



Subject:	Motion – School Street Schemes
Date:	20th January, 2023
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
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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
	To bring to Members' attention a motion in relation to School Street Schemes, which the Standards and Business Committee, at its meeting on 5th January, referred to this Committee.
2.0	Recommendation
	The Committee is asked to consider the motion.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> The Standards and Business Committee, at its meeting on 5th January, considered the following motion which had been received for submission to the Council on 9th January:

School Street Schemes

This Council:

- i. notes that the “School Street” schemes in the Republic of Ireland and GB, which close the roads outside schools during drop-off and pick-up times, have the multiple benefits of improving road safety for pupils, encouraging active travel to school by walking, cycling and public transport, and improving the air quality around schools;
- ii. commends Fingal County Council, which has successfully pioneered the scheme at many schools in North County Dublin;
- iii. recognises that we do not have the statutory powers to introduce such a scheme in Belfast, either in pilot or permanent form;
- iv. calls upon the Department for Infrastructure to bring forward urgently a School Streets pilot project in Belfast, identifying a number of pilot schools across the City;
- v. agrees that the Area Working Groups will agree a number of schools in each area to recommend to the Department for Infrastructure as part of a pilot scheme; and
- vi. shall explore further ways to work with all relevant partners to develop School Streets and support measures to cut vehicle emissions and pollution in the vicinity of schools, including enforceable No-Idling Zones, air quality measuring and tree planting as part of the one million trees initiative.

Proposer: Councillor de Faoite

Secunder: Councillor McKeown

Financial and Resource Implications

None at this stage.

	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u> This motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.
	Documents Attached
	None