



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Regional Jobs and Investment Bill</b>
<b>Date:</b>	6th December, 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Eilish McGoldrick, Democratic Services Officer
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**Restricted Reports**

Is this report restricted? Yes  No

Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.

Insert number

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information)
4. Information in connection with any labour relations matter
5. Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained
6. Information showing that the council proposes to (a) to give a notice imposing restrictions on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction
7. Information on any action in relation to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Call-in**

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes  No

1.0	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider a motion in relation to Regional Jobs and Investment Bill, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 28th November.
2.0	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to consider the motion and, if the proposal is agreed, to agree that a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back.
3.0	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1 3.2 3.3 3.4	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 28th November, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Doherty and seconded by Councillor Whyte, was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p> <p><b><u>Regional Jobs and Investment Bill</u></b></p> <p><i>“Belfast City Council:</i></p> <p><i>Expresses grave concern at the significant geographic disparities in the economy of Northern Ireland between those areas which have experienced economic prosperity and those areas which have been left behind.</i></p> <p><i>Recognises that of the ten of the most deprived wards in Northern Ireland, six can be found in the Belfast City Council district.</i></p> <p><i>Welcomes the publication of an action plan by Invest Northern Ireland (NI) to implement the recommendations of the recent review which revealed the scale of failure of Invest NI to work as a partner on a sub-regional basis.</i></p> <p><i>Welcomes the proposal for legislation to address these regional economic imbalances through a Regional Jobs and Investment Bill.</i></p> <p><i>Resolves to take all possible measures to alleviate regional economic imbalances in order to give every citizen equal opportunity to succeed, regardless of geography.</i></p> <p><i>Commits to responding to the consultation on this legislation which is currently open.”</i></p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Paul Doherty</p> <p>Secunder: Councillor Carl Whyte</p>

	<p>Members are reminded that in accordance with Standing Order 13(l) where the notice of motion seeks to commit the Council to expenditure not previously agreed through the Committee process, the notice of motion has been referred to this Committee for consideration. This will usually require a further report from officers outlining the financial and other implications should the notice of motion be adopted.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b>
	None