## Subject: Notice of Motion re: Register of Members’ Interests

### Date:
22nd March, 2016

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## 1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

### 1.1 To consider a notice of motion in relation to the Register of Members’ Interests which, in accordance with standing orders, was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 1st March, 2016.

## 2.0 Recommendations

### 2.1 The Committee is requested to consider the notice of motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.

## 3.0 Main report

### 3.1 Key Issues

#### 3.1.1 At the meeting of the Council on 1st March, it was proposed by Councillor Bradshaw and seconded by Councillor McDonough- Brown, that:

> “This Council agrees to publish on its website with immediate effect the Register of Members’ Interests, which is to be maintained as a requirement of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.”

#### 3.1.2 Section 62(1) of the Act requires the Clerk of the Council to “establish and maintain a register of interests of its councillors”. Section 62(3) provides that a council “must ensure that copies of the register maintained under this section are available at an office of the council for inspection by members of the public at all reasonable hours”.

3.1.3 Therefore, there is no obligation on the Council to publish the register online. There is also nothing to prevent the Council from deciding to publish online if it so desires.

3.1.4 If the Committee decides to publish the register online and that decision is not called in and is subsequently ratified by the Council at its meeting on 4th April then the register will be made available online with immediate effect.

3.2 Financial & Resource Implications

3.2.1 None.

3.3 Equality or Good Relations Implications

3.3.1 There are not any equality or good relations considerations associated with this report.

4.0 Appendices – Documents Attached

4.1 None.