



## STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Subject:	Notice of Motion – Pavement Parking
Date:	26th September, 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 X
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 X No

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 2nd October in
	relation to Pavement Parking
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the motion and agree to either adopt the motion, refer it
	for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.

3.0	Main Report		
	Key Issue	25	
3.1		The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at s meeting on 4th October, are as follows:	
	(m)	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.	
	(n)	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.	
	(0)	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.	
	(p)	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.	
	(q)	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.	
	(r)	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.	
3.2	The following motion has been received:		
	Pavement Parking		
	"That this Council notes that inconsiderate pavement parking affects everyone in Belfast, but disproportionately children, people with visual impairments, mobility aid users, neurodiverse people and people with prams or pushchairs; and therefore it is essential that the Council plays its full role in reinforcing the message that pavements are for people and it is never acceptable to park in a manner which forces people off a footway and into the road. This Council acknowledges the challenges in solving this issue but resolves to work towards stopping vehicles from blocking pavements through inconsiderate or dangerous parking, including by undertaking a public information campaign about the negative impacts of pavement parking in its forthcoming communications."		
	Proposer:	Councillor Tara Brooks	
	Seconder	Councillor Nelson	

3.3	The motion calls upon the Council to resolve to work towards stopping vehicles from blocking
	pavements through inconsiderate or dangerous parking, including by undertaking a public
	information campaign about the negative impacts of pavement parking in its forthcoming
	communications - the Committee can either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the
	Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion.
	Financial and Resource Implications
3.4	None associated with this report.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications
3.5	None.
4.0	Documents Attached
	None.

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