



Belfast District Council (Shadow)

Report to:	Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Notice of Motion – Family-Friendly City Centre
Date:	Friday, 20th March, 2015
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (6314)
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Manager (6313)

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 Hanna, Seconded by Councillor Attwood,</p> <p>“This Council notes that city centres which are child and family friendly bring a wide range of benefits including,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• contributing to healthy childhood development;• driving economic regeneration as families spend more time in the City; and• making city centre living a more viable option for families, and thereby contributing to longer-term social regeneration. <p>The Council commends the work of the Belfast Healthy Cities organisation which has been researching child friendly places since 2011, including the provision of temporary 'Kids Spaces' in the city centre. The Council agrees to harness its new planning, community planning and economic regeneration powers to develop a world class family friendly strategy for Belfast, including the development of 'Kids Spaces' in the City centre.”</p>

2	Key Issues
2.1	The notice of motion refers specifically to the Council's powers in respect of planning, community planning and economic regeneration. The Committee might, therefore, consider that the remit of the motion would fall within role of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee (CGR). If so, it would be prudent for the issue to be referred onwards for consideration and comment.
2.2	It will be a matter ultimately for this Committee to determine any costs, if any, which will be incurred in a family friendly strategy for the City.

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 consider the contents of the notice of motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.

7	Decision Tracking
	Democratic Services

8	Documents Attached
	None