



Subject:	Notice of Motion re: Stained Glass Window – LGBT Community
Date:	21 st April, 2017
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Restricted Reports	
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a notice of motion in relation to a 'Stained Glass Window – LCBT Community' which, in accordance with standing orders, was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 3 rd April.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the notice of motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At the meeting of the Council on 3rd April, the following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor McAllister.</p> <p><i>“This Council acknowledges the positive role which the LGBT community plays in our City, whose visibility creates a more welcoming and vibrant City. Recognising that one of the Council’s primary aims is to make the environment of the City Hall more balanced, inclusive and reflective of all of the citizens of the City, the Council agrees to commission a stained glass window to celebrate the contribution of our LGBT citizens and install this in an appropriate location in the City Hall.”</i></p> <p>3.2 In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion was referred, without discussion, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee</p> <p>3.3 By way of background and to assist the Committee in making a decision on the way forward, it might be beneficial if the Members were apprised of previous decisions and of the current position in relation to recent motions on stained glass windows and the subsequent progress.</p> <p>3.4 Over the previous four years the Committee has considered four other motions in relation to the installation of stained glass windows in the City Hall. These were the Spanish Civil War; Role of Women in the City; the Health Service in Belfast; and the contribution which sport has made to Belfast and to Northern Ireland.</p> <p><u>Spanish Civil War</u></p> <p>3.5 This motion was initially referred to the Diversity Working Group, which established a smaller group to progress the matter. The installation of a window was subsequently commended by the Group to the Committee which approved the design and installation with a budget of £25,000.</p> <p>The window was unveiled in November, 2015.</p> <p><u>Role of Women in the City</u></p> <p>3.6 The committee agreed to refer this proposal to the Women’s Steering Group which considered the proposal, scope and potential cost. It recommended that the project be</p>

	<p>progressed with a budget of up to £25,000 and the Committee concurred with this recommendation.</p> <p>The window was unveiled in March, 2016.</p> <p><u>Health Service in Belfast</u></p>
3.7	<p>The motion on a stained glass window to recognise the Health Service in Belfast was referred to the Diversity Working Group by the Council in May 2016. The Group made no specific proposal for this window but agreed that it and the potential for a criteria for stained glass windows and other commemorative artefacts should form part of the discussion on the grounds of the City Hall.</p>
3.8	<p>A meeting of the Party Group Leaders on a Review of the City Hall Grounds was held on 30th September, 2016 and this was considered at that meeting.</p>
3.9	<p>The last meeting of the Diversity Working Group was held on 8th September, 2016 and it has since been abolished. No further discussion has taken place on the window since.</p> <p><u>Contribution which Sport has made to Belfast and to Northern Ireland</u></p>
3.10	<p>A motion on the above was referred in the first instance to the Diversity Working Group by the Committee in June, 2015.</p>
3.11	<p>The Group agreed to defer consideration of the matter to enable further development of the sports section in the memorabilia exhibition to take place. The exhibition is almost completed and is due to be opened in May.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p>
3.12	<p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.13	<p>None associated with this report.</p>

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
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