



Subject:	Notices of Motion update
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance allocated to the People and Communities Committee.
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 People and Communities Committee is responsible for as referenced in Appendix 1; and• Agree to the closure of 11 Notices of Motion / Issues Raised in Advance, as referenced in Appendix 1 and noted in paragraph 3.5 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 December 2023. Whilst a further update was scheduled for June 24, reporting on Notices of Motions was postponed due to the pre-election period ahead of the General Election on 4 July.
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 December 2023 update, and those Motions and Issues which have since arisen.
3.3	Notice of Motion Updates
3.3	There are currently 45 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
3.4	At SP&R Committee on 20 th November 2020, it was agreed that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons:

- **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.

3.5

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:

- **Play Facilities for Children with Disabilities (Ref 27)** - Members were presented with an update on the Playground Improvement Programme at December 2023 P&C Committee, where it was agreed that a independent audit of 'play value' and accessibility be undertaken at all council-maintained playgrounds. A contractor was appointed, and an audit of sites has been completed. This information will be used to inform the annual Playground Improvement Programme, which Members will receive an annual report on. As the actions within this Motion have been completed and reporting will be ongoing, it is recommended that this Motion is now closed.
- **School Uniform Exchange (Ref 63)** - Following continued engagement with community and local government partners, officers can confirm that there are a number of school uniform exchange initiatives in place across the city which are organised by schools themselves, and local community groups. The establishment of the Cost of Living Working Group and the Hardship Programme also consider similar issues in relation to alleviating poverty. Given that the requests within the Motion have been taken forward and that a number of community/school uniform exchange initiatives are in place, it is recommended that this Motion is closed.
- **CCTV at CS Lewis Square (Ref 159)** - An update in response to the gritting of greenways was provided to People and Communities Committee in March 2021. In respect of the suggestion to explore the erection of CCTV equipment at CS Lewis Square and along the Greenway, officers have advised that following engagement with the relevant Council officers, community partners and review of records and anecdotal evidence, that this area is not deemed to be a priority area for investment in CCTV at this time. It is therefore recommended that this Issue is now closed.
- **Fast Track Cities (Ref 357)** - The Lord Mayor's office have confirmed that Council has now signed up to the Paris Declaration to support the Fast Track cities aim of eliminating the stigma associated with HIV and AIDS as well as aiming for no new HIV diagnosis by 2030. This Motion can now be closed.

- **XL Bully Restrictions (Ref 370)** - Reports updating on the new safeguarding measures and timelines for XL Bully breed type dogs in NI was presented to People and Communities Committee in May and June 24. This issue can therefore be closed.
- **Request for Lagan Valley Regional Park and HED to address Committee regarding Giant's Ring (Ref 372)** - People and Communities Committee received a presentation from the Lagan Valley Regional Park in June 2024, therefore this Issue can now be closed.
- **Renaming of Suffolk Community Garden (Ref 378)** - A ceremony to mark the renaming of the Suffolk Community Garden was held on 26 July - this Issue can now be closed.
- **Request from Glentoran Football Club to address Committee (Ref 390)** - Given the recent engagement by officers with all clubs with an interest in Blanchflower pitches and the work ongoing to assess recent feedback from these clubs to inform an allocation model, it was agreed that it would not be appropriate to receive a presentation from one single club - therefore Glentoran's request to present was not agreed. As this request has been considered and a position agreed, it is recommended that this Issue is closed.

Category 2 Recommended Closures:

- **Belfast City Council Inclusive Play Parks (Ref 254)** - Members were presented with an update on the Playground Improvement Programme at December 2023 P&C Committee, where it was agreed that a independent audit of 'play value' and accessibility be undertaken at all council-maintained playgrounds. A contractor was appointed and an audit of sites was completed. Officers engaged with the Mae Murray Foundation and Playboard NI in the development of the new Audit Checklist/ranking system. The findings of this will inform future site selection under PIP and future capital proposals in terms of inclusive design in Playparks. Officers are in possession of the recently published 'Adapt my play' report and will work to integrate recommendations and improvements in to ongoing playground planning and design. Resource permitting, officers will be working with Mae Murray and Playboard NI to develop a concept design for a new inclusive play facility at an appropriate destination site in the city. This will include consultation with other stakeholders with lived experience. It is therefore recommended that this Motion is closed.
- **Inclusive Leisure Services (Ref 287)** - Members have been presented with a series of reports in relation to Community Engagement and Underrepresented Target Groups (April 23 and April 24) – these annual reports include updates on provision and plans for all underrepresented groups, including those with disabilities which align with the requests made within this Motion. A further paper on Current Inclusivity Programming and Future Development Plans was also presented to P&C Committee in April 23 which included updates on memberships and customer initiatives for people with disabilities and carers, the JAM card scheme, accessible changing facilities, an overview of programming of activities promoting inclusivity, and staff training. Members will also recall receiving a presentation from Swimming Buddies at the February 23 P&C Committee. As the actions within this Motion have been completed, are part of the operational approach to leisure services and will be reported on a regular basis to P&C Committee, it is recommended that this Motion is now closed.

3.6	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> There are no additional financial implications required to implement these recommendations.
3.7	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained in this report.
4.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1: Notices of Motion Live Database – P&C Committee