



Subject:	Motion – Mental Health – Awareness and Support Campaign
Date:	10th November, 2020
Reporting Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
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/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee's attention the Motion in respect of Mental Health – Awareness and Support Campaign which was referred to the Committee by the Council on 2nd November.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider the motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Council, at its meeting on 2nd November, considered the following motion which had been moved by Councillor Pankhurst and seconded by Councillor Kyle.

3.2	<p><i>“This Council agrees that Belfast is facing a mental health crisis that has been exacerbated by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.</i></p> <p><i>This Council agrees to launch an awareness and support campaign in the city centre, at strategic points throughout the city and on social media that targets those with poor mental health. The campaign will focus on posters offering support service details and general questions that have a positive psychological effect for those who read them.</i></p> <p><i>Furthermore, this Council agrees to convene an urgent meeting between the Council, the Executive Office, the Department for Health and statutory agencies to discuss the formation of a community emergency response system that will allow local support services to respond to those in need of urgent and direct help.</i></p> <p><i>Finally, this Council acknowledges and pays tribute to all those charities and services who offer invaluable help to our citizens that undoubtedly save lives on a daily and weekly basis.”</i></p>
3.3	<p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.4	<p>None.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.5	<p>None.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>