

## Belfast City Council Notice of Motion Database

Ref	Type	Meeting Date	Motion Title	Proposed by	Party	Reporting Cc	Reporting Officer	Lead Department	Status	Status Update
23	Notice of Motion	01/07/2019	<a href="#">Removal of Banners and Paramilitary Flags in Belfast</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	Sinn Fein	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	<a href="#">Abortion Imagery</a>	Cllr Aine Groogan	Green Party	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	A report to consider draft bye laws for the city centre in relation to amenity issues and the display of graphic imagery was presented to SP&R in February 26. Committee agreed to authorise officers to consult with DfC on the draft bye laws. This decision was later called in and now awaits legal opinion.
35	Notice of Motion	02/12/2019	<a href="#">Pedestrian Animation</a>	Cllr Matt Garrett	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Keith Forster	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Following the September meeting of SP&R Committee, officers considered DfI Western Division in relation to the existing pride flag crossing at the Foyle Bridge in Derry–Londonderry. The Department confirmed that careful consideration was given before permitting the rainbow markings on Foyle Embankment, (which were installed in 2021) to make sure it did not conflict Traffic Signs regulations. Following the introduction of the coloured markings, safety concerns were raised from a number of sources including IMTAC. DfI subsequently decided that following the representation from IMTAC, that no further such installations would take place. On a local level, the DfI Western Division confirmed that they were unaware of any safety issues that members of the public have experienced at the Foyle Embankment crossing; however they recognise that the concerns raised by IMTAC are often of a sensory and perception nature and that these issues may not always be reported to the Department and that the absence of a reported problem may not mean that the issue does not exist. On a practical level, the Department also highlighted the durability of such markings ( <a href="https://url.uk.m.mimecastroect.com/s/3fMJC9g2kFxm92gFofqHqPeP87domain=google.co.uk">https://url.uk.m.mimecastroect.com/s/3fMJC9g2kFxm92gFofqHqPeP87domain=google.co.uk</a> ). Further contact is being made with the Eastern Division to understand the latest status of the pedestrianisation of Union Street and discuss options for alternative designs like those implemented elsewhere in the UK and Ireland.
49	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	<a href="#">Market Gardens and Urban Farming</a>	Cllr Seamas de Faioite	SDLP	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational	Ongoing	Draft Food Strategy, Action Plan and Communications Plan developed. Internal discussions ongoing on costings and delivery.
50	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	<a href="#">Belfast Zoo</a>	Cllr Conor Maskey	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Keith Forster	Place & Economy	Ongoing	At the June 2025 meeting of the CG&R Committee, members requested a specific governance structure be established to look at a range of issues within Belfast Zoo. An initial meeting of the Zoo Long-Term Financial Sustainability Group was held on Wednesday 10th December 2025, the minutes of which were reported to the January 2026 meeting of the CG&R Committee. This motion will be addressed by this group.
51	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	<a href="#">Growth Deal</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Sharon McNicholl	Corporate Services	Ongoing	Deputy CEx has had discussions with Cllr Beattie to recommend closing - awaiting further info
131	Notice of Motion	02/11/2020	<a href="#">Sealing of the Records of Mother and Baby Homes</a>	Cllr Michael Collins	PBP	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Response from Irish Gov still outstanding - 06/09/21
176	Notice of Motion	04/05/2021	<a href="#">Mater Hospital Services</a>	Cllr Fiona Ferguson	PBP	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 2023 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 Ryan Murphy	Sinn Fein	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
199	Notice of Motion	01/09/2021	<a href="#">Four Day Working Week</a>	Cllr Matt Garrett	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Christine Sheridan	Human Resources	Ongoing	Workshop held on the NOM for management and Trade Unions on 26 March 2026. Management to meet with Four Day Week Foundation May 2026.
203	Notice of Motion	04/10/2021	<a href="#">Electric Charging Points</a>	Ald George Dorrian	DUP	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Responses from Ministers being considered by officers
209	Notice of Motion	04/10/2021	<a href="#">Environmentally Sustainable Event Spaces</a>	Cllr Matt Garrett	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	A report is required to SP&R Committee to outline the next steps. Progressing.
228	Notice of Motion	10/01/2022	<a href="#">Playing Pitches in Belfast</a>	Cllr David Brooks	DUP	SP&R	Jim Girvan	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	This is part of the Pitches Strategy and will go on the agenda for the 24th April SP&R.
235	Notice of Motion	22/02/2022	<a href="#">Energy Price Crises</a>	Cllr Brian Smyth	Green Party	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational	Ongoing	The climate team have recruited a Net Zero Officer, to support the development of the priority energy projects highlighted within the Local Area Energy Plan.
243	Notice of Motion	14/03/2022	<a href="#">Cost of Living</a>	Cllr Matt Garrett	Sinn Fein	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational	Ongoing	£75k hardship funding was provided to Family Support Hubs across the city. Refreshed Cost-of-Living Support Guide 2025/2026) disseminated across the city signposting those in need to sources of support and advice. Council provided evidence to the NCS Committee for Communities on the draft DFC 'Anti-Poverty Strategy'.
264	Issue Raised in Advance	19/08/2022	<a href="#">Electric Vehicle Charging Points Strategy</a>	Cllr Michael Long	Alliance	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational	Ongoing	An internal task and finish working group continue to coordinate work on the implementation of phase 1 and phase 2 of the Low Emission Vehicle Strategy which will allow Council to bring forward locations for low emissions infrastructure investment. Site assessment and market testing has been completed. A tender is being prepared based on a concession
284	Issue Raised in Advance	18/11/2022	<a href="#">Use of the Ceremony Room, City Hall</a>	Cllr Michelle Kelly	Alliance	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	<b>Category 1 closure</b> Following a report on City Hall Income Generation Project that went to SP&R Committee in May 2024, considerations relating ceremonies and location was clearly set out and
297	Notice of Motion	05/01/2023	<a href="#">Comber Greenway</a>	Cllr Anthony Flynn	Green Party	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	<a href="#">School Street Schemes</a>	Cllr Seamas de Faioite	SDLP	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
305	Notice of Motion	24/01/2023	<a href="#">Support for striking Health Workers</a>	Cllr Matt Collins	PBP	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	<b>Category 1 closure</b> Correspondence requested was issued. This is now recommend close on the basis that the disputes were resolved in 2023-24.
308	Notice of Motion	21/02/2023	<a href="#">Overdose Prevention Facility in Belfast</a>	Cllr Mal O'Hara	Green Party	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. A report was brought back to SP&R in January 2024. The Committee noted the contents of the report and that engagement would continue to take place with all the relevant agencies and stakeholders to advocate for such a facility in Belfast.
319	Notice of Motion	27/06/2023	<a href="#">CPR Training and Circuit</a>	Cllr Christina Black	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	The Committee agreed to adopt the motion, with a report to be submitted to a future meeting outlining how it could be facilitated.
326	Issue Raised in Advance	18/08/2023	<a href="#">Data Protection</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Agreed at SP&R that a report will be brought back to Committee
330	Notice of Motion	29/08/2023	<a href="#">Clean Indoor Air Motion</a>	Cllr Jenna Maghie	Alliance	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	The Committee agreed to adopt the motion, with a report to be submitted to a future meeting outlining how it could be managed, resourced, and facilitated.
331	Notice of Motion	29/08/2023	<a href="#">Save West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness</a>	Cllr Michael Collins	PBP	SP&R	Trevor Wallace	Finance & Resources	Ongoing	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. Update Jan 25 - at Dec Cttee meeting it was decided that this would remain
337	Notice of Motion	26/09/2023	<a href="#">Right to Food Campaign</a>	Cllr Paul Doherty	SDLP	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Response presented to S P and R 24/11/23 - Referred to Social Policy Working Group
347	Notice of Motion	28/11/2023	<a href="#">Cost of School Uniforms and P.E. Kits</a>	Cllr Sarah Bunting	DUP	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	<b>Category 1 closure</b> The School Uniforms (Guidelines and Allowances) Act (Northern Ireland) 2026 came into operation, in February 26, with immediate effect. This means that families across Northern Ireland will pay less for school uniforms and school uniform policies for the 2026/27 school year must follow all the requirements set out in the new statutory Guidelines. This is recommended to close on the basis there is legislative provision in place.
356	Notice of Motion	04/01/2024	<a href="#">Memorial Wall - Covid-19</a>	Cllr Emmett McDonough-Brown	Alliance	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Discussed at the City Hall/ City Hall Grounds Installations Working Group on 18 November 2025. Officers exploring a suitable location in one of our existing parks.
358	Notice of Motion	04/01/2024	<a href="#">Ulster Bank Closures</a>	Cllr Geraldine McAttee	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	<b>Category 1 closure</b> In January 2024, Council wrote to Ulster Bank and the Commissioner for Older People as outlined in the NoM. No return correspondence has been received. In addition, the Financial Services Union addressed Council on 8th January 2024 in relation to these branch closures. All 10 branches were scheduled to close in 2024 and have now closed. This will be considered as part of the governance review.
360	Notice of Motion	23/01/2024	<a href="#">Transparency by Default at Belfast City Council</a>	Cllr Gary McKeown	SDLP	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Motion referred to SP&R. The draft Ethical Procurement Policy is currently under consideration by the Social Value Policy working group which is due to meet on 17th June 2025.
361	Notice of Motion	23/01/2024	<a href="#">Rights-based Ethical Procurement Policy</a>	Cllr Bronach Anglin	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
375	Notice of Motion	28/03/2024	<a href="#">Endorsement of Plant Based Treaty</a>	Cllr Paul Doherty	SDLP		Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	No Committee allocated as adopted at S&BC
376	Notice of Motion	28/03/2024	<a href="#">Bilingual Signage at Weavers Cross</a>	Cllr Rois-Maire Donnelly	Sinn Fein		Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	No Committee allocated as adopted at S&BC
385	Notice of Motion	30/04/2024	<a href="#">Plant Based Councils Initiative</a>	Cllr Anthony Flynn	Green Party	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational	Ongoing	Internal engagement with Procurement around how to take this forward ongoing. Report to SP&R in due course. To be considered as part of a Council Sustainable Food Policy which is under development. April update: Food Systems Officer in post in December 2025 and development of Food Policy underway with internal engagement with officers

391	Notice of Motion	23/05/2024	<a href="#">High Costs of Childcare</a>	Cllr Paul Doherty	SDLP	SP&R					Recommend Close	<b>Category 1 closure</b> Since this motion was proposed, the NI Executive introduced the NI Childcare Subsidy Scheme providing access to tax-free childcare or reimbursement through Universal Credit. As part of the initial development of the Early Learning and Childcare Strategy, in May 25 the DE Minister announced a £55 million package of measures for early learning and childcare which included an extension of the Northern Ireland Childcare Subsidy Scheme to cover school-age children. Within the PiG, the NI Executive aims to put an early Learning and Childcare Strategy in place. The public consultation on the draft NI Early Learning and Childcare Strategy closed in March 26. The council response to the draft strategy was agreed in March 26 and therefore this motion is proposed for closure.
392	Notice of Motion	23/05/2024	<a href="#">Going for Growth Strategy</a>	Cllr Brian Smyth		Green Party						Held back due to upcoming election
393	Notice of Motion	23/05/2024	<a href="#">Ireland's Ancient East</a>	Cllr Gary McKeown	SDLP							Held back due to upcoming election
395	Issue Raised in Advance	24/05/2024	<a href="#">Transfer of Powers - Licensing of Bus Tour Operators in the City</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	Sinn Fein	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	<a href="#">Connection of Water Supply to Social Homes</a>	Cllr Michael Donnelly	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing			
402	Issue Raised in Advance	20/09/2024	<a href="#">Sunday Trading - Pilot Scheme</a>	Cllr Sam Nelson		SP&R	Kate Bentley	Place & Economy	Ongoing			Following Council's decision in July 2025, a public consultation will be launched in March to progress the Holiday Resort designation citywide, enabling extended Sunday trading hours.
409	Notice of Motion	24/10/2024	<a href="#">NILGOSC - Disposal of Government Bonds</a>	Cllr Carl Whyte	SDLP	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing			
411	Issue Raised in Advance	25/10/2024	<a href="#">Fundraising box at the City Hall Christmas Tree</a>	Cllr Gary McKeown	SDLP	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close			<b>Category 2 closure</b> A fundraising box has been located alongside the City Hall Christmas Tree in recent years. The monies raised are donated to charity.
417	Notice of Motion	21/11/2024	<a href="#">Addressing Educational Inequalities in Belfast</a>	Cllr David Bell	Alliance	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational	Ongoing			Engagement continues with Departmental Officials and designated RAISE locality coordinators in the context of the Belfast Agenda and Community Planning partnership structures.
432	Notice of Motion	20/02/2025	<a href="#">Action to Address Empty Homes</a>	Cllr Michael Collins	PBP	SP&R	Cathy Reynolds	Place & Economy	Ongoing			This motion is being progressed by the Planning and Building Control and City Regeneration and Development directorates, and a report will be brought to a future meeting.
433	Notice of Motion	20/02/2025	<a href="#">Developing a Sponsorship and Philanthropy Network in Belfast</a>	Cllr Michael Long	Alliance	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational	Ongoing			A workshop was held with the Council's Social Policy Working Group in February 2026. Work continues on the development of a draft Corporate Social Responsibility Framework which will reflect the intention behind the NOM.
439	Issue Raised in Advance	21/03/2025	<a href="#">LORAG - Youth Club Development - Council Land</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Recommend Close			Assignment of the Lease from The Trustees of St John Vianney to LORAG has been completed in November 2025 and Ministerial consent has been approved. Recommended to close.
440	Issue Raised in Advance	21/03/2025	<a href="#">Bi-weekly meeting of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee: Efficiency/Consultancy Paper</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close			<b>Category 1 closure</b> A special meeting of SP&R Committee was held in June 2025 to consider a report on efficiency savings; consultancy fees; and fees and charges.
446	Notice of Motion	28/04/2025	<a href="#">Pathways to Work Green Paper</a>	Cllr Paul Doherty	SDLP	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing			Democratic Services sent letter to OFMDFM & Minister for Communities on 15/05/25. Awaiting response.
447	Notice of Motion	28/04/2025	<a href="#">US War Planes out of Belfast</a>	Cllr Michael Collins	PBP	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing			Democratic Services sent letter to OFMDFM, Westminster Government and Aldergrove Airport re NOM - Awaiting response.
448	Notice of Motion	28/04/2025	<a href="#">National Famine Commemoration Day</a>	Cllr Conor McKay	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing			Democratic Services sent letter to Irish Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media on 15/05/25. Awaiting response.
455	Issue Raised in Advance	23/05/2025	<a href="#">The installation of dual-language signage in Olympia, including GLL/BETTER information signage.</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Recommend Close			Recommended to close. Project being progressed under the Physical Programme.
456	Issue Raised in Advance	23/05/2025	<a href="#">The installation of dual-language signage on the</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Recommend Close			Recommended to close. Project being progressed under the Physical Programme.
457	Issue Raised in Advance	23/05/2025	<a href="#">An update on the next stage in the development of the Irish Language Policy</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	Sinn Fein	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing			The draft Irish Language Policy was agreed and ratified by Council on 1st October 2025. The decision was later called in and now awaits legal opinion.
460	Notice of Motion	24/06/2025	<a href="#">Nitrates Action Plan</a>	Cllr Andrew McCormick	DUP		Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing			Passed by Council on 1 July 2025. Democratic Services to issue letter to DAERA after Call-in period expires.
474	Notice of Motion	23/10/2025	<a href="#">Together - Building a United Community Strategy</a>	Cllr Sam Nelson		SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Recommend Close			Recommended to close. Project being progressed under PEACEPLUS Reconnected Belfast project.
478	Notice of Motion	23/10/2025	<a href="#">Parents' Attendance Records at Council</a>	Cllr Jenna Maghie		SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing			
479	Issue Raised in Advance	24/10/2025	<a href="#">Levels of criminality and violence in the City Centre</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie		SP&R	Jim Girvan	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing			Update from SP&R and ratified by Council on March 2nd that Levels of criminality and violence in the city centre remains open, so that a further update could be provided.
491	Issue Raised in Advance	23/01/2026	<a href="#">Public Art - 2 Royal Avenue</a>	Cllr Seamas de Faioite		SP&R	Cathy Reynolds	Place & Economy	Ongoing			
492	Notice of Motion	27/01/2026	<a href="#">Faith-Based Organisations and Addiction Services</a>	Ald Dean McCullough		SP&R			Ongoing			
493	Notice of Motion	27/01/2026	<a href="#">Fleadh Cheoil 2026 Legacy Monument</a>	Cllr Paul Doherty		SP&R	Damien Martin	Place & Economy	Ongoing			
495	Notice of Motion	27/01/2026	<a href="#">City Centre Gritting Feasibility Study</a>	Cllr Brian Smyth		SP&R	Stephen Leonard	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing			27/2 - Ongoing - The Committee noted that the notice of motion had been received and agreed that a subsequent report would be brought back to the Committee outlining a detailed consideration of the motion and the potential cost implications, to include information on funding options from the Department for Infrastructure, the gritting of footpaths on arterial routes and highest points of elevation, together with the legal implications. The Dfi has been written to.
501	Issue Raised in Advance	20/03/2026	<a href="#">Procedures of the Irish Street Sign Consultation</a>	Cllr Michael Long		SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing			
503	Notice of Motion	24/03/2026	<a href="#">Disused and Derelict Phone Boxes</a>	Cllr Christine Bower		SP&R						
504	Notice of Motion	24/03/2026	<a href="#">Gender Budgeting</a>	Cllr Aine McCabe		SP&R						
505	Notice of Motion	24/03/2026	<a href="#">Proposed City Ambassadors Programme</a>	Cllr Michael Long		SP&R						
506	Notice of Motion	24/03/2026	<a href="#">Costed Support for the Childcare Sector</a>	Cllr Jenna Maghie		SP&R						