

Alderman R. Patterson to move:

**International Men's Day**

"This Council:

1. Recognises that the first ever event in Northern Ireland and Belfast to celebrate International Men's Day will take place on 19th November and that the theme will be 'Working Together for Men and Boys';
2. Welcomes the fact that the day will highlight some serious issues such as domestic abuse/violence, poor educational attainment for some young boys and men, equality, a focus on men's health and well-being, a celebration of men's contribution in the work place, family life and society, discrimination against men, the bullying of men in the work place, the promotion of men as role models and improving gender relations and gender equality; and
3. Notes that other organisations and individuals from the private sector, the public sector, charities, local celebrities, men, women and children are all taking part to promote this worthy and important event.

Accordingly, the Council agrees to consider setting aside funding in order to hold an event at the City Hall in November to celebrate International Men's Day in a similar way in which it has supported International Women's Day in previous years."