



Subject:	Notices of Motion Update
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To provide an update to People and Communities Committee on Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance by Members.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	It is recommended that People and Communities Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notes the updates to all Notices of Motion / Issues Raised in Advance that the Committee is responsible for as referenced in Appendix 1; and• Agree to the closure of Issues Raised in Advance and Notices of Motion as referenced in Appendix 1 and outlined below.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Background</u> Members will recall that the previous Notices of Motion update was presented to People and Communities Committee in June 2023.
3.2	This report provides an overview of the progress on those Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance which remained open following the June 23 update.
3.3	Notice of Motion Updates There are currently 31 active Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance which the People and Communities Committee is responsible for. An update on those Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance which remain active on the live database is attached at Appendix 1.
3.4	Closure of Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance At SP&R Committee on 20 th November 2020, it was agreed that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Category 1 - Notices of Motion which contained an action that has been completed. All Notices of Motion within this category contained a specific task that has since been complete. It is worth noting that, when Committee agree to action a Notice of Motion, there are sometimes additional actions agreed alongside the Notice of Motion. As these are not technically part of the Notice of Motion, they are taken forward through normal committee decision making processes. The Notice of Motion

can therefore be closed, but additional actions related to it will continue to be progressed and reported to the committee. These additional actions are not contained in this report, but will be noted in the live database moving forward.

- **Category 2 - Notices of Motion have become Council policy or absorbed in to a strategic programme of work.** These Notices of Motion did not contain a specific task that could be complete. Instead, they were more strategic in nature and required changes in Council policy and/ or strategy for long term outcomes. Those listed within this category have all been agreed by Committee and are now either Council policy or are currently being implemented through a Council strategy that is managed by a Standing Committee through the corporate planning process.

Following an update of those Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance on the live database, it is recommended that Members approve the following Motions/Issues for closure.

Category 1 Recommended Closures:

3.5

Belfast Cycle Network (Ref 285)

As advised in the June 2023 update, processes are in place within Council to address any cleansing issues relating to the cycle network - however, enforcement of obstructions lies with DfI. BCC officers continue to engage with key partners, in particular DfI, through established Community Planning structures, however, enforcement of obstructions is not within BCC's remit and lies solely with DfI.

The Department for Infrastructure has reminded all drivers to 'Think before you Park' ahead of the introduction of new parking restrictions which came into operation on Friday 3rd November. The new restrictions coming into force will help to address this issue by prohibiting parking wholly or partly on a footway at a number of specific locations, including footways adjacent to;

- a bus lane;
- the limits of any bus stop in a lay-by or any bus stop as delineated by markings on the carriageway at any time;
- the limits of any bus stand in a lay-by or any bus stand as delineated by markings on the carriageway at any time;
- the limits of any mandatory cycle lane as delineated by markings on the carriageway at any time; and
- the limits of any mandatory school keep clear as delineated by markings on the carriageway at any time.

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The Rule also revokes and re-enacts existing prohibitions on footways. All vehicles found to be in breach of the new restrictions will receive a £90 Penalty Charge Notice, discounted to £45 if paid within 14 days.

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Further details on the new parking restrictions can be found at <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/news/drivers-reminded-think-you-park-new-parking-restrictions-come-operation>

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Given that the specific requests within the Motion have been addressed and that the Council has no further powers to exercise in this regard, it is suggested that this Motion is closed.

3.9	<p>Vaping (Ref 313) A report updating on progress in relation to this Motion including updates on current policy context and recent strategic level engagements in relation to tobacco control and vaping issues; and a draft BCC response to the 'Creating a Smoke Free Generation' public consultation was noted and agreed at the P&C November 23 Committee meeting. With regards to the proposal for 'the Council to ban the use of vapes by under 18s in all its sites and premises', the Corporate Health and Safety Manager will bring a report to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in due course regarding the use of electronic cigarettes in Council sites and premises. Given that the specific actions requested within this Motion have been addressed, it is recommended that this Motion is now closed.</p>
3.10	<p>Lagan Valley Regional Park (Ref 323) As agreed at August 2023 P&C Committee, a letter was issued to DfI outlining concerns at the withdrawal of funding for LVRP. A response was received and presented to P&C Committee in November 2023. As the specific action within this Issue Raised in Advance has been undertaken, it is recommended that this Issue is now closed.</p>
3.11	<p>Request to receive a presentation – Causeway Coast Dog Rescue (Ref 333) The People and Communities Committee received a presentation from Causeway Coast Dog Rescue at its meeting on 10 October 2023 - it is therefore recommended that this Issue is now closed as the specific action within has been addressed.</p>
<p><u>Category 2 Recommended Closures</u></p>	
3.12	<p>Policy regarding Bilingual Signage for New Developments (Ref 334) A report on Dual Language Street Signage applications made by developers was presented to the People and Communities Committee meeting in November 2023 - the Committee agreed to adopt the recommendations as defined in the report and agreed to the proposed process. It is recommended that this Issue is now closed.</p>
3.13	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> There are no additional financial implications required to implement these recommendations.</p>
3.14	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications associated with this report.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1: Notices of Motion Live Database – P&C Committee</p>