



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Motion – Bonfire Procedures</b>
<b>Date:</b>	24th September, 2021
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sometime in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To bring to Members' attention a motion in relation to proposed Bonfire Procedures, which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 1st September.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to consider the motion and, if adopted, agree that a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed be submitted to a future meeting.

3.0	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p data-bbox="272 259 432 293"><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="272 327 1469 409">The Council, at its meeting on 1st September, considered the following motion which had been proposed by Councillor Beattie and seconded by Councillor McLaughlin.</p> <p data-bbox="368 465 1374 566">“After multiple incidents, including the tragic incident in Ballysillan on 11th July, this Council agrees to remove all bonfire materials from Belfast City Council assets, unless permission has been granted through an application process.</p> <p data-bbox="368 600 823 633">A bonfire application must include:</p> <ul data-bbox="416 667 1374 1256" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• permission being requested by a constituted organisation;</li> <li>• a risk assessment provided by the applicant and agreed with the PSNI, Fire Service and landowner (BCC);</li> <li>• Public Liability Insurance;</li> <li>• an Event Management Plan;</li> <li>• a commitment to ensuring that there will be no burning of any toxic materials (e.g. tyres);</li> <li>• an Entertainments Licence;</li> <li>• the demonstration of sufficient consultation with local residents; and</li> <li>• a site cleansing plan.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="368 1290 517 1323">In addition:</p> <ul data-bbox="416 1357 1374 1559" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The display or burning of offensive materials such as flags, emblems, effigies, and posters will not be permitted and a commitment must be provided. Any breaches will impact upon future applications; and</li> <li>• Bonfire Beacons will be preferred, unless an applicant can demonstrate the necessity and safety of a non-structured bonfire.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="368 1592 1374 1693">Any failure to follow an open, transparent, robust and successful application procedure for a bonfire will result in the Council requesting the support of the PSNI to provide protection to our contractors for the removal of materials.</p> <p data-bbox="368 1727 1270 1760">Applications must be received three months before a planned event.”</p> <p data-bbox="272 1794 1469 1877">3.2 In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion was referred without discussion to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1933 788 1966"><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="272 2000 344 2033">3.3 None</p>

3.4	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b>  This motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None