



Subject:	Motion – Inter-Faith
Date:	23rd March, 2018
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Restricted Reports	
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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"/>

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 motion in relation to providing a civic reception for all faiths which, in accordance with Standing Orders, was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 1 st February.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none">consider the motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At the meeting of the Council on 1st February, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Armitage and seconded by Councillor Lyons, was, in accordance with Standing Order 13(f), referred to the Committee for consideration:</p> <p><i>“This Council recognises the long history of all faiths in Belfast. The Council also appreciates the positive investment that each faith has placed in the City and celebrates the diverse cultural heritage that has been produced by all faiths and acknowledges the role of social justice that has enhanced Belfast.</i></p> <p><i>As a City, we are keen to recognise the equality of all faiths, as well as those who describe themselves as atheists or agnostic.</i></p> <p><i>It saddens this Council to see recent anti-religious actions, especially against the Jewish Faith and the Islamic Faith, and so we would like to honour the work of all faiths by inviting them to attend a civic reception hosted by the Lord Mayor.”</i></p>
3.2	The motion was submitted to the Committee at its meeting on 16th February but was deferred to enable the proposer to attend.
3.3	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
4.1	None