



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Mental Health Accessibility Audit
Date:	24th October, 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 1st November in relation to the Mental Health Accessibility Audit.
2.0	Recommendation
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	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>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"> (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> (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> (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> (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> (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> (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>3.2 The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Mental Health Accessibility Audit</u></p> <p>“Northern Ireland (NI) has the highest prevalence of mental health problems in the UK.</p> <p>It is estimated that only 40% of people in NI who seek help can access effective mental health care and 79% of those do not receive the service they need.</p>

	<p>This council will conduct an online survey open to everyone who lives in the council district to assess accessibility to mental health support within each DEA.</p> <p>The survey will include but not be limited to assessing stakeholders' ease of access to mental health support, sample stakeholders' understanding of their rights regarding mental health, document the source of stressors, and the number of services perceived to be providing mental health and well-being support in the district.</p> <p>As leaders in the field of mental health provision, this council will work with MindWise in co-designing and hosting the survey. The council will invite a representative from MindWise to give deputation to the relevant or interested committee or committees.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Matt Garrett</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Andrew McCormick</p>
3.3	<p>The motion calls upon the Council to undertake a survey to ascertain ease of access to mental health support. Whilst the council has no statutory responsibility for mental health services, it does, in the Belfast Agenda, under Theme 1: Our People and Communities – Health inequalities, have a strategic intent to promote and improve positive mental health and emotional wellbeing by raising awareness of support and services available and actions that can be taken at an individual level to improve or maintain good mental health. The motion should be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	<p>Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None.</p>