



Subject:	Motion – Belfast Hills “Call to Action” Document
Date:	9th March, 2021
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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 the Belfast Hills “Call to Action” Document which was referred to the Committee by the Council on 1st 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
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Council, at its meeting on 1st March, considered the following motion which had been moved by Councillor Matt Collins and seconded by Councillor O’Hara.

3.2	<p><i>“Council welcomes and endorses the publication of the new report, Access to the Belfast Hills –Promises, Betrayals and a Call to Action, prepared by the Belfast Hills Access Campaign. Council also welcomes the recent decision by the People and Communities Committee to request a report on improving access to the Belfast Hills. Council requests that the aforementioned report is incorporated into this process in order to best compliment this effort. Council wishes to see a comprehensive resolution of the access problem which requires more specific measures and the opening of the following routes;</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Black Mountain and Divis from Glencairn/Ligoniel.</i> <i>2. Black Mountain and Divis from Whiterock.</i> <i>3. From the top of Collin Glen to Black Mountain and Divis.</i> <i>4. Completion of the key spinal route (the Ulster Way) by securing access to its central section from Wolf Hill to Squires Hill.</i> <p><i>Council recognises the difficulties caused to officers by the pandemic but also wishes the question of access to the Belfast Hills to be given higher priority than has been the case in recent years. In doing so, Council recommends that officers take account of the, Access to the Belfast Hills –Promises, Betrayals and a Call to Action. Following this, Council requests that officers prepare an indicative plan and timescale for addressing these issues.”</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</u></p>
3.5	<p>None.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	None