



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Wilmont House</b>
<b>Date:</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023
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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 3 <sup>rd</sup> April in relation to Wilmont House.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to note that the Motion will be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

3.0	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p data-bbox="316 304 472 331"><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></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> <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> <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> <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> <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> <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></li> </ul> <p data-bbox="316 1361 842 1388">The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="316 1429 533 1456"><b><u>Wilmont House</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="316 1496 1513 1630">“That this Council, having due regard to the value of our heritage assets across the city, commissions an independent evaluation of the options to restore Wilmont House back into use. Such an evaluation should include potential business uses and associated costings for renovation and explore the viability of community or wider civic use.”</p> <p data-bbox="316 1666 692 1693">Proposer: Councillor Murray</p> <p data-bbox="316 1729 858 1756">Seconder: Councillor McDonough-Brown</p> <p data-bbox="204 1839 252 1865">3.3</p> <p data-bbox="316 1832 1513 1966">The motion calls upon the Council to commission an independent evaluation of the options to restore Wilmont House - the motion should be referred in the first instance to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee as it is responsible for Council’s assets.</p>

	<b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b>
3.4	None associated with this report.
	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b>
3.5	None.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None.