



<b>Subject:</b>	Motion - Urban Wildflower Meadows
<b>Date:</b>	12th September, 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services, CNS
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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>	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<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/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To bring to Members' attention a motion on Urban Wildflower Meadows, which the Standards and Business Committee, at its meeting on 29th August, referred to this Committee.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the motion.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b>
3.1	The Standards and Business Committee, at its meeting on 29th August, considered the following motion which had been received for submission to the Council on 4th September:

3.2	<p><b><u>Playful Belfast City Streets</u></b></p> <p>“This Council reaffirms its commitment to enhancing our city’s ecological credentials. Therefore, this Council is dedicated to a pilot project that will aim to identify one site for wildflower cultivation in each quadrant of the city. These sites must adhere to one of the following criteria: a) Owned by the Council itself, b) Owned by another Government Department, or c) Currently unadopted.</p> <p>The precise locations for these pilot projects will be presented for discussion during the inaugural convening of the area working groups.</p> <p>This Council comprehends the benefits that Urban Wildflower Meadows can bring to our city, ranging from reduced maintenance to supporting our climate change ambitions, and ultimately leading to Belfast becoming a more biodiverse city.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor McLaughlin  Secunder: Councillor Long</p>
3.3	<p>Members are reminded that in accordance with Standing Order 13(I), where the notice of motion seeks to commit the Council to expenditure not previously agreed through the Committee process, the motion will stand referred to the relevant Committee for consideration. If the motion is agreed at the Committee, then this will usually require a further report from officers outlining the financial and other implications should the notice of motion be adopted.</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None at this stage.</p>
3.5	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>This 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>
4.0	<p><b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>None</p>