



<b>Subject:</b>	Notice of Motion re: Education Support
<b>Date:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider a notice of motion in relation to Education Support which, in accordance with standing orders, was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 4 <sup>th</sup> December.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the notice of motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p data-bbox="272 226 421 255"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 293 1469 371">At the meeting of the Council on 4<sup>th</sup> December, the following notice of motion was proposed by former Councillor Bell and seconded by Councillor O'Hara:</p> <p data-bbox="368 443 1378 674">"This Council notes the continued Tory led cuts to the Department of Education's budget and the resulting devastating impact on the Education Authorities, schools and youth providers. Schools, youth providers, children, parents and the wider community are now at breaking point with continuing threats to services. The Council strongly opposes these cuts.</p> <p data-bbox="368 745 1378 1227">The Council also notes the work being carried out by the various Partnership Boards and schools across Belfast to improve standards of literacy and numeracy amongst our young people, particularly those living in areas of high social deprivation. The Council commends the Partnership Boards and schools for their successes to date in improving standards of literacy and numeracy, especially at GCSE level, through their various Easter schools, mid-term schools, community based classes and efforts outside of the classroom. It should be noted that the Council itself also provides educational support through homework clubs (for 5-11 years old) and parent and toddler groups</p> <p data-bbox="368 1299 1378 1529">For these reasons, this Council agrees to task Council officers to investigate ways in which it can contribute to the continued improvement and academic achievement in literacy and numeracy within local communities and will look at how it can help to overcome various barriers to learning at post primary level."</p> <p data-bbox="165 1601 1378 1680">3.2 In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the notice of motion was referred to the Committee for consideration.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1771 719 1800">3.3 <u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1839 703 1868">None associated with this report.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1906 791 1935">3.4 <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1973 344 2002">None</p>

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None