



<b>Subject:</b>	Motion – Air Quality in Belfast
<b>Date:</b>	6th August, 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To bring to the Committee’s attention the Motion in respect of: Air Quality in Belfast which was referred to the Committee by the Council on 1st July.
<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>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b> The Council, at its meeting on 1st July, considered the following Motion which had been moved by Councillor O’Hara and seconded by Councillor Kyle:

	<p><i>“This Council notes that the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) monitoring of Air Quality in Belfast has identified breaches of the Air Quality legal limits, alongside the Council’s own monitoring of and the data collected by Greens across the City.</i></p> <p><i>Poor Air Quality reduces life expectancy, increases incidents of respiratory conditions, rates of lung cancers, strokes and asthma. These are more prevalent amongst older people, younger people and vulnerable groups. In addition, this disproportionately impacts inner city and working class communities.</i></p> <p><i>In view of these issues and in support of all 5 objectives of the Belfast Agenda, particularly outcome 5 to make ‘Belfast a vibrant, attractive, connected and environmentally sustainable City’, the Council agrees to engage formally with DAERA and the Department for Infrastructure on the areas of concern and to produce reports on:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Enhancing monitoring and reporting of air pollution, including recommended limits in line with the more stringent World Health Organisation Standards; and</i></li> <li><i>2. Introducing a Clean Air Zone in Belfast, in line with UK Government Guidance.”</i></li> </ol>
3.2	In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.
3.3	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	<b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b>
	None