



Subject:	Motion : Belfast Blitz Memorial
Date:	14th December, 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"/>
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 the Belfast Blitz Memorial, which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 3rd December.
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
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	At the meeting of the Council on 3rd December, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Dudgeon and seconded by Alderman Convery was, in accordance with Standing Order 13(f), referred to the Committee for consideration:

“This Council supports memorialising its more than 1,000 citizens and residents who died in the Blitz, particularly those victims of the two largest air raids in April and May 1941.

Recognising that Belfast, almost alone of heavily blitzed cities, has no commemorative site for this most devastating event in our history; recognising the generous offer of substantial funding towards a Blitz memorial from the Northern Ireland War Memorial; recognising that the Blitz victims came from every part of the city and beyond, but especially its north side, and that the havoc wreaked was immense; the Council therefore calls for a significant memorial, inclusive of the victims' names, to be erected in the city with a view to it being unveiled in time for the 80th anniversary of the Belfast Blitz in 2021.

Cathedral Gardens, which is at the York Street and Lower Donegall Street junction, is perhaps the most appropriate and suitable location, given it was subject to extensive destruction in the 1941 air raids and is Council-owned. It is also accepted that ‘Buoys Park’, as it was known, is now in need of reanimation and a major replacement feature for the departing Buoys.

For all these reasons, the Council agrees that a Blitz memorial at this location is considered as an emerging project for the capital programme in the coming financial year.”

Financial & Resource Implications

3.2 None associated with this report.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

3.3 None associated with this report.

4.0 Appendices – Documents Attached

None.