



Subject:	Notice of Motion – 50th Anniversary of Greenfinches in Northern Ireland
Date:	28 th March, 2023
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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 3 rd April in relation to the 50 th Anniversary of Greenfinches in Northern Ireland
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
3.1	<p data-bbox="316 304 472 331"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 367 1513 434">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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="363 465 1513 636">(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> <li data-bbox="363 658 1513 824">(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> <li data-bbox="389 853 1513 949">(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> <li data-bbox="389 978 1513 1046">(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> <li data-bbox="389 1068 1513 1164">(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> <li data-bbox="389 1193 1513 1328">(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 data-bbox="204 1361 842 1388">3.2 The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="316 1429 1059 1456"><u>50th Anniversary of Greenfinches in Northern Ireland</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 1532 1513 1697">“That this Council recognises the 50th Anniversary of Greenfinches in Northern Ireland; remembers that on 6th July 1973 the Ulster Defence Regiment Bill permitted the recruitment of women into the Ulster Defence Regiment. Women were given the codeword ‘Greenfinch’ and defended Northern Ireland throughout the period known as ‘The Troubles’. We are forever grateful for their commitment and sacrifice.”</p> <p data-bbox="316 1733 699 1760">Proposer: Councillor Bunting</p> <p data-bbox="316 1800 670 1827">Seconder: Councillor Kelly</p>

3.3	<p>The motion calls upon the Council to recognise the 50th anniversary of Greenfinches in Northern Ireland – the Committee can either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.4	<p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.5	<p>None.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	None.