



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Ormeau Arts Centre
Date:	11th March, 2026
Reporting Officer:	Damien Martin, Strategic Director of Place and Economy
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a motion in relation to an Ormeau Arts Centre, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 24th February, 2026.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to note that, in accordance with Standing Orders, Notices of Motion which commit the Council to expenditure or fall within the remit of a particular Committee must be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>At this stage, the Committee is asked to note that the notice of motion has been received and that, if agreed, a subsequent report will be brought back to the Committee outlining a detailed consideration of the motion and the potential cost implications.</p>

3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u>
	<p>At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 24th February, 2026, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor de Faoite and seconded by Councillor McKeown, was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p>
3.2	<u>Ormeau Arts Centre</u>
	<p>“Belfast City Council acknowledges the thriving and inclusive arts and cultural scene in Ballynafeigh and the benefits this brings not just to the local area, but to the city and region more widely;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notes the growing aspiration in the community, particularly emerging through the Open Ormeau Community Visioning project which took place in 2025, for a dedicated arts and cultural space in Ballynafeigh, recognising the strong local interest in the arts, music and culture, and the area's increasing status as a destination for both residents and visitors to Belfast; • and therefore agrees to fund a feasibility study to examine the potential for a dedicated arts and culture space in Ballynafeigh, working with Open Ormeau and the local community.” <p>Proposer: Councillor Séamas de Faoite Secunder: Councillor Gary McKeown</p>
3.3	The motion calls upon the Council to fund a feasibility study to examine the potential for a dedicated arts and culture space in Ballynafeigh.
3.4	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
	None at this stage as there is no commitment to proceed with the Notice of Motion. Details of any financial and resource implications will be reported at a subsequent meeting.
3.5	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
	None associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.