



Subject:	Motion – Desecration of Graves Belfast City Cemetery
Date:	10th September, 2019
Reporting Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
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Restricted Reports	
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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/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee’s attention the Motion in respect of the Desecration of Graves Belfast City Cemetery 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>

	<p>The Council, at its meeting on 2nd September, considered the following Motion which had been moved by Alderman Copeland and seconded by Alderman Rodgers:</p> <p><i>“That this Council:</i></p> <p><i>Notes with grave concern and mounting anger the recent desecration of graves within Belfast City Cemetery, and resolves to renew and redouble its efforts to upgrade the facilities at the cemetery and to work with other partner agencies to ensure that such wanton rampage of destruction is never repeated, and that those responsible are brought before the courts.</i></p> <p><i>This facility is for everyone, and we as a Council need to look after the needs of all the communities who are buried, visit and are bereaved.”</i></p>
3.2	<p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
	<p>None.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
	<p>None.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	<p>None</p>