



Belfast District Council

Report to:	Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Notice of Motion: Real Cloth Nappies
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 R. Brown and seconded by Councillor Hanna:</p> <p>“Belfast District Council notes that nappy waste is the largest identifiable category of waste, accounting for 3-4% of total household waste, resulting in the disposal of 8 million nappies per day in the UK. It recognises the enormous environmental impact and cost to the Council associated with disposable nappies and further notes that making use of real cloth nappies rather than disposable nappies can save parents around £600 by the time a child is 2 years old.</p> <p>The District Council therefore requests that a report be submitted to the appropriate Committee which would outline the feasibility of the Council introducing a ‘Real Nappy Voucher Scheme’ which could offer parents a one-off payment towards the cost of purchasing real cloth nappies or a trial from a cloth nappy library.</p> <p>In addition, the District Council calls on the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust to take action to ensure that real cloth nappies are promoted in maternity wards.”</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
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	To be determined.
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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.