**Subject:** Notice of Motion – Right to Grow on Council owned land

**Date:** 28th November, 2023

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### Restricted Reports

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Yes [ ] No [ ]

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2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual  
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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

- After Committee Decision [ ]
- After Council Decision [ ]
- Sometime in the future [ ]
- Never [ ]

### Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?  
Yes [ ] No [ ]
1.0 Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues

1.1 To consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 4th December in relation to Right to Grow on Council owned land.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 The Committee is asked to note that motion will be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

3.0 Main Report

3.1 Key Issues

The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows:

(m) The Standards and Business Committee will have delegated authority to adopt or reject Notices of Motion. The Lord Mayor will indicate at the Council meeting those Notices of Motion that have been considered by the Standards and Business Committee and whether such Notices of Motion were rejected or adopted. In either case, the proposer only may speak on the issue at Council.

(n) The Standards and Business Committee will refer all Notices of Motion directly to a standing committee when the matter to which the Notice of Motion refers falls within the remit of that committee. At Council, the Lord Mayor will indicate that the Notice of Motion was received and referred. There will be no speakers on such Notices of Motion at Council.

(o) The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter.

(p) The Standards and Business Committee will not have the power to amend the wording of any Notice of Motion that is being referred to the full Council for debate.

(q) Any amendments to Notice of Motions to be proposed at the Council are to be furnished at least one day in advance of going to the full Council and will be circulated to Party Group Leaders in advance of the Council meeting.

(r) In referring any matter to the full Council, the Standards and Business Committee may determine to restrict contributions to the debate in relation to any Notice of Motion to one per political party. At the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor will clearly indicate if the restriction applies.

3.2 The following motion has been received:

**Right to Grow on Council owned land**

“This Council notes the pressures upon food security caused by many issues including the cost-of-living crisis, the impact of the pandemic and climate change. It is therefore vital that the Council plays its part to ensure that that our citizens have access to enough fresh food for day-to-day living.
This Council agrees to adopt a right to grow on Council owned land which is suitable for cultivation. This would probably involve licensing cultivation of suitable land via community groups."

Proposer: Councillor David Bell
Seconder: Councillor Anthony Flynn

The motion calls upon the Council to adopt a right to grow on Council owned land – the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee is responsible for maintaining the corporate land bank and city assets and the motion should be referred, in the first instance, to that Committee.

### Financial and Resource Implications

None associated with this report.

### Equality or Good Relations Implications

None.

### Documents Attached

None.