



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Herbicide Reduction Policy</b>
<b>Date:</b>	23rd August, 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sometime in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<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 September in relation to Herbicide Reduction Policy.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
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	<b>Main Report</b>
	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b>
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><b><u>Herbicide Reduction Policy</u></b></p> <p>“This Council notes that Northern Ireland ranks 12<sup>th</sup> worst in the world for biodiversity loss, with significant threats to our natural and native wildlife and habitats due to human intervention.</p> <p>It further notes that a scientific study published in June stated that chemical pollution has passed the safe limit for humanity.</p> <p>This Council commits to the principle of herbicide reduction and will develop a herbicide reduction policy for use across the council estate, in line with best practice regarding weed control and land management.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Flynn</p> <p>Secunder: Councillor Smyth</p>

3.4	The motion calls for the Council to develop a herbicide reduction policy – as this matter falls within the remit of the People and Communities Committee, it should be referred, in the first instance to that Committee.
3.5	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.6	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None.