



Subject:	Motion – Right to Grow on Council-Owned Land
Date:	15th December, 2023
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
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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.

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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
After Council Decision
Sometime in the future
Never

Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
	To bring to Members' attention a motion in relation to the Right to Grow on Council-Owned Land, which the Standards and Business Committee considered at its meeting on 28th November.
2.0	Recommendation
	The Committee is asked to consider the motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Standards and Business Committee, at its meeting on 28th November, considered the following motion which had been received for submission to the Council on 4th December:</p> <p><u>Right to Grow on Council-Owned Land</u></p> <p>“This Council notes the pressures upon food security caused by many issues, including the cost-of-living crisis, the impact of the pandemic and climate change. It is, therefore, vital that the Council plays its part to ensure that our citizens have access to enough fresh food for day-to-day living.</p> <p>The Council, therefore, agrees to adopt a right to grow on Council-owned land which is suitable for cultivation. This would probably involve licensing cultivation of suitable land via community groups.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Bell Seconder: Councillor Flynn</p> <p>3.2 As the motion calls upon the Council to adopt a right to grow on Council owned land, it was referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, which is responsible for maintaining the corporate land bank and city assets.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None at this stage.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>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.</p>

4.0	Documents Attached
	None