



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Illumination for the Samaritans 21st December</b>
<b>Date:</b>	22nd February, 2022
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<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 consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 1st March in relation to the illumination of the Belfast Castle on 21st December.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to note that the motion should be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

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 1452 394">The Committee will be aware Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r) as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October is as follows:</p> <p data-bbox="165 461 1481 1368">3.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="325 461 1481 629">(m) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will have delegated authority to adopt or reject Notices of Motion. The Lord Mayor will indicate at the Council meeting those Notices of Motion that have been considered by the Standards and Business Committee and whether such Notices of Motion were rejected or adopted. In either case, the proposer only may speak on the issue at Council.</i></li> <li data-bbox="325 663 1481 831">(n) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer all Notices of Motion directly to a standing committee when the matter to which the Notice of Motion refers falls within the remit of that committee. At Council, the Lord Mayor will indicate that the Notice of Motion was received and referred. There will be no speakers on such Notices of Motion at Council.</i></li> <li data-bbox="349 864 1481 965">(o) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter.</i></li> <li data-bbox="349 999 1481 1066">(p) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will not have the power to amend the wording of any Notice of Motion that is being referred to the full Council for debate.</i></li> <li data-bbox="349 1099 1481 1200">(q) <i>Any amendments to Notice of Motions to be proposed at the Council are to be furnished at least one day in advance of going to the full Council and will be circulated to Party Group Leaders in advance of the Council meeting.</i></li> <li data-bbox="349 1234 1481 1368">(r) <i>In referring any matter to the full Council, the Standards and Business Committee may determine to restrict contributions to the debate in relation to any Notice of Motion to one per political party. At the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor will clearly indicate if the restriction applies.</i></li> </ul> <p data-bbox="165 1424 804 1458">3.3 The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="272 1525 970 1559"><b><u>Illumination for the Samaritans on 21st December</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="272 1592 1481 1827">“This Council commends and recognises the extraordinary efforts of the Samaritans during the period of Covid 19 and beyond. The ability of the volunteers to react quickly and effectively during the pandemic and to continue to offer support to anyone who needs a listening ear day or night, 365 days a year is to be commended. This Council also recognises the mental health challenges facing our society and agrees to light up the Belfast Castle in green (Samaritan colours) to mark the Longest Night on 21st December, to show people that the Samaritans are always there for them.”</p> <p data-bbox="272 1895 619 1928">Proposer: Councillor Kyle</p> <p data-bbox="272 1962 644 1995">Seconder: Councillor Lyons</p>

3.4	The Committee should note that the motion originally requested that the City Hall be illuminated on this date. However, in line with previous years, the proposer was advised that the building could not make use of the illuminate facilities during that period due to the Christmas lighting and therefore is seeking to have the Belfast Castle lit up on that date instead.
3.5	As the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee is responsible for illuminate policy, the motion should, in the first instance, be referred to that Committee.
3.6	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.7	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	<b>Documents Attached</b>
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