



Subject:	Motion - Domestic Violence
Date:	23rd August, 2019
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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/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider a motion on Domestic Violence, which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 1st July.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to consider the motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	At the Council meeting on 1st July, the following motion was proposed by Councillor Michelle Kelly and seconded by Councillor Nicholl: “This Council is saddened at the levels of domestic violence in Belfast and recognises that this manifests in many different forms, including emotional and economic abuse.

	<p>Belfast needs to become a city that has zero tolerance towards domestic violence or abuse – a “Safe City” which is proactive in supporting victims of domestic violence and challenging perpetrators. A Safe City recognises that domestic violence impacts upon many residents, regardless of age, religion, ethnic or cultural background.</p> <p>This Council pledges to build on the work already achieved by engaging with relevant partners to support victims of domestic abuse and challenge perpetrators and to update the Belfast City Council Domestic Violence Strategy.”</p> <p>3.2 In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion was referred without debate to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.3 None</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>3.4 None</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	None