



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Public Acts of Remembrance
Date:	12th May, 2026
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Barry Flynn, Committee Services Officer.

Restricted Report	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee’s attention a motion relating to ‘Public Acts of Remembrance’ which the Standards and Business Committee referred to the Committee at its meeting on 28th April.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to consider the motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Set out below is the motion, which was proposed by Councillor Bower and seconded by Councillor Maghie:
3.2	<u>Public Acts of Remembrance</u> “This Council recognises the profound importance of public acts of remembrance for people grieving for friends and family members across Belfast. This Council wishes to support those who have experienced loss and encourage safe and environmentally friendly acts of public remembrance within its spaces. This Council resolves to bring back a report that will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• explore implementing designated memorial spaces in all of our parks;• consider environmentally friendly ways for remembrance events, including ‘ascent’ style events, such as permanent or bookable bubble, stations, kite festivals, and native butterfly releases; and ”

<p>3.0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> map out how to enhance the support council gives to grieving families, for example, by developing a downloadable remembrance guide to include ideas of eco-friendly ways to mark their loss personally or publicly.”
<p>4.0</p>	<p><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.</p>
	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> This motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.</p>
	<p>Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>