



<b>Subject:</b>	Notice of Motion: Herbicide Reduction Policy
<b>Date:</b>	22nd September, 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Some time in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider a motion in relation to Herbicide Reduction Policy, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 23rd August.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to consider the motion and, if the proposal is agreed, to agree that a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 23rd August, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Flynn and seconded by Councillor Smyth, was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p>
3.2	<p>“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>It further notes that a scientific study published in June stated that chemical pollution has passed the safe limit for humanity.</p> <p>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>
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None.