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25th August, 2023

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in hybrid format, both in the Lavery Room - City Hall and remotely, via Microsoft Teams, on Tuesday, 29th August, 2023 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) Urban Wildflower Meadows (Pages 1 4)
- (b) Street Art Walls (Pages 5 8)
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Agenda Item 2a



Subject:

STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Notice of Motion - Urban Wildflower Meadows

Date:		29th August, 2023			
Repoi	rting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicito	r/Director of Legal	and Civic S	Services
Conta	act Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Se	ervices Officer		
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1.0	Purpose of Repor	t/Summary of Main Issues			
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2.0	Recommendation	<u> </u>			
2.1	The Committee is	asked to note that the motion	will be referred	to the Peo	ple and
	Communities Com	mittee.			

3.0	Main Report		
	Key Issue	<u>es</u>	
3.1	The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows:		
	(m)	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.	
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	(0)	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.	
	(p)	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.	
	(q)	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.	
	(r)	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.	
3.2	The follow	ving motion has been received:	
	<u>Urban W</u>	ildflower Meadows	
	Therefore wildflower following	uncil reaffirms its commitment to enhancing our city's ecological credentials. e, this Council is dedicated to a pilot project that will aim to identify one site for cultivation in each quadrant of the city. These sites must adhere to one of the criteria: a) Owned by the Council itself, b) Owned by another Government ent, or c) Currently unadopted.	
		ise locations for these pilot projects will be presented for discussion during the convening of the area working groups.	
	ranging f	ncil comprehends the benefits that Urban Wildflower Meadows can bring to our city, rom reduced maintenance to supporting our climate change ambitions, and leading to Belfast becoming a more biodiverse city."	
	Proposer:	Councillor Ronan McLaughlin	
	Seconder	: Councillor Michael Long	

3.3	The motion calls upon the Council to write to undertake a pilot projects for wildflower cultivation in each quadrant of the city. The motion will be referred to the People and Communities Committee which is responsible for maximising the benefit of the Council's parks, pitches, playgrounds and other public spaces as well as biodiversity issues.
3.4	Financial and Resource Implications
	None associated with this report.
3.5	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment
	None.
4.0	Documents Attached
	None.



Agenda Item 2b



Subject:

STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Date:		29th August, 2023			
Repo	rting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services			
Conta	act Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democra	tic Services Officer		
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1.0	Purpose of Repor	t/Summary of Main Issues			
1.1	To consider the No	otice of Motion received for the	meeting of the Coun	ncil on 4th S	eptember
	in relation to Street	t Art Walls.			
2.0	Recommendation				
2.1	The Committee is	asked to note that the motion	will be referred in the	e first instan	ce to the
	City Growth and R	egeneration Committee.			
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Notice of Motion - Street Art Walls

Main Report 3.0 **Key Issues** 3.1 The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows: (m) 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. (n) 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. The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for (o) consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter. 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. 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. (r) 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. 3.2 The following motion has been received: **Street Art Walls** "The Council recognises the transformative benefits that street art can have on communities and welcomes the enhancement of spaces across the city through the creation of public artwork, such as in entries in Belfast City Centre, across the Holylands, and on utility boxes through the Belfast Canvas project. In many places, works have become tourist attractions and are creating a real sense of civic pride. However, the Council also acknowledges the concern and frustration that particular types of graffiti such as tagging can cause to communities, and the cost of its removal. To encourage a vibrant street art culture in this city and help people to develop the skills required to realise this, the Council believes that it is important to facilitate the creation of such art in a safe, legal and positive way, enabling creative expression through this medium and reducing the proliferation of antisocial graffiti. This Council will therefore work with the street art community to support the continuing development of a positive street art culture in this city and, in particular, will provide 'street

art walls' which will allow people to create artwork legally. In addition to identifying Belfast

City Council property to facilitate this, the Council will also work with public, private and third sector partners to identify locations across the city which can be used freely by people for ad hoc street art and collaborative projects. The Council will also work with street artists and groups, youth providers and other partners to engage with people who could benefit from getting involved in street art and support mentoring and skills development to empower them to express themselves through this route. It will also consult and work with artists and groups to develop a better and evolving understanding of how it can support street art. Taking this approach, the Council aims to support the vibrant street art scene in Belfast and help develop the next generation of street artists to enable it to continue to flourish, while reducing the impact and cost of negative graffiti by encouraging a positive alternative." Proposer: Councillor Gary McKeown Seconder: Councillor Paul Doherty The motion calls upon the Council to, through various means, support the street art scene in 3.3 Belfast. The City Growth and Regeneration Committee is responsible for supporting the development of culture, heritage and the arts and the motion will be referred to that Committee. **Financial and Resource Implications** 3.4 None associated with this report. **Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment** 3.5 None. 4.0 **Documents Attached** None.



Agenda Item 2c



STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Subje	ect:	Notice of Motion - Clean Indoor Air Motion	
Date:		29th August, 2023	
Repo	rting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Serv	vices
Conta	act Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer	
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2.0	Recommendation		
2.1	.1 The Committee is asked to note that the motion will be referred to the Strategic Policy and		y and
	Resources Committee.		

3.0 **Main Report Key Issues** 3.1 The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows: (m) 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. (n) 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. The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for (o) consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter. The Standards and Business Committee will not have the power to amend the (p) wording of any Notice of Motion that is being referred to the full Council for debate. 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. In referring any matter to the full Council, the Standards and Business Committee (r) 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. 3.2 The following motion has been received: **Clean Indoor Air Motion** "Having learned lessons of the importance of ventilation and clean indoor air for health and productivity during the Covid pandemic; and seeking to take all reasonable steps to enable use of all Council facilities by all citizens, including the most vulnerable and so further inclusion; and seeking to care for the health and wellbeing of Council employees, this Council will commit to signing and implementing The COVID Safety Pledge; to report on steps already taken to prioritise clean indoor air in Belfast City Hall and other Council owned and occupied premises, and on what further or additional steps could be taken to improve indoor air quality and information about indoor air quality for employees and service users; and to develop and promote advice that can be followed to provide clean indoor air at events supported by Belfast City Council." Proposer: Councillor Jenna Maghie Seconder: Councillor Brian Smyth

3.3	The motion calls upon the Council, amongst other things, to prioritise clean indoor air in Belfast City Hall and other Council-owned and occupied premises. The motion should be referred in the first instance to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee which has responsibility for managing and maintaining the corporate land bank and city assets, including the City Hall.
3.4	Financial and Resource Implications None associated with this report.
3.5	Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment
4.0	None. Documents Attached
	None.



Agenda Item 2d



Subject:

STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Notice of Motion - Save West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness

Date:		29th August, 2023				
Repo	orting Officer: Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services			vices		
Conta	act Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic S	ervices Officer			
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		West Wellbeing Suicide Awarenes	S. 			
2.0	Recommendation					
2.1	The Committee is	asked to note that the motion will b	oe referred to the S	Strategic F	olicy	y and
	Resources Commi	ttee.				
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3.0	Main Report			
	Key Issue	Key Issues		
3.1	The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows:			
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	(r)	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.		
3.2	The follow	ving motion has been received:		
	Save Wes	st Wellbeing Suicide Awareness		
	"Since opening its doors in 2021, the West Wellbeing Suicide Prevention Centre has provided 21,000 hours of Counselling and support for people affected by poor mental health.			
		nd volunteers offer one-to-one therapy, family support, home visits and a wide range s for people across a range of high risk and complex situations.		
	closure, a	of funding for mental health services means this charity is now threatened with and it has been forced to drastically reduce the hours it can provide toward ag for clients in recent weeks.		
	reduce the	libeing, which normally offers sessions for up to 200 people per week, has had to is number by 60%, due to a lack of financial support. It is also having to reduce its nours from 9am-9pm, to 10am to 5pm. This is leaving many falling through the d going without support at a time when they are struggling.		

	This Council recognises the urgent need for investment into mental health services in communities. The Council also recognises that working class communities are adversely impacted due to higher levels of poverty and the legacy of trauma caused by conflict.
	The Council supports this service and agrees to explore all options to fund the West Well Being Suicide Prevention Centre, including using reserve funds, if necessary, to source up to £50,000 so the organisation can continue to deliver its full range of services for the remainder of 2023.
	This Council commits this financial support to ensure West Wellbeing can continue to operate for the remainder of 2023, without having to reduce its services."
	Proposer: Councillor Michael Collins
	Seconder: Councillor Paul McCusker
3.3	The motion calls upon the Council to provide funding to the West Wellbeing Suicide Prevention Centre. The motion should be referred in the first instance to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee which has responsibility for managing the Council's finances.
3.4	Financial and Resource Implications
	None associated with this report.
3.5	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment
	None.
4.0	Documents Attached
	None.



Agenda Item 2e



STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Subje	ect:	Notice of Motion – Future Manager	ment Structures of Lough Neagh
Date:		29th August, 2023	
Repo	rting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Di	rector of Legal and Civic Services
Conta	act Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Service	ces Officer
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1.0	Purpose of Repo	rt/Summary of Main Issues	
1.1	To consider the N	otice of Motion received for the meeting	g of the Council on 4th September
	in relation to Futur	e Management Structures of Lough Ne	agh.
2.0	Recommendation	1	
2.1	The Committee is	asked to note that the motion will be re	eferred to the Strategic Policy and
	Resources Comm	ittee.	

3.0 **Main Report Key Issues** 3.1 The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows: (m) 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. (n) 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 3.2 The following motion has been received: **Future Management Structures of Lough Neagh** "The Council recognises that the recent spread of toxic blue green algae on Lough Neagh is of major concern to the residents of Belfast. Over 50% of Belfast's water comes from Neagh. Many people will have seen many recent reports that the Lough is dying. Lough Neagh is largest lake in these islands and has been described as hyper- eutrophic - in other words the Lough suffers from nutrient enrichment mainly from human sewage and agricultural run-off both directly into the Lough and the wider water catchment. This severe deterioration in water quality is the latest in a number of problems ranging from extractive industries, invasive species, and the depletion in the numbers of fish and birds. If Lough Neagh was a person, it would be described as having multiple organ failure. Over decades the current management and ownership structures have proven incapable of dealing with these complex problems For such a strategic asset and its importance for drinking water, fishing, culture, recreation and biodiversity, Lough Neagh deserves a more effective form of ownership and a management structure that works in the public interest to deal with these multiple problems.

	It is the Council's view that the public acquisition of Lough Neagh is sought from Lord Shaftesbury, including acquiring the bed of the Lough. Furthermore, the Council supports a new legal right of nature for Lough Neagh that guarantees a model of ownership that protects the rights of Lough Neagh to exist and evolve. Finally, the Council recognises that public acquisition of Lough must involve in the future participation of the Lough Neagh communities in any future decision making for the Lough."
	Proposer: Councillor Brian Smyth
	Seconder: Councillor Anthony Flynn
3.3	The motion calls upon the Council to seek from Lord Shaftesbury the public acquisition of Lough Neagh. The motion should be referred in the first instance to the Strategic Policy and
	Resources Committee which has responsibility for managing and maintaining the corporate
	land bank and city assets, including the City Hall, and is also responsible for making strategic
	policy decisions.
3.4	Financial and Decourse Implications
	Financial and Resource Implications
3.5	None associated with this report.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment
	None.
4.0	Documents Attached
	None.

