



Subject:	Notices of Motion – Quarterly Update
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To update Committee on the agreement at SP&R Committee that all Standing Committees will receive a quarterly update on the Notices of Motion they are responsible for and to provide the first quarterly update for City Growth & Regeneration Committee.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	It is recommended that the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Notes the process for reporting Notices of Motion through Standing Committees agreed by SP&R Committee and outlined in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3;- Notes the updates to all Notices of Motion that this Committee is responsible for as referenced in Appendix 1; and

	<p>- Agrees to the closure of a number of Notices of Motion, as referenced in Appendix 1 and noted in paragraph 3.7 below.</p>
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At SP&R Committee on 25th October 2019, the following Notice of Motion was agreed:</p> <p>“That this Council notes that other Councils produce a monthly status report in relation to Notices of Motion; and agrees Belfast City Council adopts a similar practice and produces a monthly Notice of Motion Update which will be brought to each full Council Meeting, detailing the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Date received 2. Notice of motion title 3. Submitted by which Councillor 4. Council meeting date 5. Committee motion is referred to 6. Outcome of committee where Notice of Motion will be debated 7. Month it will be reported back to committee 8. Other action to be taken.”
3.2	<p>As a first step, officers undertook a review of existing Notices of Motion to ensure that any that had been completed could be reported to Committee as closed before commencing the live database. This review was undertaken in 2020 and recommendations were brought to SP&R Committee to close 69 Notices of Motion.</p>
3.3	<p>The remaining Notices of motion were added to a new database with all subsequent Notices added to the database to enable quarterly reporting to the relevant Standing Committee. Appendix 1 is the first of the quarterly updates for CG&R Committee showing 21 active Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance for which this Committee is responsible.</p>
3.4	<p>Notice of Motion Updates</p> <p>CG&R Committee is asked to note that, given the current pressures in responding to the pandemic, it has been difficult to afford the usual time towards progressing Notices of Motion. Nevertheless, there has been progress in a number of notices of motion.</p>

3.5	<p>Likewise, given the nature of remote working at present, it has proven more difficult than usual to coordinate the updates across all departments. Members will note that estimated completion dates and Next Steps require further updates – these will be progressed and reported back at the next quarterly update.</p>
3.6	<p>Closure of Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance</p> <p>At SP&R Committee on 20th November, it was agreed that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Category 1 - Notices of Motion which contained an action that has been completed. All Notices of Motion within this category contained a specific task that has since been complete. It is worth noting that, when Committee agree to action a Notice of Motion, there are sometimes additional actions agreed alongside the Notice of Motion. As these are not technically part of the Notice of Motion, they are taken forward through normal committee decision making processes. The Notice of Motion can therefore be closed, but additional actions related to it will continue to be progressed and reported to the committee. These additional actions are not contained in this report, but will be noted in the live database moving forward. - Category 2 - Notices of Motion have become Council policy or absorbed in to a strategic programme of work. These Notices of Motion did not contain a specific task that could be complete. Instead, they were more strategic in nature and required changes in Council policy and/ or strategy for long term outcomes. Those listed within this category have all been agreed by Committee and are now either Council policy or are currently being implemented through a Council strategy that is managed by a Standing Committee through the corporate planning process.
3.7	<p>CG&R Committee are asked to agree that the following 12 Notices of Motion are now closed:</p> <p>Category 1 Recommended Closures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Citizens’ Basic Income Scheme (Ref number 4). Initial research on pilot CBI programmes completed summer 2020. Recommend that further work on the NOM is taken forward and considered in conjunction, with the subsequent and related NoM on Universal Basic Income, considered by SP&R Committee (Sept 2020). - Funding of PLACE NI (Ref number 19). PLACE NI made the decision to close and dissolve the organisation shortly after the Committee considered this issue. - York Street Interchange Project (Ref number 39). A letter was issued to DfI and a response from DfI reported to CGR April 2020.

- **Dogs on Public Transport - Response from Translink (Ref number 40).** Raised with Translink again at the Special CGR Committee on 24th November. Translink note they review their policies regularly, which included their current Dogs on Public Transport Policy.
- **Sustainable Transport (Ref number 43).** A report was taken back to CG&R Committee.
- **High Speed Rail Connection (Ref number 44).** The case for a High Speed Rail connection is progressing with central government Departments working on a feasibility of a Belfast to Dublin High Speed Rail Letter. It is important that BCC is linked in to this process and so a Letter to the DfI Minister was issued to seek confirmation that DfI would engage with BCC as part of the Feasibility process.
- **Update on Motion - EuroPride (Ref number 91).** Belfast Pride presented to Committee in September 2020, and support agreed; however, the bid was unsuccessful with Malta securing Europride 2023 Report on culture and arts work programme and funding opportunities in light of COVID impacts was also submitted and noted by Committee at the September 2020 committee meeting.
- **Installation of additional Parklets on arterial routes and in neighbourhood areas (Ref number 119).** Report submitted to CG&R Committee in Nov 2020 under item 2(c) DfC Covid-19 Revitalisation Programme; Community and Business Cluster Interventions.
- **Alternatives to York Street Interchange (Ref number 150).** Mr Hackett attended the March 2021 CG&R Committee meeting and delivered presentation.
- **Fra McCann's (MLA) Proposals for Free Car Parking at Hospitals (Ref number 151).** Following the Council meeting in September, correspondence was sent to the Minister for Infrastructure and the Minister for Health to outline the Council's position on the issue.

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Category 2 Recommended Closures:

- **Supporting the Writers of Belfast (Ref number 20).** Officers verbally updated the Councillor and this will now be considered in the context of the Cultural Strategy and an update will be included in a Culture update report to Committee in April.
- **Supporting Artists of Belfast (Ref number 59).** This will be considered in the context of Cultural Strategy and covered in the April Culture update to Committee. Funding has been received from DfC to co-commission an infrastructure audit.

3.9	Additional information in relation to these Notices of motion and Issues Raised in Advance are available in Appendix 1.
3.10	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no additional financial implications attached to this report. Finance and resource implications are considered by Committee when taking decisions on the specific Notices of Motion and Issues Raised by Members.</p>
3.11	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained in this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1: Notices of Motion Live Database – CG&R Committee