



Subject:	Motion – Room of Reflection in the City Hall
Date:	23rd March, 2018
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Restricted Reports	
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"/>
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 Motion on a Room of Reflection in the City Hall which has been referred to the Committee for consideration by the Council.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is recommended to consider the matter 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 was proposed by Councillor Boyle and seconded by Councillor Mullan:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"This Council believes that Belfast should be a place where everyone feels welcome and safe, where they are treated fairly and with respect in a shared City that values diversity and encourages civic participation.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Accordingly, the Council agrees to provide in the City Hall a quiet room/room of reflection which can be used by persons of all faiths and none to facilitate those citizens of Belfast and further afield who wish to have a private time out of the hustle and bustle of City life."</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion was referred to the Committee for consideration.</p>
3.2	<p>The motion was submitted to the Committee at its meeting on 16th February but was deferred to enable the proposer to attend.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no financial implications associated with this report.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are not any equality or Good Relations implications associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices
	None