



Subject:	Motion – Management of Communal Areas and Open Space in Developments
Date:	12th November, 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 the Management of Communal Areas in Development, which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 4th November.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider the motion and whether this is something the Committee wishes the Council to do.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	At the Council meeting on 4th November, the following motion was proposed by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Beattie: “This Council is concerned by the impact on new and long term homeowners of property management fees for the upkeep of open spaces and communal areas in housing estates.

<p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>We recognise that the Council has a role to play in this through the planning process and call upon it to develop a framework around the management of open space and communal areas and explore the possibility of how we can regulate the property management sector.</p> <p>We further call upon the Council to engage with relevant parties such as the Law Society in the carrying out of this work.”</p> <p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion was referred without debate to the Planning Committee.</p> <p>Financial and Resource Implications None</p> <p>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment None</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>