



Subject:	Motion re: Transparency of Council Funding
Date:	19 <sup>th</sup> January, 2018
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
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>
<b>1.1</b>	To consider a motion in relation to the Transparency of Council Funding which, in accordance with standing orders, was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 3 <sup>rd</sup> January.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
<b>2.1</b>	The Committee is asked to defer consideration of the motion until its meeting on 16 <sup>th</sup> February.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
<b>3.1</b>	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At the meeting of the Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor McDonough-Brown and seconded by Councillor Attwood, was, in accordance with Standing Order 13(f), referred to the Committee for consideration:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"In light of the recent recommendation from the Northern Ireland Audit Office report, this Council agrees to review the processes regarding the Local Investment Fund (LIF) and the Belfast Investment Fund (BIF) to consider the appropriateness and effectiveness of the method of funding projects.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Council believes that future Council funding should follow an open process with the advertisement of funding, have strategic objectives and have measurable outcomes."</p> <p>During consideration of the matter at the Council meeting, the Chief Executive undertook to provide to the Committee legal advice on the motion. As this advice will not be available until next month, the Committee is asked to defer consideration of the motion until its February meeting.</p> <p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None