



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Energy Price Crises</b>
<b>Date:</b>	22nd February, 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
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<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<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 consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 1st March in relation to the Energy Price Crises.
<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 People and Communities 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 1449 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 555 1559"><b><u>Energy Price Crises</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="272 1592 1481 1693">This Council notes the spiralling cost of energy bills and the increased pressure on households across the City particularly the most vulnerable. In order to provide long-term solutions to escalating energy prices this Council will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="325 1727 1369 1895">• Commit to civic leadership on the development of community energy projects across the City. These projects will focus on developing renewable energy in partnership with communities and expert organisations, including the provision of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and sourcing financing for these community energy projects;</li> <li data-bbox="325 1928 1369 1995">• Engage with the Department for the Economy for support in developing community energy schemes; and</li> </ul>

<p>3.4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write to the UK Government Treasury stating our support for a Windfall Tax on the Energy Companies who have recorded record profits.</li> </ul> <p>For the purpose of this motion, the use of the term ‘community energy’ to mean community projects or initiatives focused on the four strands of reducing energy use, managing energy better, generating energy or purchasing energy. This included communities of place and communities of interest. These projects or initiatives share an emphasis on community ownership, leadership or control where the community benefits.</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Smyth</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor O’Hara</p> <p>The Committee should note that the People and Communities Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of strategies, policies, programmes and projects aimed at improving life at a local level in the context of the outcomes agreed in the community and corporate plans and other corporate strategy.</p> <p>Therefore, the motion should, in the first instance, be referred to the People and Communities Committee.</p>
<p>3.5</p>	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
<p>3.6</p>	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>None.</p>