



Subject:	Motion – Housing Crisis
Date:	22nd March, 2024
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.

- 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	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
	To bring to Members' attention a motion in relation to Housing Crisis, which the Standards and Business Committee considered at its meeting on 22nd February.
2.0	Recommendation
	<p>Members are asked to note that in accordance with Standing Order 13(i) that Notices of Motion which commit the Council to expenditure must be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>At this time Members are only asked to note that the Notice of Motion has been received and that, if agreed, a subsequent report will be brought to Committee outlining a detailed consideration of the Notice of Motion and the potential costs implications.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Standards and Business Committee, at its meeting on 22nd February, considered the following motion which had been received for submission to the Council on 4th March:</p> <p><u>Housing Crisis</u></p> <p>“This Council recognises the need to bring forward significant quantities of high standard, affordable housing to meet the increasing demand and alleviate the current housing crisis facing people in Belfast.</p> <p>This Council commits to supporting Cohousing Schemes as an innovative solution to meet the needs of people who are unable to buy within the current system or for whom traditional housing does not meet their needs. Cohousing schemes can create diverse and sustainable communities, providing high quality, affordable housing.</p> <p>The Council will actively seek to identify suitable sites within its own land that could be used for Cohousing and include provision for Cohousing within any development site it brings forward that is appropriate for housing.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Áine Groogan</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Brian Smyth</p>
3.2	The motion calls upon the Council to identify suitable sites within its own land that could be used for co-housing - the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee is responsible for the corporate land bank and city assets and the motion has been referred to this Committee.

3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None at this stage as there is no commitment to proceed with the Notice of Motion. Details of any financial and resource implications will be reported at a subsequent meeting.</p>
3.4	<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	<p>Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>