Doherty</p> <p data-bbox="316 1904 740 1937">Seconder: Councillor McCusker</p>

3.3	The motion calls upon the Council to back the Right to Food Campaign - the Committee can either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.
3.4	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.5	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None.

This page is intentionally left blank