



<b>Subject:</b>	Motion – Closure of Botanic Needle Exchange
<b>Date:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sometime in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider a motion on the closure of the Botanic Needle Exchange which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 1 <sup>st</sup> September.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider the motion and if the proposal is agreed a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	At the Council meeting on 1 <sup>st</sup> September, the following motion was proposed by Councillor Smyth and seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor McCusker:  <i>“This council notes the closing of the needle exchange facility on Botanic Avenue following on from the closure of the Boots facility in City Centre earlier this year. This council will invite the Public Health Agency to its next meeting of the People and</i>

	<p><i>Communities Committee to address these worrying closures of much needed facilities and what longer term strategy it has in place to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. address drug use and misuse in the City Centre,</i></li> <li><i>2. drive forward a civic conversation of drug classifications, legislation and decriminalisation,</i></li> <li><i>3. develop harm reduction models that save lives</i></li> <li><i>4. and proactively addresses the concerns of local residents.”</i></li> </ol> <p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion was referred without debate to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>3.2 None associated with this report.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>3.3 None</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b>
	None