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| <b>Subject:</b>           | <b>Notice of Motion – Strengthening Disability Inclusion and Accessibility across the Council</b> |
| <b>Date:</b>              | 19th June, 2026   |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b> | Nora Largey, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services                                  |
| <b>Contact Officer:</b>   | Eilish McGoldrick, Democratic Services and Governance Coordinator                                 |

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| <b>Restricted Reports</b>                                |   |
| <b>Is this report restricted?</b>                        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b> |   |
| <b>After Committee Decision</b>                          | <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| <b>After Council Decision</b>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| <b>Some time in the future</b>                           | <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| <b>Never</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/>  |

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

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>  |
| 1.1        | To consider a motion in relation to Strengthening Disability Inclusion and Accessibility across the Council, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 26th May 2026.   |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Recommendations</b>  |
| 2.1        | 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. |

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|                   | <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>  |
| <p><b>3.0</b></p> | <p><b>Main report</b></p>  |
| <p>3.1</p>        | <p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p>  |
|                   | <p>At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 26th May 2026, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor R. Brooks and seconded by Councillor Verner was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p>   |
| <p>3.2</p>        | <p><b><u>Strengthening Disability Inclusion and Accessibility across Council</u></b></p> <p>This Council agrees that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disability inclusion and accessibility should move towards a dedicated, streamlined corporate function, led by a senior officer and team with clear responsibility for coordinating and delivering this work across the organisation. A report will be brought forward setting out the structure, staffing, resources and reporting lines, and a timescale required, to establish that dedicated function and how it will streamline delivery across the organisation.</li> <li>2. The Disability Strategy will be brought to committee within three months, with a revised Action Plan to follow, with clear and ambitious actions, responsible officers, cross-departmental responsibilities, timescales and how progress will be monitored and reported.</li> <li>3. The Accessibility Roadmap 2035 is brought forward as soon as possible, setting out the lead officer or officers for delivery, required resources, key milestones, engagement with relevant Executive departments and how people with disabilities and relevant organisations will be involved from the beginning.</li> <li>4. More focused reports are brought to each relevant committee, allowing members to be given timely information on progress to improve accessibility and inclusion across the city, and the delivery against the Action Plan and Accessibility Roadmap 2035.</li> </ol> |
| <p>3.3</p>        | <p>The motion calls upon the Council to strengthen disability inclusion and accessibility across Council departments through a Disability Strategy and Action Plan. The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the Council through the development of its corporate plan and other key corporate and cross cutting strategies and policies; therefore the motion has been referred to this Committee.</p>  |

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| 3.4 | <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>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> |
| 3.5 | <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>  |