



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Development Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – C.S. Lewis</b>
<b>Date:</b>	23rd April, 2013
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Mr. Barry Flynn, Democratic Services Officer, ext. 6312
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	As above.

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	<p>At the Council meeting on 3rd April, the undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor A. Newton and seconded by Councillor Haire:</p> <p><b><u>C.S. Lewis</u></b></p> <p>“This November will mark the 50th anniversary of the death of C.S. Lewis. Clive Staples Lewis was born in East Belfast on 29th November, 1898; his family home was on the Circular Road in the east of the City. He attended Campbell College before enrolling in Malvern College in 1913 and went on to receive a scholarship at University College, Oxford. After the outbreak of World War I, he enlisted in the Army in 1917. He was wounded at the Battle of Arras on 15th April, 1918 and was subsequently discharged from the Army in 1919.</p> <p>C.S. Lewis is rightly considered to be one of the intellectual giants of the 20th Century and, arguably, the most influential Christian writer of his day. He is world-renowned for his writings and in particular the Chronicles of Narnia which have charmed generations of children across the globe.</p> <p>This Council acknowledges the fitting tribute to be paid to C.S. Lewis by the erection of a memorial stone at Westminster Abbey’s Poets’ Corner and agrees that we, as the elected representatives of the City in which he was born, should not allow the landmark 50th anniversary of his death to pass without marking it in a fitting way. This Council is proud to claim C.S. Lewis as one of our most famous sons and, accordingly, agrees to give early consideration as to how this noteworthy event should best be marked.”</p> <p><b>In accordance with Standing Order 11(e), the Lord Mayor indicated that the matter would be referred to the Development Committee without debate.</b></p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is requested to consider the Notion of Motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.</p>