



Belfast District Council (Shadow)

Report to:	Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Notice of Motion – Role of Women in the City
Date:	Friday, 20th March, 2015
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (6314)
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1	Background Information
1.1	<p>The Shadow Council, at its meeting on 3rd March, referred the following notice of motion to the Committee for consideration:</p> <p>Moved by Councillor O' Hara, Seconded by Councillor Graham,</p> <p>“As we approach and celebrate International Women’s Day on 7th March, this Council recognises and pays tribute to the significant contribution which women have made to all aspects of life in our City. In acknowledging this further, the Council will, under the auspices of the Women’s Steering Group, commission a new stained glass window in the City Hall which will recognise, reflect and celebrate the positive role which women have played in our City.”</p>

2	Key Issues
2.1	<p>The Committee is aware that the installation of a further stained glass window will need to be considered within the overall context of City Hall Memorabilia. One of the Council’s primary aims is to make the environment within the City Hall balanced, inclusive and reflective of the backgrounds of all the citizens of the City.</p>
2.2	<p>As a first step, it is suggested that the matter should be referred to the Women’s Steering Group for comment. The Steering Group could consider also the scope and themes to be depicted within the window and to examine the potential costs in producing the window. Thereafter, it would be a matter for the Committee to determine.</p>

2.3	Such course of action, in referring the matter to an appropriate group for detailed consideration, would be in keeping with a previous decision to refer consideration of the 'Celtic Myths and Legends' window to the former Memorabilia Working Group for initial comment. In addition, the Committee is aware that a Spanish Civil War Commemorative Window Working Group is currently examining the scope and content of that particular window.
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3	Resource Implications
	To be determined.

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 refer the matter to the Women's Steering Group for consideration.	

7	Decision Tracking
Democratic Services	

8	Documents Attached
None	