



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Policy Prohibiting Key Lock Boxes Associated with Short-term Holiday Lets.
Date:	9th June, 2026
Reporting Officer:	Barry Flynn, Committee Services Officer.
Contact Officer:	As above.

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

1.0	Purpose
1.1	To consider a motion re: 'Policy Prohibiting Key Lock Boxes Associated with Short-term Holiday Lets', which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting in May.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to consider the motion and note that, if adopted, a subsequent report will be submitted to consider further the implications associated with the motion.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee on 26th May 2026, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor McKay, and seconded by Councillor Carson was referred to the Committee for consideration:
3.2	<u>Policy Prohibiting Lockboxes associated with short-term holiday lets</u> "That this Council introduces a policy prohibiting lockboxes from being installed on any property, wall, railing, fence, or street furniture other than the dwelling to which they relate. This measure is needed because the proliferation of lockboxes in areas in Belfast particularly the inner city with high concentrations of short-term holiday lets is causing visual clutter and environmental harm, while also diminishing the amenity of residential streets and shared spaces, the Council should also ensure

that any breach is subject to enforcement action and removal. This approach is consistent with action already taken by other councils and city authorities to restrict or remove external key boxes associated with short-term holiday lets.”

Since the Committee has a remit for regulatory matters, the motion was referred in the first instance for its consideration. Councillor McKay and/or Councillor Carson will be in attendance to speak to the matter and provide additional scope and context.

3.3 **Financial and Resource Implications**

None at this stage as there is no commitment to proceed with the motion. If adopted, the details of any financial and/or resource implications will be outlined at a subsequent meeting.

3.4 **Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment**

None at this stage.