



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Motion – Belfast City Nightlife and Night-time Economy</b>
<b>Date:</b>	13th October, 2021
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Greer, Director of Economic Development
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Carolyn Donnelly, Democratic Services Officer

<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<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 bring to the Committee's attention a motion in relation to Belfast City Nightlife and Night-time Economy which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 4th October.
<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>

3.0	<b>Main Report</b>
	<p data-bbox="272 259 427 293"><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="165 327 1468 409">3.1 The Council, at its meeting on 4th October, considered the following motion which had been proposed by Councillor de Faoite and seconded by Councillor Smyth.</p> <p data-bbox="165 461 644 495">3.2 “Belfast City Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="389 528 1374 663">i. Recognises the profound impact of the pandemic on the city’s nightlife, music, arts and entertainment sectors and the night-time economy and acknowledges the actions of Council Officers to support a managed return of Belfast’s nightlife in difficult circumstances;</li> <li data-bbox="389 696 1374 797">ii. Further recognises that, for many residents and visitors, Belfast at night may not feel safe or welcoming at present due to changes in behaviour and the use of space over the last 18 months;</li> <li data-bbox="389 831 1374 931">iii. Believes significant night-time challenges existed prior to COVID-19, including issues around licensing, policing, public safety, diversity, organisational and venue capacity, public transit and sustainability;</li> <li data-bbox="389 965 1374 1133">iv. Further believes that the establishment of a vibrant, diverse and sustainable nightlife between 6pm and 6am will help us meet the objectives set out in the Belfast Agenda, including encouraging city centre living and creating a vibrant, well-connected environment for people to enjoy;</li> <li data-bbox="389 1167 1374 1234">v. Seeks to create a nightlife for the City which is inclusive of young people, women, LGBT+ people and ethnic minorities;</li> <li data-bbox="389 1267 1374 1335">vi. Believes that this work to establish Belfast’s nightlife takes on a new urgency following the pandemic;</li> <li data-bbox="389 1368 1374 1469">vii. Notes that several cities have chosen to establish a nightlife co-ordinator including Dublin, London, Amsterdam, Washington D.C., New York, Paris, Zurich, Toulouse and Mannheim;</li> <li data-bbox="389 1503 1374 1771">viii. Shall convene a one day roundtable discussion about the future of Belfast’s nightlife and the immediate challenges posed in the city between 6pm and 6am, with Elected Members, relevant Executive Ministers and political representatives, trade unions, public and private transport providers, artists, event organisers, venue owners, industry and consumer representatives, student unions, Belfast City Youth Council and non-profit organisations, including but not limited to Reclaim The Night, the Rainbow Project, Women’s Aid and the SOS Bus; and</li> <li data-bbox="389 1805 1374 1939">ix. Agrees to establish a co-ordinator for Belfast’s nightlife or “Night Mayor” who will co-ordinate the work of the Council and relevant partners in developing and promoting the city’s nightlife and night-time economy following the roundtable discussion.”</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="165 1973 1468 2056">3.3 In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee.</p>

3.4	<b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b>  None.
3.5	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b>  This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.
4.0	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None.