

Moved by Councillor Hussey

### **Online Rates Receipt**

This council is reminded of the motion presented by Councillor Hussey on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012, namely;

‘This Council is committed to transparency in how it spends Rate Payers’ money. Every Rate Payer has the right to know what we spend their money on.

This Council believes that the principle of transparency is meaningless unless we present our published financial information in a way that is accessible and relevant to rate payers.

To this end; we will provide an online service to every rate payer which will show them, in a comprehensible way, the services and capital projects on which their money is spent. This breakdown will include the pro-rata monetary share of their own rates bill spent on these items alongside the total amount spent by this Council. A comprehensive breakdown of the costs of delivering those services and capital projects will be contained within that breakdown.’

This council notes that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, decided that this proposal should be advanced and Council staff created a working model of this service capable of being fully integrated into the existing Council website.

This Council therefore directs that this service be made available for the use of the Rate Payers of Belfast without further delay.”