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Legal and Civic Services Department
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19th November, 2020

MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

In addition to those matters previously notified to you, the following item will also be considered at the meeting to be held remotely at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 20th November, 2020.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

3. Matters referred back from Council/Motions

- (g) Motion - Belfast Leisure Centres - Proposed Redundancies (Pages 1 - 2)

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Subject:	Motion – Belfast Leisure Centres – Proposed Redundancies
Date:	20th November, 2020
Reporting Officer:	John Walsh, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
Contact Officer:	Henry Downey, Democratic Services Officer

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Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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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 Belfast Leisure Centres – Proposed Redundancies which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 2nd November.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to consider the motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>At the Council meeting on 2nd November, the following motion was proposed by Councillor Matt Collins and seconded by Councillor Ferguson:</p> <p><i>“This Council notes with deep concern recent moves by GLL to cut jobs in Belfast leisure centres through proposed redundancies.</i></p> <p><i>The Council greatly appreciates the role of all leisure workers who have made a positive contribution to our services and our community over many years, and the need for fully</i></p>

	<p><i>staffed and funded leisure centres as a vital resource for the physical and mental health of communities emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic.</i></p> <p><i>Therefore, the Council opposes the proposed job losses and calls on GLL to immediately cease any moves toward redundancies; tasks the Chief Executive and the Officer team to engage with relevant trade union representatives; seeks an urgent meeting with GLL management to put firmly on the record the Council's opposition; and work toward a financial package that addresses the jobs under threat and ensures no leisure worker loses their job in the weeks and months ahead.”</i></p>
3.2	In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion was referred without debate to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	None