

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

22nd October, 2025

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 Thursday, 23rd October, 2025 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 - Together: Building a United Community Strategy (Pages 1 - 4)
- (b) Notice of Motion - Bike Bunker Trial (Pages 5 - 8)
- (c) Notice of Motion - Ban on Greyhound Racing in Northern Ireland (Pages 9 - 12)
- (d) Notice of Motion - Work Safe - Home Safe (Pages 13 - 18)
- (e) Notice of Motion - Parents Attendance Records at Council (Pages 19 - 22)



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| Subject: | Notice of Motion – Together – Building a United Community Strategy |
| Date: | 23rd October, 2025 |
| Reporting Officer: | Nora Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services |
| Contact Officer: | Jim Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance Manager |

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| 3.2 | <p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Together: Building a United Community' (T:BUC) Strategy</u></p> <p>'This Council recognises the commitment laid out in the Together: Building a United Community' (T:BUC) Strategy to remove all Interface structures by 2023. Recognises that a failure to remove the interface barrier in Alexandra Park would be a missed opportunity and commits to developing plans to ensure the complete removal of the interface structure as part of the Reconnecting Waterworks and Alexandra Park project.</p> <p>That a report is submitted to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee detailing plans for the removal, alongside a programme of work with local stakeholders to establish support required to assist with the transition, including local detached youth and community relations provision, coinciding with significant investment in the park.</p> <p>That Belfast City Council engages with key stakeholders, including the Department of Justice Interface Programme, to identify any resources that can assist with the removal of the interface barrier.'</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Sam Nelson</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor</p> |
| 3.3 | <p>The motion calls upon the Council to submit a report to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee detailing plans for the removal of the interface barrier in Alexandra Park. The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee is responsible for Equality and Good Relations and oversight of the Shared City Partnership and the motion will therefore be referred to that Committee.</p> |
| 3.4 | <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> |
| 3.5 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p> |
| 4.0 | <p>Documents Attached</p> |
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| Subject: | Notice of Motion – Bike Bunker Trial |
| Date: | 23rd October, 2025 |
| Reporting Officer: | Nora Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services |
| Contact Officer: | Jim Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance Manager |

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| 3.2 | <p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Bike Bunker Trial</u></p> <p>“This Council notes the progress being made by Dublin City Council in regard to the Bike Bunkers Scheme and their recent trial of this project. They are a way to securely store bikes for those who don’t have easy access to off street storage, particularly in terrace housing.</p> <p>This Council will seek to commit to carrying out a trial to find where demand is across Belfast and where people can register their interest. As well as working collaboratively with our partners such as the Department of Infrastructure and cycling advocacy groups, as we look to find way to support and expand practical sustainable city living.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Brian Smyth</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Áine Groogan</p> |
| 3.3 | <p>“The motion calls upon the Council to carry out a trial to find out demand for a Bike Bunkers Scheme across Belfast. A previous motion on Secured Serviced City Centre Civic Bicycle Parking Facilities was before the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee and subsequently the City Growth and Regeneration Committee, which agreed to look at how covered cycle stands could be incorporated into the Council’s existing programme of work, and the motion will therefore be referred to that Committee.”</p> |
| 3.4 | <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> |
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| 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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| 3.2 | <p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Ban on Greyhound Racing in Northern Ireland</u></p> <p>“This Council notes that greyhound racing in Northern Ireland is unregulated, with no statutory oversight of welfare, injuries, or retirement outcomes. Thousands of greyhounds across the UK and Ireland die each year due to racing-related harm,</p> |

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| | <p>and Northern Ireland lacks transparency, accountability, and legal protections for these animals.</p> <p>This Council further notes that other jurisdictions in the UK are moving towards reform or abolition of greyhound racing, with increasing public and political support for a ban.</p> <p>This Council believes that the absence of regulation poses unacceptable risks to animal welfare and public confidence.</p> <p>This Council resolves to call on the Northern Ireland Executive and DAERA to introduce legislation banning greyhound racing, and to support rehoming efforts and welfare organisations working to protect retired greyhounds.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Anthony Flynn</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor</p> |
| 3.3 | The motion calls upon the Council to write to Northern Ireland Executive and DAERA to introduce legislation banning greyhound racing - the Committee can either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion. |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide safe transport home, paid for by the employer, for staff finishing after hours where public transport is more limited or unavailable. <p>2. Adopt a Belfast Charter against harassment in hospitality, based on Unite's Work Safe / Home Safe campaign, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scrapping sexist dress codes; ○ Visible anti-harassment and reporting posters; ○ Free, discreet spiking test kits in venues; ○ Funding and mandating training on harassment and workplace safety developed with the involvement of, and full access for, trade unions and women's groups. <p>3. Work with Unite, the Department for Infrastructure and Translink to ensure the late-night transport pilot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prioritises passenger and staff safety through staffing, CCTV and lighting; ○ Covers public demand without being used as a substitute for employer-funded transport for staff; ○ Is reviewed with input from hospitality workers, including transport workers, and their unions. <p>4. Lobby the Northern Ireland Executive, the Department for Communities and MLAs to introduce stronger protections and minimum standards so that all workers can travel home safely after late and unsocial hours, and so that employers play their full part in funding safe and fair transport.</p> <p>5. Report annually on progress, consulting with workers, unions and transport staff, and publish findings on safety, compliance and the impact on harassment and violence in the night-time economy.</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Áine Groogan</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Michael Collins</p> |
| 3.3 | The motion calls upon the Council to undertake a number of measures in relation to Unite's Work Safe / Home Safe campaign. It cuts across the work of a number of Committees but specifically calls for changes to powers for which the Licensing Committee has responsibility and the motion will therefore be referred to that Committee. |
| 3.4 | <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> |
| 3.5 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p> |
| 4.0 | Documents Attached |

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| Subject: | Notice of Motion – Parents Attendance Records at Council |
| Date: | 23rd October, 2025 |
| Reporting Officer: | Nora Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services |
| Contact Officer: | Jim Hanna, Democratic Services and Governance Manager |

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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 3rd November, 2025 in relation to Parents Attendance Records at Council. |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | <p>Members are asked to note that, in accordance with Standing Orders, Notices of Motion which commit the Council to expenditure or falls within the remit of a particular Committee must be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>At this time Members are only asked to note that the Notice of Motion has been received and that a subsequent report will be brought to Committee, if that Committee so agrees, outlining a detailed consideration of the Notice of Motion and the potential costs implications.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to note that this motion will be referred on the first instance to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p> |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>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> <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> |

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| <p>3.2</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> <p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Parents' Attendance Records at Council</u></p> <p>"That this Council, recognising the important contribution of parents to politics, will investigate ways in which new parents' attendance records reflect the fact that they may have missed meetings due to maternity or paternity for the first six months after having a baby."</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Jenna Maghie</p> <p>Councillor: Councillor Abernethy</p> <p>3.3 The motion calls upon the Council to reflect new parents' attendance records reflect the fact that they may have missed meetings due to maternity or paternity. Democratic Services (under the remit of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee) is responsible for the recording of Members' attendance at meetings in accordance with the legislation - the motion will therefore be referred to that Committee.</p> <p>3.4 <u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> <p>3.5 <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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