



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Notice of Motion - Online Rates Receipt
Date:	14 th December, 2012
Reporting Officer:	Mr Stephen McCrory, Democratic Service Manager, ext 6314
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1.0	Relevant Background Information
1.1	<p>At the Council meeting on 1st November, the undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Hussy and seconded by Alderman Stalford:</p> <p>“This Council is committed to transparency in how it spends Rate Payers’ money. Every Rate Payer has the right to know what we spend their money on. This Council believes that the principle of transparency is meaningless unless we present our published financial information in a way that is accessible and relevant to rate payers.</p> <p>To this end; we will provide an online service to every rate payer which will show them, in a comprehensible way, the services and capital projects on which their money is spent. This breakdown will include the pro-rata monetary share of their own rates bill spent on these items alongside the total amount spent by this Council. A comprehensive breakdown of the costs of delivering those services and capital projects will be contained within that breakdown.”</p>
1.2	<p>In accordance with Standing Order 11(e), the motion stood referred without discussion, to the committee.</p>
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>To consider the Notice of Motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.</p>