



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Notice of Motion re: Centenary of International Women's Day
Date:	18th March, 2011
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1.0	Relevant Background Information
1.1	<p>The Committee will recall that the Council, at its meeting on 1st March passed the following Notice of Motion which had been proposed by Councillor B. Kelly:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“Belfast City Council notes that the Centenary of International Women's Day will be celebrated on 8th March, 2011.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">International Women's Day is a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Council, while recognising the progress made towards equality between men and women, acknowledges that this journey is not complete, particularly in relation to women's economic independence, equal representation in decision-making roles and ending violence against women.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Council joins with women from across Belfast in celebrating the achievements thus far and pledges its support to work towards a more equal future for women.”</p>
1.2	<p>At the request of the seconder, Councillor M. E. Campbell, the proposer agreed to the inclusion of the following paragraph:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“The Council agrees that consideration be given to the erection of a piece of public art, within the environs of the City Hall or its grounds, to celebrate the contribution and achievements of women in the City.”</p> <p>The Council agreed that consideration of the public art be referred to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p>

2.0	Key Issues
2.1	The Committee has agreed previously to the establishment of the cross-party Memorabilia Working Group, which consists of the six elected Members on the Good Relations Steering Group.
2.2	Part of the remit of this Group is to discuss the display of City Hall Memorabilia in the longer term and to agree a programme of work and the acquisition of materials to ensure that the items on display in the City Hall were representative of all communities in the City.

3.0	Recommendations
3.1	It is recommended, in the first instance, that the matter be referred to the Memorabilia Working Group, with a report thereon being submitted to the Committee in due course.