



Subject:	Notices of Motion – Quarterly Update
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
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 SP&R Committee is responsible for.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>It is recommended that SP&R Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the updates to all Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance that SP&R Committee is responsible for and • Agree to the closure of Notices of Motion 7, 407 and 479.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>At SP&R Committee on 25th 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"> 1. Date received 2. Notice of motion title 3. Submitted by which Councillor 4. Council meeting date 5. Committee motion is referred to 6. Outcome of committee where Notice of Motion will be debated 7. Month it will be reported back to committee 8. Other action to be taken.” <p>3.2 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. Appendix 1 is the latest quarterly update showing all active Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance which SP&R Committee is responsible for.</p> <p>3.3 Closure of Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance</p> <p>At SP&R Committee on 20th November 2020, it was agreed that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notices of Motion which contained an action(s) that has been completed; and • Notices of Motion have become Council policy. <p>SP&R Committee are asked to agree that the following are now closed:</p>

3.4	<p>Category 1 Recommended Closure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare Strategy (7): This Notice of Motion called on the Council to agree to investigate options to co-create a Childcare Strategy for the city. The NI Executive are moving forward with the Childcare Strategy, with the recent announcement by the Department of Education (on 16 May 2025) that £55million would be invested in early learning and childcare in 2025-26. The Minister also announced that the Northern Ireland Childcare Subsidy Scheme will now be extended to include school age children from 1 September 2025. In this context and given the limited role or responsibility of Council around childcare provision, it is proposed that this Notice of Motion is now closed. • Blood and Bone Marrow Donations (407): This Notice of Motion called on the Council to provide staff with adequate paid time off to give blood and/or to donate bone marrow and explore ways in which it can be made easier for staff to donate blood, such as, blood donation events at the workplace. Corporate HR have worked with the Internal Communications Team to raise awareness on blood and bone marrow donations, including an article on Interlink on organ and stem cell donations, details on how to register to become an organ or stem cell donor and how the process works. After a very successful blood donation session in City Hall last year, another session is planned before the summer. It is proposed that this Notice of Motion is now closed. • Levels of criminality and violence in the city centre (479): This Issue Raised in Advance called on the Council to convene a multi-agency meeting to address the levels of criminality and violence in the city centre. A multi-agency meeting was held on the 8th Dec 2025, therefore it is proposed that this Issue Raised in Advance is now closed.
3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional financial implications required to implement these recommendations.</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>
4.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1: Notices of Motion Live Database – SP&R Committee