



Belfast District Council

Report to:	Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Notice of Motion: Elder Abuse Awareness Day
Date:	Friday, 20th February, 2015
Reporting Officer:	Mr. Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Officer, 6314

1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The Committee will recall that the Shadow Council, at its meeting on 9th February, considered the following motion, which had been moved by Councillor Convery and seconded by Councillor Jones:</p> <p>“Belfast District Council believes that Belfast’s senior citizens are valued members of society and that it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity.</p> <p>Abuse of older people is a tragedy inflicted on vulnerable seniors and an ever-increasing problem in today’s society that crosses all socio-economic boundaries. Combating abuse of older people will help improve the quality of life for all seniors and will allow them to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of Belfast. Belfast’s seniors are guaranteed that they will be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community.</p> <p>We are all responsible for building safer communities for Belfast’s seniors. The well-being of Belfast’s seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the well-being of Belfast’s communities. Accordingly, this Council requests that the Lord Mayor proclaims Monday, 15th June, 2015 as ‘Elder Abuse Awareness Day’ and encourages all Belfast’s residents to recognise and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.”</p> <p>In accordance with Standing Order 16.1 of the Local Government (Standing Orders) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014, the Presiding Councillor confirmed that the matter would be referred without discussion to the Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for consideration.</p>

2	Key Issues

3	Resource Implications
	None associated with this report.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
	To be determined.

5	Call In
	This decision is subject to call-in.

6	Recommendations
	The Committee is requested to consider the notice of motion and take such action thereon which may be determined.