

Subject:

STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Notice of Motion - Playful Belfast City Streets

Date:		27th June, 2023		
Report	ting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of	f Legal and Civic Services	
Contac	Contact Officer: Jim Hanna, Senior Democra		cer	
Restricted Reports				
Is this report restricted?			Yes No X	
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?				
After Committee Decision				
After Council Decision				
Sometime in the future				
	Never			
Call-in				
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?		Yes X No		
1.0	Purpose of Repor	t/Summary of Main Issues		
1.1	To consider the Not	ice of Motion received for the meeting of the Co	ouncil on 3rd July in relation	
	to Playful Belfast C	ity Streets.		
2.0	Recommendation			
2.1	The Committee is a	asked to note that the Motion will be referred,	in the first instance, to the	
	People and Commi	unities Committee.		
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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: **Playful Belfast City Streets** "Following other cities, including London and Dublin, this Council will work with relevant stakeholders to facilitate how residents can organise Playful Streets in Belfast. Playful Streets are a low cost and easy way to turn residential streets into play spaces allowing children and communities to come together and play through limiting or closing access to vehicles for a few hours. We will invite Playful Cities Ireland to present to Council members at a future Committee meeting and for council officers to engage with the pilots currently being carried out by Fingal County Council this summer. This Council will then seek to pilot the same in Belfast in 2024 across the four quarters of the city and the city centre with a view to introduce a council led system through which residents

can apply to make their street a Playful Street."

	Proposer: Councillor McMullan		
	Seconder: Councillor Fiona McAteer		
3.3	The motion calls upon the Council to pilot Playful Streets in Belfast and for Playful Cities		
	Ireland to present to a future committee meeting – the People and Communities Committee's		
	remit, amongst other things, includes the managing, maintaining and maximising the benefit		
	of the Council's parks, pitches, playground and other public space as well as community		
	centres and other indoor facilities and the motion should be referred to that Committee for		
	consideration.		
3.4	Financial and Resource Implications		
	None associated with this report.		
3.5	Equality or Good Relations Implications		
	None.		
4.0	Documents Attached		
	None.		