



Subject:	Extension of Sunday Trading Hours – Request to address the Committee
Date:	21 st April, 2017
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager
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Restricted Reports	
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
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 consider a request from the area organiser of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (Usdaw) to address the Committee in relation to the consultation on the extension of Sunday trading hours.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider the request and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Committee will be aware that, at its meeting on 21 st October, 2016, it had agreed to

	consult (by way of a public notice) on designating the entire area of Belfast City Council or specific part(s) of the area as a holiday resort under Article 6 of the Shops (Sunday Trading & c) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997, which would allow shops to extend their Sunday trading hours.
3.2	The 8 week consultation period is due to end on 5 th May and a report submitted to the Committee for consideration on 19 th May. Members will wish to note that officers also undertook a 4 week pre-consultation engagement exercise when they met a range of stakeholders, including Michala Lafferty on behalf of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (Usdaw).
3.3	Correspondence (copy attached) has been received from Michala Lafferty, Area Organiser, Usdaw seeking permission to address the Committee to present evidence, on behalf of its Members, as to why the Union is opposed to the extension of Sunday trading hours.
3.4	The Committee is asked to consider the request.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.5	None associated with this report.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.6	None associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Copy of correspondence from the Area Organiser, Usdaw.