



Subject:	Notices of Motion – Quarterly Update
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	In line with the agreement at SP&R Committee that all Standing Committees will receive a quarterly update on the Notices of Motion they are responsible for, this report provides a quarterly update for the City Growth & Regeneration Committee.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to recommend that, in accordance with the Council decision of 4 <sup>th</sup> May, the Chief Executive exercise her delegated authority to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Note the updates to all Notices of Motion that this Committee is responsible for as referenced in Appendix 1; and</li></ul>

	- Agree to the closure of a number of Notices of Motion, as referenced in Appendix 1 and noted in paragraph 3.6 below.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At SP&amp;R Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019, the following Notice of Motion was agreed:</p> <p>“That this Council notes that other Councils produce a monthly status report in relation to Notices of Motion; and agrees Belfast City Council adopts a similar practice and produces a monthly Notice of Motion Update which will be brought to each full Council Meeting, detailing the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Date received</li> <li>2. Notice of motion title</li> <li>3. Submitted by which Councillor</li> <li>4. Council meeting date</li> <li>5. Committee motion is referred to</li> <li>6. Outcome of committee where Notice of Motion will be debated</li> <li>7. Month it will be reported back to committee</li> <li>8. Other action to be taken.”</li> </ol>
3.2	<p>Following Committee’s consideration of the first quarterly update of Notices of Motion, it was agreed to close 11 Notices of Motion in April 2021. All subsequent Notices have been added to the database in Appendix 1 which shows 12 active Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance for which this Committee is responsible.</p>
3.3	<p><b>Notice of Motion Updates</b></p> <p>As previously noted by Committee, given the current pressures in responding to the pandemic, it has been difficult to afford the usual time towards progressing Notices of Motion. Nevertheless, there has been progress in a number of notices of motion.</p>
3.4	<p>Members will note that estimated completion dates and next steps require further updates for the database, this will be further developed on the database for the next quarterly update.</p>
3.5	<p><b>Closure of Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance</b></p> <p>At SP&amp;R Committee on 20th November, it was agreed that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons:</p>

- **Category 1** - Notices of Motion which contained an action that has been completed. All Notices of Motion within this category contained a specific task that has since been completed. It is worth noting that, when Committee agree to action a Notice of Motion, there are sometimes additional actions agreed alongside the Notice of Motion. As these are not technically part of the Notice of Motion, they are taken forward through normal committee decision making processes. The Notice of Motion can therefore be closed, but additional actions related to it will continue to be progressed and reported to the committee. These additional actions are not contained in this report, but will be noted in the live database moving forward.
- **Category 2** - Notices of Motion have become Council policy or absorbed in to a strategic programme of work. These Notices of Motion did not contain a specific task that could be complete. Instead, they were more strategic in nature and required changes in Council policy and/ or strategy for long term outcomes. Those listed within this category have all been agreed by Committee and are now either Council policy or are currently being implemented through a Council strategy that is managed by a Standing Committee through the corporate planning process.

3.6

CG&R Committee are asked to agree that the following 5 Notices of Motion are now closed:

**Category 1 Recommended Closures:**

- **Sustainable Transport (Ref number 43).** A further report was considered by the Committee in May 2021 and a range of potential impacts and issues were discussed such as increased vehicles in shared bus/cycle lanes, segregated cycle provision, hackney and public hire vehicles, convenience for the public as well as the impact of vehicles on air pollution and the need for better transport options. The Committee noted that the proposed Notice of Motion as set out would not be taken forward.
- **Closure of Donegal Street for Belfast Pride (Ref 190)** - Request / events plan has not been received from the organised to enable examination of the proposal for the road closure for Belfast Pride this year. Future proposals can be considered on submission of an events plan/formal request.

**Category 2 Recommended Closures:**

- **Air Passenger Duty (Ref number 58).** This will be considered in the context of the new draft 10 year Tourism Plan, which is included on the Committee agenda for consideration in September 2021.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Economic impact of retail closures and job losses (Ref number 92).</b> The Future of the City Committee Workshop on 25 May 2021 provided an update on the current economic impact of Covid-19 on the city, including job losses and the vacancy rates in the city centre. This information is directly informing the Future City Centre Programme. Whilst this programme, was initially developed around the key findings and recommendations outlined in the Pragma Consulting retail analysis, given the significant challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic the Future City Centre Programme has been recast to help address the issues impacting on the city centre and is aligned with the wider Belfast: Our Recovery framework priorities. It will continue to be monitored to reflect the changes in the city which will involve analysing the recent trends influencing the city centre and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, with a future report being back to Committee along with regular updates on the Future City Centre programme of work as it progresses.</li> <li>- <b>Belfast Bikes – pilot Rolloe scheme (Ref number 102).</b> As noted in the committee report of June 2021, Officers have been working with the company on the viability of pilot scheme and regular updates will be brought back to this Committee. This will be integrated into the Belfast Bikes programme of work.</li> </ul> <p>Additional information in relation to these Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance are available in Appendix 1.</p>
3.7	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional financial implications attached to this report. Finance and resource implications are considered by Committee when taking decisions on the specific Notices of Motion and Issues Raised by Members.</p>
3.8	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained in this report. Implications are considered when taking forward the specific Notices of Motion and Issues Raised by Members.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Appendices – Documents attached</b></p>
	<p><b>Appendix 1:</b> Notices of Motion Live Database – CG&amp;R Committee 06.08.21</p>