



<b>Subject:</b>	Notice of Motion: Imagination Library
<b>Date:</b>	6th December, 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer

<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 Support for Parents, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 24th November.
<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>
<p data-bbox="165 277 209 309">3.1</p> <p data-bbox="165 472 209 504">3.2</p> <p data-bbox="165 1178 209 1209">3.3</p> <p data-bbox="165 1312 209 1344">3.4</p>	<p data-bbox="272 228 421 259"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 277 1474 407">At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 24th November, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor de Faoite and seconded by Councillor Howard, was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p> <p data-bbox="272 461 549 492">“Belfast City Council:</p> <ul data-bbox="323 533 1369 1106" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="323 533 1369 631">• Acknowledges that the majority of physical brain development occurs in the first three years of life, when children form over 1 million new neural connections per second;</li> <li data-bbox="323 667 1369 833">• Recognises the benefits of reading, and reading aloud, to young children which can promote the development of basic literacy and vocabulary skills, establish strong inter-personal relationships between children and parents/guardians, as well as improving longer term educational, health, social and economic outcomes;</li> <li data-bbox="323 869 1369 936">• Is concerned about the rising cost of living which will limit the ability of families to pay for essential educational resources like books for young children;</li> <li data-bbox="323 972 1369 1106">• Agrees to investigate and establish a pilot of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in the City to provide a new book each month for children aged 0-5, working with any interested partners to secure the success and sustainable funding of the scheme.”</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="272 1178 751 1209"><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1240 352 1272">None.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1312 1134 1344"><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1375 1474 1460">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.