

# Notice of Motion – Live Database

Ref	Type	Date of Council Meeting	Motion (including hyperlinks)	Proposed by	Referral route	Committee	Agreed actions (agreed decisions from committee/ Council)	Lead officer	Lead Department	Status	Status Update
7	notice of Motion	09/04/2018	<a href="#">Childcare Strategy</a>	Cllr O'Hara	Referred to SP&R	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	A child care strategy that is for Belfast alone would not be operational and outside the remit of the Council. The Education Minister recently confirmed ( 7th Sep 2022) the continued commitment to developing an integrated Early Learning and Childcare Strategy for NI with March 2023 as the anticipated date for the draft of the strategy and costed action plan which will be subject to NI Executive consideration. Council officers will engage with Depts and seek to input into this process and advocate the need to accelerate the finalisation and implementation of the regional strategy. It was agreed at SP&R October 23 that this NOM would remain open, to allow for a further report to be submitted. Council officers will continue to work with partner organisations and relevant groups through community planning to help inform any future childcare strategy which may emerge and it is the intention to bring back a report at a later stage
23	Notice of Motion	01/07/2019	<a href="#">Removal of Banners and Paramilitary Flags in Belfast</a>	Cllr Beattie	Debated and passed	SP&R		N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Consultation delayed due to Covid-19. Since the decision by SP & R in 2019, the FICT report commissioned by The Executive was published which covers similar issues. Extensive consultation was undertaken between 2016 – 19 on this and the contents of this report have the agreement of the 5 main political parties represented on the Commission
25	Issue Raised in Advance	23/08/2019	<a href="#">Abortion Imagery</a>	Cllr Groogan		SP&R		N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Report to be brought to CMT and potentially Party Group Leaders for discussion on way forward. Work is ongoing on the development of new city amenities byelaws which would try to address a number of issues in relation to good governance in the city centre including the display of promotional literature or material without a permit from the Council. The Council have undertaken initial engagement with the Department for Communities and obtained legal advice on the draft byelaws. On 26 June 2023 the SP&R Committee agreed that the draft Bye Laws be issued for formal public consultation commencing in September 2023. At the Oct 23 Cttee it was agreed that this would remain open awaiting outcome of planned consultation. Consultation commenced on 27 November 2023 and will run to 4 March 2024.
35	Notice of Motion	02/12/2019	<a href="#">Pridestrian Animation</a>	Cllr Garrett	Referred to SP&R	SP&R		J Greer	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Following recommendations from the Inclusive Mobility and Transport Advisory Committee (IMTAC) that colourful crossings should not be used; officers are continuing to engage with partner to investigate alternative options. Officers have engaged with external partners and developed a proposal for a piece of temporary public art. A proposal for members will be brought for to CG&R in early 2024.
49	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	<a href="#">Market Gardens and Urban Farming</a>	Cllr de Faioite	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Climate Team are have established a Belfast Sustainable Food Partnership, which is currently developing an action plan which will consider the potential for market gardens and urban farming in the city. The UPSURGE and UP2030 projects are also looking at the use of green space and nature based solutions, and will include community growing elements.
50	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	<a href="#">Belfast Zoo</a>	Cllr Maskey	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Greer	Place & Economy	Ongoing	The “Kingdom of the Barbary lion” purpose-built Lion habitat opened in August and has the biggest glass lion viewer in Europe. Despite challenging weather this year, initiatives such as zoo explorers, BCC summer scheme, Boo at the zoo and the inaugural Santa experiences have all received positive participant feedback. Refurbishment works continue at the vacant Hazelwood House, Bellevue Steps and Floral Hall continue to be reviewed. Works have completed to replace the roofs or 2 animal houses. The Council’s Assets Team continue to work on a detailed action plan with timelines and potential funding opportunities.
51	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	<a href="#">Growth Deal</a>	Cllr Beattie	Straight to Committee	SP&R		R Cregan	Finance & Resources	Ongoing	To be progressed as resources become available.

74	issue Raised in Advance	19/06/2020	<a href="#">Disabled People and Older People</a>	Cllr McMullan		SP&R		N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	The draft Age Friendly plan 22-26 is scheduled to be presented to SP&R in September 22 before going out to public consultation in October 22. The plan outlines actions that will contribute to relevant aims in the Belfast Agenda, accessibility is explicitly mentioned in the report with proposed actions to address this issue. The emerging priorities include Infrastructure – helping people ‘get out and about’ and Social inclusion, promoting connections both themes will promote increased accessibility. Work will continue with the Council’s internal Reference Group on Older People and officers have secured funding for a Council Age Friendly Co-ordinator, the recruitment process for this post will commence in the Autumn. It is therefore proposed that this Motion is now closed. 10.01.23 Part one of this motion in relation to older people and inclusivity is now recommended for closure due to the above update. However there are further actions and updates to be gained in relation to accessibility and inclusivity with regards to disabled people and in a wider sense. Therefore this motion has been left as on-going until these further updates have been obtained.
131	Notice of Motion	02/11/2020	<a href="#">Sealing of the Records of Mother and Baby Homes</a>	Cllr Michael Collins	Debated at Council	SP&R	Letters sent. Awaiting response from Irish Gov. Exec response received.	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Response from Irish Gov still outstanding - 06/09/21
138	Notice of Motion	07/12/2020	<a href="#">World Environment Day</a>	Cllr Garrett	Straight to Committee	SP&R	Report to come back to SP&R Committee	J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Climate Team is developing a calendar of key dates with Corporate Communications, ensuring appropriate messaging is developed in advance. The Communication Plan will be delivered through the BCC Climate Action Plan.
167	Notice of Motion	01/04/2021	<a href="#">Violence against Women and Girls</a>	Cllr Mulholland	Straight to Committee	<a href="#">SP&amp;R</a>	Council to write to NI Executive re Strategy. Council to work with groups like Womens Aid. Council to ensure it has an up to date Anti Harrassment Policy in place	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	To be progressed as resources become available
171	Notice of Motion	01/04/2021	<a href="#">10 Per Cent Pay Increase for Council Workers</a>	Councillor Matt Collins	Debated at Council	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The NJC pay award for 2022-23, was agreed and finalised November 2022 in accordance with the NJC’s Constitution. There is no provision for local pay deals to be reached unless a council has chosen to opt out of the national bargaining machinery. Management have met with Trade Union representatives from each locally recognised Trade Union, and Council agreed to award 2 x COL payments of £750 gross to all staff except for Chief Officers. Following extensive discussions, management and the Trade Unions have agreed an interim pay and grading structure effective from 1 Sep 2022 for NJC and Craft employees. The interim structure includes the removal of the first SCP in each grade, except for PO12 and the addition of 1 SCP to the top of each grade, except for PO12. All employees will progress by 1 increment with effect from 1 September 2022 with the exception of those employees at the top of PO12. From 1 April 2023, normal processes for incremental progression will apply. Work continues to develop an updated Pay and Grading Structure in line with the rate setting process for FY 2024/25. It is anticipated that an update will be brought to SP&R on the P&G structure and assimilation ahead of finalising the rate.
176	Notice of Motion	04/05/2021	<a href="#">Mater Hospital Services</a>	Cllr Ferguson	Debated at Council	SP&R		N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	This motion related to provision of services during the pandemic - this was resolved with services returning to normal from November 2022. 12.03.23 This motion recommendation for closure was rejected at Feb SP&R and therefore remains on-going
187	Notice of Motion	01/06/2021	<a href="#">Local Government Pension Scheme – Responsible Investment Strategy</a>	Cllr Murphy	Debated at Council	SP&R	Write to NILGOSC	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Letter sent 2/7/21. Meeting with NILGOSC requested by S P and R 20/8/21 - to be arranged
189	Notice of Motion	01/06/2021	<a href="#">PEACE IV to PEACE PLUS Programmes</a>	Cllr Kyle	Debated at Council	SP&R	Write to TEO and SEUPB	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Letters sent 2/7/21. Response received from SEUPB 20/7/21 - TEO yet to respond
195	Notice of Motion	01/07/2021	<a href="#">Chat Bench and Tackling Loneliness</a>	Cllr Howard	Straight to Committee	SP&R		S Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	[No change from previous update]. To be progressed as resources become available. The NoM is wider than just physical projects.
197	Notice of Motion	01/09/2021	<a href="#">The Rights of Nature</a>	Cllr Smyth	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Climate team will review the motion while developing the Belfast Climate Plan, updating members accordingly.
199	Notice of Motion	01/09/2021	<a href="#">Four-Day Working Week</a>	Cllr Garrett	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	Management to bring a report to February 24 committee regarding proposals for a 4 day working week pilot.
203	Notice of Motion	04/10/2021	<a href="#">Electric Charging Points</a>	Ald Dorrian	Debated at Council	SP&R	Write to Minister for Infrastructure  Members to receive a report from officers	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Responses from Ministers being considered by officers

209	Notice of Motion	04/10/2021	<a href="#">Environmentally Sustainable Event Spaces</a>	Cllr Garrett	Straight to Committee	SP&R		S Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	[No change from previous update]. To be progressed as resources become available.
225	Issue Raised in Advance	17/12/2021	<a href="#">City Centre Built Heritage</a>	Cllr Murphy	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		C Reynolds	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Work is ongoing.
228	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	10/01/2022	<a href="#">Playing Pitches in Belfast</a>	Cllr Brooks	Straight to Committee	SP&R		D Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	
235	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	22/02/2022	<a href="#">Energy Price Crises</a>	Cllr Smyth	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Tully/ Debbie Caldwell	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Climate Team are currently developing an EV Strategy for Belfast which will consider community needs and opportunities. The Belfast Local Area Energy Plan is under development, due to complete in March 2024, this will consider opportunities for community energy initiatives. In parallel discussions are ongoing with projects such as Edenderry District Energy initiative, to explore opportunities to support community ambitions.
243	Notice of Motion	14/03/2022	<a href="#">Cost of Living</a>	Cllr. Garrett	Debated at Special Council	SP&R	Present proposal to create a citywide hardship fund	J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	An All-Party Members' Cost of Living Working Group had been established and helped shape the co-design of a £1million+ Hardship Fund for 2023/2024. The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee has agreed the broad framework for the hardship fund which includes significant funding to help alleviate the impacts of the cost-of-living crisis on those most in need across the city including Children and Young People (including those with special needs), families and individuals in emergency need, aging population and newcomer communities.  A new 'Cost-of-Living Support Guide' has also been developed and disseminated across the city, including 100 public and community buildings, to raise awareness and sign-post people to other sources of help and support. Further reports will be brought to Committee as relevant.
257	Issue Raised in Advance	17/06/2022	<a href="#">City Cemetery - Bi-lingual Signage</a>	Cllr Beattie	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		S Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	The new City Cemetery visitor centre is open and operational. Dual language signage on the visitor centre is complete.
264	Issue Raised in Advance	19/08/2022	<a href="#">Electric Vehicle Charging Points Strategy</a>	Cllr Long	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Climate Team has developed a Belfast EV Strategy which is currently being circulated to the Internal EV Group for comment. It is scheduled for completion and to be brought for approval in early 2024. On approval, a Belfast City EV Working Group including relevant external partners will be established to help implement the strategy. BCC is a partner in the FASTER project, which saw 9 EV chargers installed at 7 BCC leisure centres, becoming operational at the start of December. A bid has been developed for the ORCS Fund 2023/24 for EV charging infrastructure at 15 BCC public facing car parks.
266	Notice of Motion	23/08/2022	<a href="#">GLL and Trade Unions</a>	Cllr Ferguson	Agreed at Committee	SP&R	CX to convene meeting	J Walsh	Chief Executives	Recommend Close	The Chief Executive convened a meeting with the Trade Unions on 5th April 2023 and GLL now formally recognise the Trade Unions.
269	Notice of Motion	23/08/2022	<a href="#">Support for Striking Communication Workers Union</a>	Cllr Michael Collins	Agreed at Committee	SP&R	Write to BT/Openreach/Royal Mail & arrange an all party delegation with CWU reps.	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	Wrote to BT etc. and arranging APD - Response received on behalf of BT and Open Reach 15/9
280	issue Raised in Advance	21/10/2022	<a href="#">Fuel Poverty Hardship Fund</a>	Cllr Flynn	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		D Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	
283	Issue Raised in Advance	18/11/2022	<a href="#">Memorial to Baroness May Blood</a>	Cllr Murray	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		S Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	[No change from previous update]. Discussed at the City Hall/City Hall Grounds Installations Working Group. To be considered as part of the City Hall statues project under the Capital Programme.
284	Issue Raised in Advance	18/11/2022	<a href="#">Use of the Ceremony Room, City Hall</a>	Cllr Michelle Kelly	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		S Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	[No change from previous update]. A report on the potential reinstatement of the Ceremony Room to be submitted to a future Committee meeting.

297	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	05/01/2023	<a href="#">Comber Greenway</a>	Cllr Flynn	Straight to Committee	SP&R		S Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Project has significant resource and financial implications. Officers are starting the process of reengaging with DfI on the Comber Greenway.
298	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	05/01/2023	<a href="#">School Street Schemes</a>	Cllr de Faote	Straight to Committee	SP&R	Council to write to Department for Infrastructure requesting it to bring forward a School Streets pilot project in Belfast	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
300	issue Raised in Advance	20/01/2023	<a href="#">Levelling Up Fund</a>	Cllr McLaughlin	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	A report was submitted to SP&R Committee in October 2023 providing an update on ongoing discussions with DLUHC in relation to the announcement on the open call for Levelling Up Round 3 and the fact that this was not call for applications which does not apply to Northern Ireland at this time given the current absence of a working Executive and Assembly. The Council has written to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities expressing concern on the approach adopted.  In anticipation of a Levelling Up Round 3 being brought forward, work continues to develop a pipeline of potential candidate projects which can be worked up to a stage of maturity for submission to any future funding call.
302	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	24/01/2023	<a href="#">Winter Outdoor Preparedness Strategy</a>	Cllr McMullan	Straight to Committee	SP&R		S Toland	City & Neighbourhood Services	Recommend Close	An update report on Winter Preparedness was presented to People and Communities Committee in November 2023.
305	Notice of Motion	24/01/2023	<a href="#">Support for striking Health Workers</a>	Cllr Matt Collins	Agreed at Committee	SP&R	The Council resolves to write to the Department for Health and the Secretary of State, in the absence of a Minister for Health, to urge them to source and provide a fair, above inflation pay rise for health workers.	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Adopted at Standards and Business Committee. Progress to be reported to SP&R
306	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	21/02/2023	<a href="#">Maternity Leave Provision for Mothers of Babies defined as Premature</a>	Cllr Spratt	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	Research and benchmarking complete, proposals have been developed and will be consulted on with management and trade unions in accordance with the IR Framework.
308	Notice of Motion	21/02/2023	<a href="#">Overdose Prevention Facility in Belfast</a>	Cllr O'Hara	Debated at Council	SP&R	That this Council facilitates an open call to organisations who wish to be involved in the setting up of such a facility to work together to draft a proposal on what this service would include, centred on providing overdose prevention facilities and wrap around support services for those in need, and to write to the relevant agencies to urge them to provide multi-year funding for the Complex Lives strategy	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Adopted at Council and progress to be reported to SP&R initially. At SP&R on 24th November the Committee agreed that, at the request of Councillor Smyth, that a report be submitted at its next monthly meeting with specific reference made to meetings held, legal advice sought and partners engaged with - see no. 346 for reference.

319	Notice of Motion	27/06/2023	<a href="#">CPR Training and Circuit</a>	Cllr Black	Straight to Committee	SP&R	Calls for all defibrillators to be registered on the circuit and accessible 24/7 to public, future funding for defibs requires them to be registered on circuit and that mandatory training is provided for councillors and staff	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
320	Notice of Motion	27/06/2023	<a href="#">Department for Infrastructure - Standards of Repairs to Roads and Footpaths</a>	Cllr Long	Adopted	SP&R	The Council will write to DfI to raise the issue regarding the standard of repairs to roads and footpaths	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	Correspondence issued to DfI Perm Sec - 11.07.23. Recommend close on the basis that a response has now been received and is being taken forward as part of ongoing engagement with DfI.
325	Issue Raised in Advance	18/08/2023	<a href="#">Request for Artwork to Celebrate the Oscar Winning Film 'An Irish Goodbye'</a>	Cllr Black	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R	A report be submitted to a future meeting on the provision of artwork somewhere in the City to mark the success of the above-mentioned film.	J Greer	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Officers are considering how to meet this request from within existing programmes and budgets. A report will be brought to SP&R committee for consideration.
326	Issue Raised in Advance	18/08/2023	<a href="#">Data Protection</a>	Cllr Beattie	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R	Report to be brought back setting parameters around internal investigation into media reports re injunctions in 2017	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
327	Issue Raised in Advance	18/08/2023	<a href="#">Corporate Communications - Language Policy</a>	Cllr Ronan McLaughlin	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R	Granted approval for Council to issue immediately tweet in Irish marking the 130th anniversary of the founding of Conradh na Gaeilge (July 2023) and for future tweets to issue in minority language and English	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	Social media tweet issued on 18 August. The draft Language Policy Action Plan issued for public consultation in Oct 2023 contain actions about social media tweets in all languages.
330	Notice of Motion	29/08/2023	<a href="#">Clean Indoor Air Motion</a>	Cllr Maghie	Straight to Committee	SP&R	Council, amongst other things, to prioritise clean indoor air in Belfast City Hall and other Council-owned and occupied premises. Referred SP&R Committee which	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
331	Notice of Motion	29/08/2023	<a href="#">Save West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness</a>	Cllr Collins	Straight to Committee	SP&R		T Wallace	Finance & Resources	Recommend Close	Following discussion at Party Leaders and SP&R, and on the basis there were no funds available for reallocation, it was agreed that all requests for funding would be dealt with via the discretionary payments policy, which is currently being reviewed and revised. This was due to a specified reserve being available for this purpose. Following discussion at SP&R on 24th November, criteria to be revised slightly and a scoring matrix developed and brought back to SP&R in December. This will allow organisations to apply for funding in January
332	Notice of Motion	29/08/2023	<a href="#">Future Management Structures of Lough Neagh</a>	Cllr Smyth	Debated at Council	SP&R	Council calls for public acquisition of Lough Neagh from Lord Shaftesbury, exploration of a right of nature and the future participation of communities in any future decision making	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	Call was passed at Committee. Recommend close unless there are further actions for Council to take.
336	Notice of Motion	26/09/2023	<a href="#">National Famine Memorial Day</a>	Cllr Whyte	Agreed at Committee	SP&R		N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	Response received and reported to SP&R in January 2024
337	Notice of Motion	26/09/2023	<a href="#">Right to Food Campaign</a>	Cllr Doherty	Agreed at Council	SP&R	Council will write to the Permanent Secretary at the Department of Education calling for the urgent restoration of the School Holiday Food Grant Scheme, and to request that the Department protect and prioritise the needs of the most disadvantaged children and young people when making decisions regarding the allocation of its resources.	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Response presented to S P and R 24/11/23 - Referred to Social Policy Working Group

341	Notice of Motion	24/10/2023	<a href="#">Childcare Provision</a>	Cllr Maghie	Straight to Committee	SP&R		D Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	Report to be brought back to S P and R
342	Notice of Motion	24/10/2023	<a href="#">Mental Health Accessibility Audit</a>	Cllr Garrett	Straight to Committee	SP&R		D Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	Report to be brought back to S P and R
344	Notice of Motion	24/10/2023	<a href="#">Rugby World Cup</a>	Cllr Lyons	Straight to Committee	SP&R	The motion calls upon the Council to hold a civic reception for the Irish Rugby World Cup team . Due to cost implications the	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Motion adopted at S P and R 24/11/23
346	Issue Raised in Advance	24/11/2023	<a href="#">Request for Update on Motion on Overdose Prevention Facility in Belfast</a>	Cllr Smyth	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R	At SP&R on 24th November the Committee agreed that, at the request of Councillor Smyth, that a report be submitted at its next monthly meeting with specific reference made to meetings held, legal advice sought and partners engaged with	N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	See original NOM ref 308 for reference. Update provided to SP&R in January 2024
350	Notice of Motion	28/11/2023	<a href="#">Removal of the Maximum Capital Value Cap on Domestic Rates</a>	Cllr McDowell	Straight to Committee	SP&R		T Wallace	Finance & Resources	Recommend Close	The draft consultation response will take account of this recommendation. The consultation respponse was agreed at SP&R in Jan 24 and ratified at Council in Feb
351	Notice of Motion	28/11/2023	<a href="#">Right to Grow on Council owned land</a>	Cllr Bell	Straight to Committee	SP&R		J Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	
355	Issue Raised in Advance	15/12/2023	<a href="#">Trademarket Belfast - Future Location</a>	Cllr Murray	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	letter sent to Linen Quarter Bid re Trademarket Belfast's request to take over the short-term lease of a portion of land on Bankmore Square
356	Notice of Motion	04/01/2024	<a href="#">Memorial Wall - Covid-19</a>	Cllr McDonough-Brown	Straight to Committee	SP&R		N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
359	Issue Raised in Advance	19/01/2024	<a href="#">Request for BCC to act as a Sponsor for a Community Asset Transfer for West Belfast Partnership Board</a>	Cllr Black	Issue Raised in Advance	SP&R		N Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
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