



Subject:	Notice of Motion re: Family-Friendly City Centre
Date:	22nd April, 2015
Reporting Officer:	Mr Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager, ext 6314
Contact Officer:	Mr Jim Hanna, Sr. Democratic Services Officer, ext. 6313

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee's attention the Notice of Motion which was referred to the Committee by the Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 20 th March.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	To consider the Motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Shadow Council, at its meeting on 3rd March, considered the following Notice of Motion which had been moved by Councillor Hanna and seconded by Councillor Attwood:</p> <p><i>"This Council notes that city centres which are child and family friendly bring a wide range of benefits including,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• contributing to healthy childhood development;</i><i>• driving economic regeneration as families spend more time in the City; and</i><i>• making city centre living a more viable option for families, and thereby contributing to longer-term social regeneration.</i> <p><i>The Council commends the work of the Belfast Healthy Cities organisation which has been researching child friendly places since 2011, including the provision of temporary 'Kids Spaces' in the city centre. The Council agrees to harness its new planning, community planning and economic regeneration powers to develop a world class family friendly strategy for Belfast, including the development of 'Kids Spaces' in the City centre."</i></p>

<p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p>	<p>In accordance with Standing Orders, the Motion was referred without discussion to the Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p> <p>That Committee, at its meeting on 20th March agreed that, since the Notice of Motion referred specifically to the Council’s powers in respect of planning, community planning and economic regeneration and, therefore, fell within the role of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee, it would be prudent for the issue to be referred onwards for consideration and comment.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> None.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None.</p>