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2 December 2024

MEETING OF CITY GROWTH AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

As previously notified to you, I enclose a copy of the report for the following item to be considered at the meeting of the above-named Committee on Wednesday, 4th December, 2024 at 5.15 pm.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

- (a) Notice of Motion Quarterly Update (Pages 1 - 8)

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Subject:	Notices of Motion – Quarterly Update
Date:	04 December 2024
Reporting Officer:	Damien Martin, Strategic Director of Place and Economy
Contact Officer:	Jamie Uprichard, Business Research and Development Manager

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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes	No	

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Notices of Motion and Issues

	Raised in Advance allocated to the City Growth & Regeneration (CG&R) Committee.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>It is recommended that the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the updates to all Notices of Motion/ Issues Raised in Advance that this Committee is responsible for as referenced in Appendix 1; and • Agrees to the closure of one Notice of Motion, as referenced in Appendix 1 and noted in paragraph 3.3 below.
3.0	Main report
3.1	At the SP&R Committee meeting on 25th October 2019 , members agreed “ <i>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.</i> ”
3.2	<p>It was subsequently agreed that quarterly updates would be brought to the council’s statutory committees providing a regular update on the progress of each motion for which the committee is responsible for. At the SP&R Committee on 20th November 2020, members approved the arrangement for the future management of motions, which included recommendations that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category 1 – Notice of Motion contained an action that has been completed. All Notices of Motion within this category contained a specific task that has since been complete. It is worth noting that, when Committee agree to action a Motion, there are sometimes additional actions agreed alongside the 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. • Category 2 - Notice of Motion has become Council policy or absorbed into a strategic programme of work. These Motions did not contain a specific task that could be completed but rather they are more strategic in nature and require 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.
3.3	<p>There are presently 5 Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance for which the CG&R Committee is responsible for. Members are asked to approve the recommendation to close 1 motion (detailed below) and note status updates for the remaining 4 motions which remain open. Additional information is included at Appendix 1.</p> <p>Recommended Closures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translink – Night-time provision of services (ID = 289) – Category 1 & 2.
3.5	<p><u>Financial & 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>

3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained in this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents attached
	Appendix 1: Notices of Motion Live Database – CG&R Committee

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City Growth & Regeneration Notice of Motions

Notices of Motion and Issued Raised in Advance that remain OPEN:

ID	Date	Notice of Motion	Proposed By	Referral Route	Lead Officer	Latest Status Update
208	04/10/2021	Belfast City Nightlife and Night-time Economy	Cllr de Faoite	Notice of Motion – straight to CG&R	Damien Martin	Following the September CG&R meeting, the Night Czar has been invited to the next meeting of the City Centre All-Party Working Group to provide an opportunity and present an opportunity to engage with members. This will enable members to explore the potential for increased council involvement in relation to both the role and our representation on the Purple Flag Steering Group.
217	01/11/2021	Tourism Street Signage (Enlightenment Period)	Cllr M Long	Notice of Motion - referred by S&B Committee	Lesley-Ann O'Donnell	Officers have undertaken initial desk-based research on the Belfast Enlightenment Period, its potential tourism appeal and a list of proposed options. This will be brought to members in a separate Committee report to the January meeting of CG&R.
309	22/02/2023	Rent Controls	Cllr C Beattie	Issue Raised in Advance (Special CG&R)	Nora Largey	Following the return of the NI Assembly a revised letter is being sent to the DfC Minister, whose departmental officials had previously advised that they were unable to make changes relating to rent controls without a sitting NI Executive.
416	06/11/2024	Women's Safety in the City	Cllr T Kelly	Issue Raised in Advance (CG&R)	Sharon McNicholl	NEW MOTION: Following this motion, a report on Women's Safety in the City was presented to the November meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources committee. Following discussion, the committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the discussions held and decisions taken at the People and Communities and City Growth and Regeneration Committees (November 2024); • Noted the cross-departmental and cross sectoral work being delivered by, supported, or endorsed by the council; • Noted the multi-agency stakeholders currently involved in this work and the discussions which took place at the Multi-Agency Operational Task Force on the City Centre which took place on 13 November 2024;

						<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agreed short-term interventions to support women's safety in greater Belfast, together with plans for further engagement with stakeholders to develop further interventions for implementation in the medium term and that these form part of considerations for use of in-year underspend or external funding, if applicable.• Agreed to investigate as to whether the Council could fund additional security measures.
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Notices of Motion and Issued Raised in Advance recommended to CLOSE:

ID	Date	Notice of Motion	Proposed By	Referral Route	Lead Officer	Update / Latest Status
289	01/12/2022	Translink - Night-time provision of services	Cllr D Lyons	Notice of Motion – debated at council	Cathy Reynolds	<p>Recommend to Close (Category 1 & 2)</p> <p>As part of the updated Belfast Agenda process (published March 2024), officers engaged through Community Planning structures to advocate an extension of the night-time provision of its Metro and Glider bus services. The new Belfast Agenda action plans include an action to: “Expand the timetable with a greater service in the evenings and funding for the provision of night-time services”, for which Translink are the lead partner.</p> <p>In addition, a letter was sent before the summer to the DfI Minister calling for consideration to be given to the funding of the provision of night-time public transport services in Belfast. The reply was presented to August’s CG&R committee.</p> <p>The Committee noted the correspondence and officers can also confirm that Translink are engaged as part of the delivery of city events.</p> <p>Translink have also recently announced the return of their Christmas Late-Night Bus, Coach and Train services to allow people to stay out later in city centre in the run up to Christmas. The extended service will run over a 4-week period commencing on Saturday 30th November. Further information is available at: https://www.translink.co.uk/latenightservices</p>

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