



Subject:	Notices of Motion – Quarterly Update
Date:	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the progress of all Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance for which the Climate and City Resilience Committee is responsible for.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	It is recommended that the Climate and City Resilience Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the updates to all Notices of Motions and Issues Raised in Advance that this Committee is responsible for and</li> <li>• Agree to the closure of Notice of Motion 296 and Issue Raised in Advance 339 as referenced in Appendix 1 and paragraph 3.4 below.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>At SP&amp;R Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019, the following Notice of Motion was agreed:</p> <p>“That this Council notes that other Councils produce a monthly status report in relation to Notices of Motion; and agrees Belfast City Council adopts a similar practice and produces a monthly Notice of Motion Update which will be brought to each full Council Meeting, detailing the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Date received</li> <li>2. Notice of motion title</li> <li>3. Submitted by which Councillor</li> <li>4. Council meeting date</li> <li>5. Committee motion is referred to</li> <li>6. Outcome of committee where Notice of Motion will be debated</li> <li>7. Month it will be reported back to committee</li> <li>8. Other action to be taken.”</li> </ol>
3.2	<p>Following a review exercise, a new database containing all Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance at Committee was created and quarterly reporting to Committee commenced in March 2021.</p> <p>Appendix 1 is the latest quarterly update showing all active Notices of Motions and Issues Raised in Advance which the Climate and City Resilience Committee is responsible for.</p>
3.3	<p><b>Closure of Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance</b></p> <p>At SP&amp;R Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020, it was agreed that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notices of Motion which contained an action(s) that has been completed; and</li> <li>• Notices of Motion have become Council policy.</li> </ul>
3.4	The Climate and City Resilience Committee are asked to agree that the Notice of Motion and Issue Raised in Advance as outlined below are now closed:

	<p>Category 1 Recommended Closures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Belfast should join C40 (Ref 296)</b> – This NOM made a recommendation that the Lord Mayor of Belfast should apply, on behalf of Belfast City Council, to join the C40 network and in any event, adhere to the C40's leadership standards. The Climate Unit upon enquiring, was informed that membership is currently at full capacity and there are no plans to accept new applications at present. The Climate Unit has registered the Council's interest, should applications open up again, and C40 have asked to be kept informed of any outstanding climate action similar to the CDP A achieved by Belfast in 2022. It is recommended that NOM is now closed.</li> <li>• <b>Irish Passport Design ( Ref 339)</b> – This Issue Raised in Advance called for a letter to be sent to the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin, requesting that they include depictions/landmarks of Northern Ireland in any new proposed Irish passport design. This letter was sent on 10<sup>th</sup> November 23 and therefore it is recommended that this NOM is now closed.</li> </ul>
3.5	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional financial implications associated with this report</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained in this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	<b>Appendix 1:</b> Notices of Motion Live Database – Climate and City Resilience Committee