PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



| Subjec | ct: | Motion - Playful Belfast City Streets | | | |
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| Date: | | 8th August, 2023 | | | |
| Reporting Officer: | | David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services, CNS | | | |
| Contact Officer: | | Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer | | | |
| Restric | cted Reports | | | | |
| Is this report restricted? | | | Yes No | X | |
| If Yes, | when will the repo | ort become unrestricted? | | | |
| After Committee Decision After Council Decision Sometime in the future Never | | | | | |
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| Call-in | | | | | |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-in? | | | Yes X No | | |
| 1.0 | Purpose of Repo | ort/Summary of Main Issues | | | |
| 1.1 | To bring to Memb | To bring to Members' attention a motion on Playful Belfast City Streets, which the | | | |
| | Standards and Business Committee, at its meeting on 27th June, referred to this | | | | |
| | Committee. | | | | |
| 2.0 | Recommendatio | n | | | |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to | | | | |
| | Consider t | he motion. | | | |
| 3.0 | Main Report | | | | |
| | Key Issues | | | | |
| 3.1 | The Standards a | nd Business Committee, at its meeting on | 27th June, consider | ed the | |
| | following motion v | which had been received for submission to the | Council on 3rd July: | | |

Playful Belfast City Streets

3.2 "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 Members are reminded that in accordance with Standing Order 13(I), where the notice of motion seeks to commit the Council to expenditure not previously agreed through the Committee process, the motion will stand referred to the relevant Committee for consideration. If the motion is agreed at the Committee, then this will usually require a further report from officers outlining the financial and other implications should the notice of motion be adopted.

Financial and Resource Implications

3.4 None at this stage.

Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment

3.5 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

4.0 Appendices - Documents Attached

None