



Subject:	Motion – Plant Based Councils Initiative
Date:	24th May, 2024
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, 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 Plant Based Councils Initiative, which the Standards and Business Committee considered at its meeting on 30th April.
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 30th April, considered the following motion which had been received for submission to the Council on 7th May:</p> <p><u>Plant Based Councils Initiative</u></p> <p>Belfast City Council endorses the plant based councils initiative.</p> <p>The Council therefore;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agrees to engage with the Plant Based Councils initiative and to commit to fully plant-based procurement where food is served throughout the council estate, prioritising seasonal local produce to support local farmers, and ensure that there are plant-based food options available at all City Council run events, as well as prioritising plant-based menu options in Council run facilities. <p>Proposer: Councillor Anthony Flynn</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Brian Smyth</p>
3.2	<p>The motion calls upon the Council to support Plant Based Councils Initiative through a number of actions. Members will be aware that the provision of hospitality is through a number of catering contracts which may not currently provide for plant-based catering. Committing to this may also require additional expenditure for a number of departments which provide catering at Council events and facilities. As such, this Notice of Motion will be referred to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p>

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>