



<b>Subject:</b>	Notice of Motion – Social Housing
<b>Date:</b>	13th November, 2018
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Ed Baker, Development Engagement Manager, Planning and Building Control
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Some time in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To bring to the Committee's attention a Motion regarding Social Housing, which was presented to the Council at its meeting on 1st November.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider the motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.</li></ul>

3.0	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>The following motion regarding Social Housing, which was proposed by Councillor heading and seconded by Councillor Lyons, was presented to the Council at its meeting on 1st November.</p>
3.2	<p><b><u>Social Housing</u></b></p> <p>“This Council congratulates the children and families of the Build Homes Now and Homes Now campaign on the production of their film ‘Waiting on a Childhood’, which documents their experiences and campaign to tackle homelessness.</p> <p>The Council recognises that we are in the midst of a housing and homelessness crisis.</p> <p>The Council recognises the impact of homelessness on the children of Belfast. Recent figures from the Housing Executive show that there are at least 20,950 children on the housing waiting list in total. At least 13,636 of these children are said to be in ‘housing stress’ and at least 11,372 are full duty housing applicants. On three separate occasions in the last 10 years, the United Nations has intervened, urging the Westminster Government and the devolved Stormont Executive to intensify their efforts to address and overcome persistent religious inequalities in social housing.</p> <p>The Council calls upon the Department for Communities and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to work with the Council to use all available powers, including powers of vesting, zoning and planning, to ensure that housing provision meets current and projected needs in the city of Belfast.”</p>
3.3	<p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the Planning Committee.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	<b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b>
	None