



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Responses to Notice of Motion re: Events in Burma
<b>Date:</b>	25th January, 2008
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### Relevant Background Information

The Committee will recall that the Council, at its meeting on 3rd December, passed the following Notice of Motion:

“This Council views with the deepest concern the unfolding events in Burma and salutes the courage of the Burmese people, especially Aung San Suu Kyi, in challenging the oppressive, corrupt and illegitimate military junta which has ruled Burma for decades.

The people of Belfast have a tradition of supporting oppressed peoples and to that end this Council calls on the British and Irish governments to immediately impose the most stringent sanctions under the auspices of the United Nations.”

### Key Issues

Correspondence has been received from the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Irish Government's Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs (copies of which are attached) outlining their positions and the actions which they have undertaken in relation to the events which are taking place currently in Burma.

### Resource Implications

No financial or Human Resource implications associated with this report.

### Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the receipt of the correspondence.

<b>Documents Attached</b>
Appendix 1 – Correspondence from UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Appendix 2 – Correspondence from Irish Government's Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs