**Subject:** Motion – Enterprise Zones

**Date:** 13th February, 2019

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### 1.0 Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues

1.1 To bring to the Committee’s attention a Motion regarding Enterprise Zones, which was presented to the Council at its meeting on 4th February.

### 2.0 Recommendation

2.1 The Committee is requested to;

- Consider the Motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.

### 3.0 Main Report

3.1 **Key Issues**

The following motion regarding Enterprise Zones, which was proposed by Councillor Attwood, and seconded by Councillor Heading, was presented to the Council at its meeting on 4th February:
3.2 “This Council:

- notes that Enterprise Zones, Manufacturing Zones and Simplified Planning Zones have been used in Scotland and England to promote housing, business and industry;

- notes that these zones can offer business rates discounts and additional tax breaks, backed by a simplified local planning process which can support businesses, help budding entrepreneurs to start and assist established companies to grow; and

- notes that the first 'Enterprise Zone' in NI, the Atlantic Link Campus in Coleraine, has attracted the global data centre firm 5NINES, following a £20 million investment.

The Council agrees to research, scope out and develop options for the development of enterprise, manufacturing and simplified planning zones in Belfast, which will include the possible development of an enterprise zone along the interface corridor from West to North Belfast.”

3.3 In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee.

3.4 **Financial and Resource Implications**

None.

3.5 **Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment**

None.

4.0 **Appendices - Documents Attached**

None