



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Motion – Centenary of the Foundation of Northern Ireland</b>
<b>Date:</b>	23rd August, 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Henry Downey, Democratic Services Officer
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sometime 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 consider a motion on the Centenary of the Foundation of Northern Ireland, which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 1st July.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to consider the motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	At the Council meeting on 1st July, the following motion was proposed by Councillor Dorrian and seconded by Councillor Hutchinson:
3.2	“This Council notes the centenary of the foundation of Northern Ireland in 2021, the commitment to celebrate this as part of the Decade of Centenaries programme and the pivotal role that Belfast City Hall played in the establishment of its political institutions.

3.3 The Council agrees that a significant programme is developed by the Council to celebrate, to educate and to fully examine the different perspectives on its creation and to recognise the role of the City Hall.”

3.4 In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion was referred without debate to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

3.5 Members may wish to note that Council has agreed the following events and themes for the Decade of Centenaries Programme for 20/21:

**The Kings Speech**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Re-enactment of the Official Opening of the Parliament of Northern Ireland, using the Council Chamber	June 2021

**Anglo Irish Treaty. Partition of Ulster; Partition of Ireland**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
War, treaty and the Craig Collins Pact (Talk and drama evening)	November 2021
An exploration of the impact of partition on Northern Nationalists and Ulster Unionists within Cavan, Monaghan and Donegal (Talk/lecture)	February 2022
The end of the Decade of Centenaries (Conference)	March 2022

3.6 Members will note that the Decade of Centenaries Programme has been underpinned by a number of principles which were agreed by Council in 2011, details of which are attached.

3.7 In October 2017, Members also confirmed that the Shared City Partnership and the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee would form the governance for the programme, with Party Group Leaders also having a regular input into programme development.

3.8 Members may wish to consider that, in light of the above governance arrangements, that the matter be discussed with Party Group Leaders in the first instance with a report being brought back to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

**Financial and Resource Implications**

3.9 The current programme costs will be borne via the Council's Good Relations Action Plan, which is 75% funded by The Executive Office.

	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b>
3.10	Any additional programme if adhering to the Decade of Centenary principles would be in keeping with equality and good relations outcomes.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	Decade of Centenary Principles