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| Subject: | Motion – DNA Testing of Dog Fouling |
| Date: | 3 rd March, 2020 |
| Reporting Officer: | Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer |
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| Restricted Reports | |
| Is this report restricted? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted? | |
| After Committee Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| After Council Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sometime in the future | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Never | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues |
| 1.1 | To consider a motion on graffiti, which will be referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 2 nd March. |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | The Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider the motion and if the proposal is agreed a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back. |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | At the Council meeting on 2 nd March, the following motion will be proposed by Councillor McMullan and seconded by Councillor M. Kelly: |
| 3.2 | <i>“This Council notes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>the high number of complaints and the frustration of residents regarding dog fouling;</i> |

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| <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>that cleansing, signage and bins to address the issues come at considerable cost to ratepayers, as well as being a public health risk; and</i> • <i>that other councils have piloted and adopted new methods for tackling persistent problems, notably DNA testing on dog fouling;</i> <p><i>The Council agrees, therefore, to undertake its own scoping exercise of DNA testing and to bring back recommendations on whether it is something that could be adopted for Belfast.”</i></p> <p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion will be referred without debate to the People and Communities Committee.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None</p> |
| <p>4.0</p> | <p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p> |
| | <p>None</p> |