

## Belfast City Council Notice of Motion Database

Ref	Type	Meeting Date	Motion Title	Proposed by	Reporting Committee	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	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	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 byelaws. This decision was later called in and now awaits legal opinion.
35	Notice of Motion	02/12/2019	<a href="#">Pridestrian Animation</a>	Cllr Matt Garrett	SP&R	Keith Forster	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Officers have contacted the Department for Infrastructure 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 Faoite	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	SP&R	Keith Forster	Place & Economy	Recommend Close	<b>Category 2 Closure.</b> This motion will be addressed by the Zoo Long-Term Financial Sustainability Group. This group met recently on Wednesday, 27th May, 2026 when members approved the group's terms of reference. These outline the purpose of the group which would be to examine options in relation to the long-term financial sustainability of Belfast Zoo and complementary assets, and to make recommendations to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee by February, 2027.
51	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	<a href="#">Growth Deal</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	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	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	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	<b>Recommended to close: Category 1 closure</b> This motion relates to the resumption of services at the Mater Hospital following its temporary designation as the Belfast Trust's primary Covid 19 hospital during the pandemic. From November 2022, the Trust began the process of returning the pre-covid services. One of the final services to resume was the Mid-wife led antenatal clinic which has resumed in the Mid-wife led unit located in the Mater Hospital.
187	Notice of Motion	01/06/2021	<a href="#">Local Government Pension Scheme - Responsible Investment Strategy</a>	Cllr Ryan Murphy	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	SP&R	Christine Sheridan	Human Resources	Ongoing	Workshop held on the NOM for management and Trade Unions on 26 March 2026, CMT met with representatives from the Four Day Week Foundation in May 2026. Further analysis required.
203	Notice of Motion	04/10/2021	<a href="#">Electric Charging Points</a>	Ald George Dorrian	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	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	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	SP&R	Jim Girvan	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	This was discussed at the 30th April special SP&R and the committee agrees to write to the Minister of Communities to engage the IFA in relation to the impact of Football Teams on the level of pitches available and request that interventions are made.
235	Notice of Motion	22/02/2022	<a href="#">Energy Price Crises</a>	Cllr Brian Smyth	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Climate Team are actively exploring a range of funding opportunities and assessing the potential role the Council can play in enabling community energy projects. As part of this work, the team are preparing a submission to the GB Energy EOI call, proposing the establishment of a Community Energy Fund. Additional funding opportunities are also being explored, including the NWF, Shared Island, and LIFE programme.
243	Notice of Motion	14/03/2022	<a href="#">Cost of Living</a>	Cllr Matt Garrett	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational	Ongoing	Work is underway to update the Cost-of-Living Support Guide which sets out details on emergency help and support, financial advice, food assistance, and energy-saving tips.
264	Issue Raised in Advance	19/08/2022	<a href="#">Electric Vehicle Charging Points Strategy</a>	Cllr Michael Long	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	An internal task and finish working group has coordinated work on the implementation of phase 1 and phase 2 of the draft Low Emission Vehicle Strategy to allow Council to bring forward locations for low emissions infrastructure investment. Site assessment and market testing has been completed. A tender has been prepared based on a concession model.
297	Notice of Motion	05/01/2023	<a href="#">Comber Greenway</a>	Cllr Anthony Flynn	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 Faoite	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	In 2021 the council published new Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) which outlines the actions that the council, our competent or relevant authority partners, and other city bodies or to improve ambient air quality in Belfast and one of these actions was 'School Streets' - traffic management measure proposed by Sustrans (now the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust) and the Department for Infrastructure (DfI). In order to help inform and support the introduction of the 'School Streets' measure proposed by DfI and the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (WWCT), BCC Air Quality Officers undertook air quality monitoring of transport related air pollutants (nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5)) in the vicinity of a number of primary schools across the Belfast. DAERA agreed to fund the purchase of monitoring equipment through the Local Air Quality Management grant process. The monitoring commenced in March 2024 and concluded in August 2025. Members have been appraised of the project at P&C Committee throughout the course of this project on 9/1/2024, 3/12/2024 and 4/11/2025. On 4th November 2025 upon consideration of the latest monitoring report, the People and Communities Committee agreed that council air quality officers would convene a meeting with representatives of the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust, the Department of Education, the Education Authority, the Department for Infrastructure and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to apprise the respective government Departments, education bodies and the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust of the outcome of the ambient monitoring, and to seek support for the retention of the existing 'School Streets' air quality monitors, or to consider their relocation to other schools across the city, as considered appropriate. The meeting with all interested parties is scheduled to take place on the 15th June 2026.
308	Notice of Motion	21/02/2023	<a href="#">Overdose Prevention Facility in Belfast</a>	Cllr Mal O'Hara	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	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	The Corporate Health and Safety Unit are looking into this and report will be brought back to committee at a future date.
326	Issue Raised in Advance	18/08/2023	<a href="#">Data Protection</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	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	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	The Corporate Health and Safety Unit are looking into this and report will be brought back to committee at a future date.
331	Notice of Motion	29/08/2023	<a href="#">Save West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness</a>	Cllr Michael Collins	SP&R	Trevor Wallace	Finance & Resources	Ongoing	Officers are making arrangements for a meeting with West Well Being Suicide Prevention Centre

337	Notice of Motion	26/09/2023	<a href="#">Right to Food Campaign</a>	Cllr Paul Doherty	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	<p>Recommended to Close: Category 1 closure This NoM is proposed for closure on the basis that the correspondence was sent to the Department of Education and the subsequent response was report to SP&amp;R Committee and the Social Policy Working Group.</p> <p>As agreed by SP&amp;R, the letter of response received from the Department of Education in relation to this NoM was presented to the Social Policy WG in August 2024 for consideration. In an accompanying report presented to the Social Policy WG, the continued commitment of Council to work with partners to help alleviate the impact of food poverty within the city was outlined.</p> <p>Since this update to the Social Policy WG, work to address food poverty continues. Some of the recent activity includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Climate team have worked with community stakeholders to establish the Belfast Sustainable Food Partnership (SFP) and developed a draft Sustainable Food Strategy.</li> <li>- The Partnership supports the work of the Food Access Working Group.</li> <li>- The Food Access WG, in response to a call from the Right to Food UK Commission, have put together an evidence submission of lived experiences of food insecurity and community-based solutions that could potentially support legislation.</li> <li>- In May 26, a Right to Food event held at the Foodstock Centre, brought together groups and people from across the city, focused on experiences in Belfast of local food poverty and community solutions.</li> <li>- Council holds an anti-poverty networking event and submitted a response to the NI Executive's public consultation in 2025 on the draft Anti-poverty Strategy. Addressing food poverty will continue to feature in this work.</li> <li>- Following research funded by Belfast 24 and resident engagement funded from an earlier phase of Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayor's Challenge competition, the Bloomberg alleyways concept is being developed. The project will encourage participating neighbourhoods to identify the theme for their space - which for some might be growing - aiming to transform alleyways through a diverse range of interventions shaped by local circumstances and the particular interest of each community.</li> </ul>
356	Notice of Motion	04/01/2024	<a href="#">Memorial Wall - Covid-19</a>	Cllr Emmett McDonough-Brown	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Discussed at the City Hall/ City Hall Grounds Installations Working Group on November 2025. Officers exploring a suitable location in one of our existing parks.
360	Notice of Motion	23/01/2024	<a href="#">Transparency by Default at Belfast City Council</a>	Cllr Gary McKeown	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	This will be considered as part of the governance review.
361	Notice of Motion	23/01/2024	<a href="#">Rights-based Ethical Procurement Policy</a>	Cllr Bronach Anglin	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Legal Services are working with Senior Counsel to refine a specific policy on Ethical Procurement with a specific focus on Human Rights. We are seeking to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights as far as is possible within the legislative constraints of both Procurement Law and Northern Irish Law. This work is continuing. It is anticipated that this Ethical Procurement Policy will sit alongside the Councils Sustainable Procurement Policy.
375	Notice of Motion	28/03/2024	<a href="#">Endorsement of Plant Based Treaty</a>	Cllr Paul Doherty		Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	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		Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	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	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational	Ongoing	Food Systems Officer in post since December 2025 and development of Food Policy underway with internal engagement with officers ongoing.
393	Notice of Motion	23/05/2024	<a href="#">Ireland's Ancient East</a>	Cllr Gary McKeown				Recommend Close	<b>Recommended to close: Category 1 closure</b> Ireland's Ancient East tourism branding falls under the remit of Failte Ireland, which is currently undertaking a review of the brand effectiveness. The Minister for Economy plans to engage with Failte Ireland on the opportunities of extending the brand northwards to Armagh, Down and Antrim.
394	Issue Raised in Advance	23/05/2024	<a href="#">Official Announcements</a>	Cllr R McLaughlin	Standards & Business	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Report to go back to Committee
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	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	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	Recommend Close	<b>Category 1 Closure.</b> Following Council's decision in July 2025, a public consultation was launched in March 2026 inviting individuals and business representatives for their views on extended Sunday trading for larger retailers. The outcome of the consultation was reported to the SP&R Committee at its May meeting. The Committee agreed that a Pilot-Scheme be undertaken to designate the entire Belfast City Council area as a Holiday Resort designation under Article 6, paragraph (9) of the Shops Sunday (Sunday Trading &c.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 for the two Sundays during the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann on 2nd August and 9th August from 11am. In addition, the committee agreed that a timebound Working Group be set-up with relevant stakeholders and trade unions to further engage on the issues, to include consideration of a city centre animation programme and potential alternative activities, funding options and a review of the pilot by the end of October 2026.
404	Notice of Motion	18/09/2024	<a href="#">Commitment to Casement Park</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	n/a	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Letters forwarded to PM, Taoiseach, Sec of State and Communities Minister - responses from SoS and Communities Minister.
408	Notice of Motion	24/10/2024	<a href="#">UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Future Arrangements</a>	Cllr Jordan Doran	Standards & Business	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Democratic Services sent letter on 05/11/24. Awaiting response
409	Notice of Motion	24/10/2024	<a href="#">NILGQSC - Disposal of Government Bonds</a>	Cllr Carl Whyte	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
417	Notice of Motion	21/11/2024	<a href="#">Addressing Educational Inequalities in Belfast</a>	Cllr David Bell	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.
420	Notice of Motion	21/11/2024	<a href="#">Removal of Knockbreda Out of Hours Doctors Service</a>	Cllr Sarah Bunting	Standards & Business	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	<b>Recommended to close: Category 1 closure</b> Following the conclusion of BHSC consultation on the future provision of General Practice Out of Hours (GPOOH), and on the basis of feedback received, the Trust decided not to proceed with the proposal at this time. BHSC decided the GPOOH service will proceed with a Multi Disciplinary Team approach, supporting GPs and creating Primary Care Out of Hours. This is recommended to close on the basis the current service will continue.
432	Notice of Motion	20/02/2025	<a href="#">Action to Address Empty Homes</a>	Cllr Michael Collins	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	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	Council officials worked alongside the Community Foundation Northern Ireland to hold a roundtable discussion "Time to Act - Capitalising on the Potential of Philanthropic Giving in Northern Ireland" on 20 May 2026. The event was opened by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr Paul Doherty. The event brought together cross-sectoral leaders from philanthropy, government, business and civil society to understand the potential approach to create momentum towards a more strategic approach to philanthropy in Northern Ireland. It combined a keynote, panel discussion and audience engagement, with a strong emphasis on moving from discussion to action. Further updates will be brought to Committee in due course in terms of next steps.
446	Notice of Motion	28/04/2025	<a href="#">Pathways to Work Green Paper</a>	Cllr Paul Doherty	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Recommend Close	<b>Recommended to close: Category 1 closure</b> Council wrote to the Minister for Communities and the subsequent response from the Minister was presented to SP&R in August 2025. SP&R noted receipt of the correspondence and agreed to the closure of the motion. <a href="http://www.internalminutes.ie/ListDocuments.aspx?Cid=163&amp;MID=12014#A184400">http://www.internalminutes.ie/ListDocuments.aspx?Cid=163&amp;MID=12014#A184400</a>
447	Notice of Motion	28/04/2025	<a href="#">US War Planes out of Belfast</a>	Cllr Michael Collins	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	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.
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	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		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	Ongoing	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	Work is progressing in line with the Committee decision.
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	No update yet available
494	Notice of Motion	27/01/2026	<a href="#">UK Shared Prosperity Fund</a>	Cllr Ruth Brooks	Standards & Business	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	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	SL met with DFI on Monday 8th June and a report to follow.
500	Notice of Motion	24/02/2026	<a href="#">Call for the NI Executive to Introduce a Basic Income for Artists Scheme</a>	Cllr Paul Doherty	n/a	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
501	Issue Raised in Advance	20/03/2026	<a href="#">Procedures of the Irish Street Sign Consultation</a>	Cllr Michael Long	SP&R	Kate Bentley	Place & Economy	Recommend Close	<b>Category 1 Closure.</b> A review of the current data collection process for surveys for dual language street sign applications was brought to the May meeting of the People and Communities committee.
502	Notice of Motion	24/03/2026	<a href="#">Armed Forces Covenant</a>	Ald James Lawlor	Standards & Business	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	Cathy Reynolds	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Work is progressing including desktop research to inform a future report to Committee
504	Notice of Motion	24/03/2026	<a href="#">Gender Budgeting</a>	Cllr Aine McCabe	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
505	Notice of Motion	24/03/2026	<a href="#">Proposed City Ambassadors Programme</a>	Cllr Michael Long	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
506	Notice of Motion	24/03/2026	<a href="#">Costed Support for the Childcare Sector</a>	Cllr Jenna Maghie	SP&R	David Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	P&I unit have been appointed to support with the NOM and a paper will be brought to Committee
513	Notice of Motion	28/04/2026	<a href="#">Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder (PMDD)</a>	Cllr Aine Groogan	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
514	Notice of Motion	28/04/2026	<a href="#">Calling for University of Ulster to rescind decision to cut 450 jobs</a>	Cllr Michael Collins	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
515	Notice of Motion	28/04/2026	<a href="#">Tackling Anti-Social Scrambler and E-Scooter Use in Belfast</a>	Ald Dean McCullough	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	