



Subject:	Motion – Creating Better Access into the Hills
Date:	12th January, 2021
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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 Creating Better Access into the Hills which was referred to the Committee by the Council on 7th January.
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
	<u>Key Issues</u> The Council, at its meeting on 7th January, considered the following motion which had been moved by Councillor Donnelly and seconded by Councillor Garrett.

“As a City, one of Belfast’s best natural attributes is its surrounding hills and landscape. The Cavehill and Divis mountains offer spectacular views of the city that visitors and Belfast residents flock to all year around to enjoy.

More so now than ever before, locations like Divis mountain offers space for outdoor recreation and essential health and well-being. As a city council we must work with partners to develop a plan which is respectful of the natural environment and surrounding area but also supports the increased demand for parking and user facilities at Divis Mountain.

Therefore, we call on this Council, working alongside partners in the Department of Infrastructure, The National Trust and the Belfast Hills Partnership, to develop and implement a resourced plan for enhanced user facilities, including parking at the Divis Mountain walk site on Divis Road, Hannahstown, as well as cyclist parking and to explore the creation of further access points into the hills from different locations across the city which in itself will take pressure of the car park and allow residents to access the hills on foot from their neighbouring communities.”

In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.

Financial and Resource Implications

None.

Equality or Good Relations Implications

None.

4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	None