



Subject:	Motion – Climate Strikes
Date:	10th September, 2019
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee’s attention the Motion in respect of Climate Strikes which was referred to the Committee by the Council on 2nd September.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider the motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> The Council, at its meeting on 2nd September, considered the following Motion which had been moved by Councillor Matt Collins and seconded by Councillor Smyth:

“This Council notes the global call made by young people, workers, environmental organisations and concerned citizens to mobilise “climate strikes”, beginning on 20th September, 2019.

The Council wishes to see a transition to the end of fossil fuels and the implementation of urgent action to avoid climate breakdown and catastrophe.

Belfast City Council supports the climate strikes taking place in this city on 20th September, and pledges to help publicise, facilitate and lend practical support to climate activists taking to the streets on this historic day.”

At the meeting it was moved by Councillor Danny Baker and seconded by Councillor Murphy that an additional paragraph be added to the end of the motion, namely:

“This Council aims to be a leader on tackling climate change and, therefore, will carry out a scoping exercise to identify both Council and public land which would be suited towards the planting of trees and reforestation of our City and furthermore commits to making our own Council fleet carbon neutral by 2030, which is in line with our statutory agencies’ ambitions.”

3.2 After discussion, the motion, as amended, was put to the Council and passed.

3.3 The Council agreed that the additional paragraph would be required to be referred to the People and Communities Committee for its consideration.

3.4 **Financial and Resource Implications**

None.

3.5 **Equality or Good Relations Implications**

None.

4.0 Appendices - Documents Attached

None