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26th September, 2022

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Council Chamber and remotely via Teams on Tuesday, 27th September, 2022 at 5.30 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. **Routine Matters**

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes
- (c) Declarations of Interest

2. **Motions**

- (a) Motion - Cllr Michelle Kelly - Support for Parents (Pages 1 - 4)



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Support for Parents
Date:	27th September, 2022
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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

Call-in	
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 the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 3rd October in relation to Support for Parents.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the motion and agree to either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.

3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	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:
3.2	<p>(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></p> <p>(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></p> <p>(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></p> <p>(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></p> <p>(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></p> <p>(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></p>
3.3	<p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Support for Parents</u></p> <p>“Parenting Week 2022 is Monday 17th to Friday 22nd October, this council recognises and acknowledges the vital importance of parents in society.</p> <p>Further, it notes that in Parenting NI’s latest Cost of Living Survey, 99% of parents are concerned about rising costs and the impact this is going to have on their family and that 69% of parents said their financial has situation deteriorated in the last 6 months.</p> <p>In order to bring attention to and attempt to redress this situation, the council formally supports Parenting Week 2022 and parents in Belfast. This council pledges to work towards ensuring parents are given enough support to be the best parent they can be to improve the outcomes of their children, especially during the current cost of living crisis.</p>

	<p>To do this, the council commits to providing a list of existing initiatives it delivers to support parents, with a view to working with the voluntary and community sector, as well as other partners, to explore if such initiatives may be improved, as well as seek to bring forward new programmes to support parents during the cost of living crisis. The council also commits to seeking parents' views for any further support they will provide to families to ensure that parent voice is a significant factor in the design and implementation of new initiative that will help tackle the cost of living crisis for parents.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Michelle Kelly</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Smyth</p> <p>3.4 The first part of the motion calls upon the Council to support Parenting Week 2022 and parents in Belfast – can be adopted, referred to the Council for debate (with or without restrictions) or rejected.</p> <p>3.5 The second part of the motion calls upon the Council to provide a list of initiatives it provides to support parents, to explore any potential improvements in those initiatives and ensure that parents' views on any further support the Council can provide to help tackle the cost-of-living crisis are sought. This part of the motion falls within the remit of the People and Communities Committee and may commit the Council to expenditure. It therefore stands referred to that Committee.</p> <p>3.6</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	None.

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