

Belfast City Council Notice of Motion Database

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7	Notice of Motion	09/04/2018	Childcare Strategy	Cllr Mal O'Hara	SP&R	John Tully City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	UPDATE (October 24) The need to bring forward the Child-Care Strategy for Northern Ireland was raised by the Belfast City Council Cross-party delegation when they meet with the Education Minister, Paul Givan, on 1 October 2024. 'Delivering more affordable Childcare' has been identified as 1 of nine immediate priorities identified within the NICS draft Programme for Government recently published for public consultation
23	Notice of Motion	01/07/2019	Removal of Banners and Paramilitary Flags in Belfast	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Nora Largey Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	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 Report to be brought to CMT and potentially Party Group Leaders for discussion on way forward.
25	Issue Raised in Advance	23/08/2019	Abortion Imagery	Cllr Aine Groogan	SP&R	Nora Largey Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	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 concluded on 4 March 2024. There was an extremely high level of responses to this consultation and officers are currently working on analysing the responses in preparation for drafting a report on the consultation findings.
49	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	Market Gardens and Urban Farming	Cllr Seamas de Faoite	SP&R	John Tully City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Climate Team have established a Belfast Sustainable Food Partnership, which is currently developing a sustainable food strategy for the city and will consider the potential for market gardens and urban farming in the city as part of this. Also links with Right to Grow motion. The UPSURGE and UP2030 projects are also looking at the use of green space and nature based solutions, and will include community and urban food growing opportunities.
51	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	Growth Deal	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Sharon McNicholl Corporate Services	Ongoing	To be progressed as resources become available.
74	Issue Raised in Advance	19/06/2020	Disabled People and Older People	Cllr Ross McMullan	SP&R	Nora Largey Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	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 are obtained
131	Notice of Motion	02/11/2020	Sealing of the Records of Mother and Baby Homes	Cllr Michael Collins	SP&R	Nora Largey Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Response from Irish Gov still outstanding - 06/09/21
167	Notice of Motion	01/04/2021	Violence against Women and Girls	Cllr Sian Mulholland	SP&R	Nora Largey Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	To be progressed as resources become available
171	Notice of Motion	01/04/2021	10 Per Cent Pay Increase for Council Workers	Cllr Matt Collins	SP&R	John Tully City & Organisational Strategy	Recommend Close	Update August 24 : The Pay & Grading proposal for staff on Belfast City Council Terms & Conditions was accepted by TUs on 20th June 2024 and communicated to staff. Planning for the next phase of the project has commenced which seeks to harmonise the remaining outstanding Single Status matters where practicable. (Shift allowance / Irregular Hours / Unsocial Hours / Standby & Callout). The work to address the overall pay and grading structure is completed and therefore this NOM is recommended to be closed.
176	Notice of Motion	04/05/2021	Mater Hospital Services	Cllr Fiona Ferguson	SP&R	Nora 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	Local Government Pension Scheme - Responsible Investment Strategy	Cllr Ryan Murphy	SP&R	Nora 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	PEACE IV to PEACE PLUS Programmes	Cllr John Kyle	SP&R	Nora 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	Chat Bench and Tackling Loneliness	Cllr Carole Howard	SP&R	Sinead Grimes Property & Projects	Recommend Close	There are already chatty benches in the following parks via Health Unit, namely Marrowbone Park, Ligoniel Park, Glencairn Park, Woodvale Park and Waterworks. The proposed repurposing of council owned benches as 'Happy to Chat Benches' at City Hall will be considered at the City Hall Working Group. Also, council does not own a bench at TQ. This NOM is recommended to be closed.
197	Notice of Motion	01/09/2021	The Rights of Nature	Cllr Brian Smyth	SP&R	John Tully Christine Sheridan City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	Research and engagement ongoing to understand related initiatives such as biodiversity net gain and nature positive as part of Council Climate Action Plan which will be brought to Council for approval in due course.
199	Notice of Motion	01/09/2021	Four-Day Working Week	Cllr Matt Garrett	SP&R	Human Resources	Ongoing	Discussions to take place with Cllr Garrett on an appropriate pilot

203	Notice of Motion	04/10/2021	Electric Charging Points	Ald George Dorrian	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Responses from Ministers being considered by officers
209	Notice of Motion	04/10/2021	Environmentally Sustainable Event Spaces	Clr Matt Garrett	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	A report is required to SP&R Committee to outline the next steps. To be discussed at CMT.
228	Notice of Motion	10/01/2022	Playing Pitches in Belfast	Clr David Brooks	SP&R	David Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	Members will be aware that work is ongoing to progress the Belfast Pitches Strategy. A report outlining the background to the need for development of the Strategy, an indicative timeline for commissioning and an overview of the Terms of Reference was presented to People and Communities Committee in August 2023. It is expected that a draft strategy will be presented to committee in March 2025.
235	Notice of Motion	22/02/2022	Energy Price Crises	Clr Brian Smyth	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Belfast Local Area Energy Plan provides an evidence base which will help to inform investment in community energy schemes. The Plan specifically includes an action to support community energy organisations to develop rooftop solar PV installations and engage in area based retrofit projects. In parallel discussions are ongoing with projects such as Edenderry District Energy initiative, to explore opportunities to support community ambitions. A new temporary post has been created within the team specifically to support delivery of the LAEP with this post expected to be in place in early 2025.
243	Notice of Motion	14/03/2022	Cost of Living	Clr Matt Garrett	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	UPDATE (Nov 24) -UPDATE (November 2024) -. Department for Communities (DFC) has confirmed no hardship funding will be made available for 2024/25 period, however, has contributed significant funding towards the Social Supermarket network which exists across the city. In October 2024, the SP&R Committee agreed to commit £1million towards the 2024-25 hardship programme which now totals £1,100,773. On 22 November 2024, the SP&R Committee considered and agreed the proposed funding allocation model and timescale for implementation of the 2024-25 hardship programme.
257	Issue Raised in Advance	17/06/2022	City Cemetery - Bi-lingual Signage	Clr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Recommend Close	The new City Cemetery visitor centre is open and operational. Dual language signage on the visitor centre is complete. External dual language signs have been installed across the cemetery grounds. This NOM is recommended to be closed.
264	Issue Raised in Advance	19/08/2022	Electric Vehicle Charging Points Strategy	Clr Michael Long	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Climate Team plan to present the draft BCC EV Strategy to SP&R Committee for approval in Aug 2024.
280	Issue Raised in Advance	21/10/2022	Fuel Poverty Hardship Fund	Clr Anthony Flynn	SP&R	David Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Recommend Close	The £500k referenced in this Notice of Motion evolved into the £1.1m Fuel Poverty Hardship Fund for 2022/23. Work has continued thanks to additional funding from DFC for 2023/24 - an update report will be presented to Strategic Policy and Resources, and officers will write to DfC in relation to funding for a 2024/25 programme. Given that the specific ask within this Motion has been addressed, it is recommended that this Motion is now closed.
283	Issue Raised in Advance	18/11/2022	Memorial to Baroness May Blood	Clr Micky Murray	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Recommend Close	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. This NOM can be closed as this is being considered under the City Hall statues project.
284	Issue Raised in Advance	18/11/2022	Use of the Ceremony Room, City Hall	Clr Michelle Kelly	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	A report on the potential reinstatement of the Ceremony Room to be submitted to a future Committee meeting.
297	Notice of Motion	05/01/2023	Comber Greenway	Clr Anthony Flynn	SP&R	Sinead 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	05/01/2023	School Street Schemes	Clr Seamas de Faoite	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Letters issued to DfI on 17 Apr 2023 in relation to Rosetta Way "quietway" and also to DAERA on 12 Feb 2024 re School Streets Air Quality but no letter specifically on School Streets Schemes appears to have been issued to DfI
300	Issue Raised in Advance	20/01/2023	Levelling Up Fund	Clr Ronan McLaughlin	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Recommend Close	Since the announcement of Levelling Up Fund Round 3 and the fact that this did not apply to Northern Ireland rather than apply a Levelling Up Fund Round 3 competition in Northern Ireland, ministers opted to fund one additional LUF culture project in Northern Ireland directly, drawing from the list of bids submitted in Round 2 - the Shore Road Skills Centre was selected for NI at a value of £2.2 million. It is recommended that this NOM is now closed with a commitment to maintain a watching brief on any equivalent funding of similar scale which the UK Government may announce as a follow up or replacement to levelling up. Any follow up will be brought to members for consideration as soon as anything develops in this area.
305	Notice of Motion	24/01/2023	Support for striking Health Workers	Clr Matt Collins	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Adopted at Standards and Business Committee. Progress to be reported to SP&R
308	Notice of Motion	21/02/2023	Overdose Prevention Facility in Belfast	Clr Mal O'Hara	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	At SP&R on 24th November 2023 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	CPR Training and Circuit	Clr Christina Black	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
35	Notice of Motion	02/12/2019	Pridestrian Animation	Clr Matt Garrett	SP&R	John Greer	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Officers have engaged with external partners and developed a proposal for a piece of temporary public art. The cost has been prohibitive and discussions with the external partner are ongoing.

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326	Issue Raised in Advance	18/08/2023		Clr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
330	Notice of Motion	29/08/2023	Clean Indoor Air Motion	Clr Jenna Maghie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
331	Notice of Motion	29/08/2023	Save West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness	Clr Michael Collins	SP&R	Trevor Wallace	Finance & Resources	Recommend Close	Update August 24: At the request of Councillor Collins, the Council agreed that the Motion on Save West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness which had been recommended for closure, remained open and be brought back to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for further discussion."A paper was brought to SP&R on 19th April where committee further discussed and agreed that the request be dealt with via the discretionary payments process.The Discretionary payment processed opened at the end of June and closed on 2nd August. Again, West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness did not apply for funding.
337	Notice of Motion	26/09/2023	Right to Food Campaign	Clr Paul Doherty	SP&R	Nora 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	Childcare Provision	Clr Jenna Maghie	SP&R	David Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Recommend Close	Whilst Council host a number of summer and play schemes, it must be noted that childcare is a very specific function with registration required with the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust and as such, BCC do not provide childcare schemes. However, our Employability and Skills team provide a range of Childcare, Playwork and Classroom Assistant Employment Academies, Upskilling Academies and will be delivering new Childminding and Homecare Academies - Classroom Assistant Academies in Irish Medium are also available. In addition, support of £80,000 was agreed by SP&R Committee in February 2024 to support the enhancement of provision of summer schemes for children with additional needs for delivery in summer 2024. In light of the above, it is recommended that this Motion is now closed.
342	Notice of Motion	24/10/2023	Mental Health Accessibility Audit	Clr Matt Garrett	SP&R	David Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	Officers are working to progress this Motion.
347	Notice of Motion	28/11/2023	Cost of School Uniforms and P.E. Kits	Clr Sarah Bunting	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
351	Notice of Motion	28/11/2023	Right to Grow on Council owned land	Clr David Bell	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	Internal cross-departmental discussions are taking place to understand how this might be taken forward in Belfast. Mapping and survey of community growing space in the city underway, as well as research project with QUB ongoing.
356	Notice of Motion	04/01/2024	Memorial Wall - Covid-19	Clr Emmett McDonough-Brown	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Progressing.
358	Notice of Motion	04/01/2024	Ulster Bank Closures	Clr Geraldine McAteer	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Required letters were sent on 19th January 2024
359	Issue Raised in Advance	19/01/2024	Request for BCC to act as a Sponsor for a Community Asset Transfer for West Belfast Partnership Board	Clr Christina Black	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Recommend Close	Request has been agreed and LPS notified. This NOM is recommended to be closed.
360	Notice of Motion	23/01/2024	Transparency by Default at Belfast City Council	Clr Gary McKeown	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
361	Notice of Motion	23/01/2024	Rights-based Ethical Procurement Policy	Clr Bronach Anglin	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
366	Notice of Motion	22/02/2024	Gender Pay Gap Recording and Reporting	Clr Tara Brooks	SP&R	Christine Sheridan	Human Resources	Ongoing	Gender Pay Gap reporting, incorporated into CHR programme of work, due to be completed December 2025
50	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	Belfast Zoo	Clr Conor Maskey	SP&R	John Greer	Place & Economy	Ongoing	This work is being progressed by the member led Castle, Cavehill, Zoo and North Foreshore Steering Group.
225	Issue Raised in Advance	17/12/2021	City Centre Built Heritage	Clr Ryan Murphy	SP&R	Cathy Reynolds	Place & Economy	Recommend Close	Members will recall a detail report which was presented to SP&R Committee in April 2024 on "City Centre Regeneration Scheme" which followed on from previous decisions taken by the Committee and the issue raised in advance. A further report was presented to the Special SP&R Committee in June 2024 "City Centre Built Heritage". Based on these recent reports, and the strategic programme of work which is advancing around the subject property and the wider site where the property is located, it is recommended to close the Issue Raised in Advance. Members are asked to note that regular reports in respect of this strategic programme of work will be reported through the City Regeneration Members Working Group and the SP&R Committee.
325	Issue Raised in Advance	18/08/2023	Request for Artwork to Celebrate the Oscar Winning Film 'An Irish Goodbye'	Clr Christina Black	SP&R	John Greer	Place & Economy	Recommend Close	Belfast 2024 and Belfast Stories collaborated to deliver this motion. The artwork is being completed by the artist and it will be situated looking over the Belfast Stories site. There will be an official launch on Monday 30th September.
375	Notice of Motion	28/03/2024	Endorsement of Plant Based Treaty	Clr Paul Doherty		Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	No Committee allocated as adopted at S&BC
376	Notice of Motion	28/03/2024	Bilingual Signage at Weavers Cross	Clr Rois-Maire Donnelly		Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	No Committee allocated as adopted at S&BC
377	Notice of Motion	28/03/2024	International Dark Skies Week	Clr Aine Groogan		Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	No Committee allocated as adopted at S&BC

367	Notice of Motion	22/02/2024	Housing Crisis	Clr Aine Groogan	SP&R	Cathy Reynolds	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Officers are considering how best to progress this proposal in the context of the other Housing-led regeneration work and, in particular, the ongoing Strategic Site Assessment work proposed within the Corporate and City Growth & Regeneration Committee Plans for 2024-25.
385	Notice of Motion	30/04/2024	Plant Based Councils Initiative	Clr Anthony Flynn	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	Internal engagement with Procurement around how to take this forward ongoing. Report to SP&R in due course.
386	Notice of Motion	30/04/2024	Agricultural Fines for Pollution	Clr Brian Smyth	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	Motion referred for discussion at full council on 7 May 2024. Motion carried. No further action. Recommend close.
391	Notice of Motion	23/05/2024	High Costs of Childcare	Clr Paul Doherty					Held back due to upcoming election
392	Notice of Motion	23/05/2024	Going for Growth Strategy	Clr Brian Smyth					Held back due to upcoming election
393	Notice of Motion	23/05/2024	Ireland's Ancient East	Clr Gary McKeown					Held back due to upcoming election
395	Issue Raised in Advance	24/05/2024	Transfer of Powers - Licensing of Bus Tour Operators in the City	Clr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Discussions ongoing with DFI in relation to bus tour operators generally.
396	Issue Raised in Advance	24/05/2024	Connection of Water Supply to Social Homes	Clr Michael Donnelly	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
400	Issue Raised in Advance	23/08/2024	Good Relations Programmes	Clr Fiona McAteer	SP&R	David Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Recommend Close	The Good Relations Action Plan has been reviewed and presented to the Shared City Partnership and SP&R in September - delivery is well underway. It was agreed at the October meeting of the Shared City Partnership to review and refresh the Council's Good Relations Strategy and develop a three year action plan for Good Relations through a co-design process - this work is anticipated for completion in the second quarter of 2025. Given that the specific requests have been addressed, it is recommended that this Issue is now closed.
402	Issue Raised in Advance	20/09/2024	Sunday Trading - Pilot Scheme	Clr Sam Nelson	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
403	Notice of Motion	18/09/2024	Pause in funding to City Deals	Clr de Faoite	n/a				
404	Notice of Motion	18/09/2024	Commitment to Casement Park	Clr Beattie	n/a	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Letters forwarded to PM, Taoiseach, Sec of State and Communities Minister - responses from SoS and Communities Minister.
406	Notice of Motion	24/10/2024	Epilepsy - Education and Training	Clr Michael Long	SP&R	Christine Sheridan	Human Resources	Ongoing	Corporate HR will source appropriate education and training resources and deliver them via the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan and member development programme
407	Notice of Motion	24/10/2024	Blood and Bone Marrow Donations	Clr Christine Bower	SP&R	Christine Sheridan	Human Resources	Ongoing	Corporate HR will work with NIBTS to run blood donations sessions in appropriate council workplaces, and facilitate time to attend. In addition, we will carry out benchmarking with other organisations.
409	Notice of Motion	24/10/2024	NILGOSC - Disposal of Government Bonds	Clr Carl Whyte	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
410	Notice of Motion	04/11/2024	Special Education Needs - Legal Protection for Young People in Northern Ireland	Clr Paul Doherty	n/a	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
411	Issue Raised in Advance	25/10/2024	Fundraising box at the City Hall Christmas Tree	Clr Gary McKeown	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
412	Issue Raised in Advance	25/10/2024	Incident regarding Portrait in the City Hall on 19 October	Clr Sarah Bunting	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	