



Subject:	Notice of Motion - Housing Provision in Belfast
Date:	16th May, 2017
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee's attention the Notice of Motion re: Housing Provision in Belfast, referred to the Committee from the Council on 2 nd May, and the request from Participation and the Practice of Rights (PPR) to address the Planning Committee.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: - note that officers will be submitting a report the Local development plan (LDP) Preferred Options Paper consultation to the June Committee following a workshop in May; and - consider the Participation and the Practice of Rights (PPR) request to address this Committee meeting in respect of the "Housing Provision in Belfast" Notice of Motion.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p data-bbox="272 226 405 255"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 293 1345 356">The Council, at its meeting on 2nd May, considered the following Notice of Motion which had been moved by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor McCabe:</p> <p data-bbox="355 394 1345 658">“This Council recognises the severe shortage in social housing across the City, and the detrimental effect which this is having on many citizens in Belfast. It also notes the important work that Belfast housing rights organisations and campaigners have done to highlight this problem in some of the most socially deprived areas of Belfast, by working with the homeless and people in poor housing to identify solutions to the housing crisis. One such solution is to maximise the use of available land right across the City for new build social housing.</p> <p data-bbox="355 696 1345 927">In particular, the Council notes the concentration of housing stress in North Belfast and the ongoing campaign by residents and housing rights activists to ensure that a number of sites in North Belfast reach their full social housing potential. The Council calls for a reconsideration of the zoning of redevelopment sites to reflect the necessity to build social housing in North Belfast, in order to deliver a real reprieve to the acute housing crisis in this part of the City.”</p> <p data-bbox="165 965 1473 1061">3.2 In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the Planning Committee. Following the submission of the Notice of Motion, the Council received a request for the Participation and the Practice of Rights (PPR) to address the Council.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1099 1473 1263">3.3 As Members will be aware, the normal process for a group wishing to form a deputation to the Committee is for the request to be submitted to a meeting and, if agreed, they would be invited to a subsequent meeting. However, this request is linked to the Notice of Motion for Council and the Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to accede to the request and that PPR be invited to address this Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1301 1473 1532">3.4 The timing of the receipt of the request has not allowed adequate time for officers to compile a context and background report to address the issues that may be raised in relation to the Notice of Motion for this meeting. It should, however, be noted that the Local Development Plan (LDP) provides the normal planning process for the review of land use designations on a comprehensive basis for the city. The Committee may also wish to note that the result of the recent consultation for the LDP Preferred Options Paper will be outlined in a report that is scheduled to be presented to the June Committee following a workshop later this month,</p> <p data-bbox="165 1570 1473 1666">3.5 Though the LDP the objective will be to balance the potentially competing pressures for development and address the requirement to provide an adequate supply of land to meet the needs for all forms of development for the duration of projected 15 year life for the plan.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1704 1082 1769">3.6 <u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> There are no resource implications associated with this report</p> <p data-bbox="165 1807 1358 1872">3.7 <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> There are no relevant equality or good relations implications attached to this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached None.