



Belfast City Council

Report to: Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject: **Notice of Motion – International Men’s Day**
Date: 22nd August, 2014
Reporting Officer: Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager, ext. 6314

1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	<p>The Committee will recall that the Council, at its meeting on 1st July, passed the undernoted notice of motion, which had been moved by Alderman R. Paterson and seconded by Alderman Robinson:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>International Men’s Day</u></p>
1.2	<p><i>“This Council recognises that the first ever event in Northern Ireland and Belfast to celebrate International Men’s Day will take place on 19th November and that the theme will be ‘Working Together for Men and Boys’;</i></p> <p><i>It welcomes the fact that the day will highlight some serious issues such as domestic abuse/violence, poor educational attainment for some young boys and men, equality, a focus on men’s health and well-being, a celebration of men’s contribution in the work place, family life and society, discrimination against men, the bullying of men in the work place, the promotion of men as role models and improving gender relations and gender equality; and</i></p> <p><i>It notes that other organisations and individuals from the private sector, the public sector, charities, local celebrities, men, women and children are all taking part to promote this worthy and important event.</i></p> <p><i>Accordingly, the Council agrees to consider setting aside funding in order to hold an event at the City Hall in November to celebrate International Men’s Day in a similar way in which it has supported International Women’s Day in previous years.”</i></p>

2	Key Issues
2.1	It is matter for the Committee to consider the notice of motion and to determine to what extent the Council could mark International Men's Day in November. In addition, it would be necessary to identify an appropriate amount from within existing budgets to oversee any series of events which the Council might wish to host.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	To be determined.

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
4.1	None

5	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is requested to consider the notice of motion and take such action thereon which may be determined.

6	Decision Tracking
Democratic Services Section will follow up on any decision taken.	