

Title of Report:	Notices of Motion Update
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	15 September 2026
For Decision or For Information	For Information
To be discussed In Committee	NO

Linkage to Council Strategy (2026-31)	
Strategic Theme	P5 Governance, Quality and Continuous Improvement
Outcome	
Lead Officer	Director of Leisure and Development

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	N/A

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

This report provides Members with an update on the status of Notices of Motion approved by the Leisure and Development Committee during the current Council term.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Notices of Motion enable Elected Members to raise matters of local concern, propose new projects or policy approaches, or request that Council considers or adopts a particular position.
- 2.2 During the current Council term, the Leisure and Development Committee has approved 21 Notices of Motion. These cover a range of subject areas and require action across the Directorate. Progress has therefore varied, reflecting the scope and complexity of individual motions.

3.0 Current Status

- 3.1 Progress against the approved Notices of Motion is summarised below:

- 62% are complete.
- 38% are ongoing.
- 0% have not yet progressed.

Further details can be found attached in **Annex A**.

It is proposed that future updates are brought to Committee on a more regular basis to keep Members informed of progress. Members may also request further information on any Notice of Motion, including those agreed before the current Council term.

Date at Committee	Notice of Motion	Service Area	Update Information	RAG
17/10/2023	This Council recognises and values the huge contribution our LGBTQIA+ citizens make to the area and rejects all forms of discrimination against the LGBTQIA+ community. Takes note of the first Causeway Pride event which was a significant and positive initiative for the north coast. As a statement of our solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ citizens and community and as a show of positive and progressive change this Council commits to supporting the organisation of an annual Pride parade. And calls on Council to engage with the Causeway Pride Committee, other relevant groups and organisations to work collectively on the organisation of a parade or pride festival. Council Meeting 23/10/2023 That Council conducts a full equality impact assessment before it agrees to support Pride parade/festival and holds a workshop on the implications for Council's events team	Tourism & Recreation	T&R engaged and supported the Pride Event organisers.	
19/12/2023	I propose a motion that in line with sport and wellbeing that a grant programme is created to encourage and facilitate local sporting organisations to specifically help the mental health and wellbeing in the causeway coast and glens area. I propose the grant and funding unit look into the expense of the creation of this grant. Already partnering with the trust on various mental health projects this would broadening our outreach.	Sport & Wellbeing / Funding Unit	Report to Committee May 2024. The Sports and Wellbeing Grant was approved.	
19/03/2024	Amended Notice of Motion to recommend that this Council commits to upgrading the facilities at the Bobby Greer Sports Complex in order to meet a suitable standard for all weather training, games and match play. This upgrade must include an adequate floodlit artificial pitch surface to ensure an all year round sports, leisure and fitness service that will help sustain the growing local football club, improve health & wellbeing of citizens as well as building community cohesion in the area. 3G pitches are championed in the Council's Pitch Strategy. This upgrade will help provide a financially viable council facility. By increasing its working capacity it will also help Bushmills United FC and their Youth Academy of over 190 members realise their future long term aspirational goals. And further that this proposal goes forward in line with the Capital projects list, to be reviewed strategically.	Sport & Wellbeing	Report to the November 2024 Committee on the Capital Projects Long List. Bushmills pitch is included but will need to go through the assessment process as agreed at the April 2024 Committee. It is now the priority of the newly appointed Capital and Investment Manager to commence this process. Engagement locally now indicates that the Bobby Greer Sports Complex is not the preferred location for a synthetic pitch. Further exploration on available sites now required.	

18/06/2024	That this Council lobbies the LINK Network to request a review and assessment of the community needs in Portstewart for a Banking Hub in the town.	Prosperity & Place	Following Council's request to the LINK Network for a community assessment of banking provision in Portstewart, Officers engaged with The LINK to undertake an assessment. The LINK completed and published its assessment on 4 September 2025. See attached link: https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.link.co.uk%2Fmedia%2Fpzxdyey%2Faccess-to-cash-assessments-04-09-2026.xlsx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK	
17/09/2024	Right to Food Motion This council recognises the impact the scourge of food poverty is having on families right across this area, made worse by the cost of living emergency, and gives its formal backing to the Right To Food campaign, joining cities like Belfast, Derry and Liverpool in becoming a Right To Food Council. We believe that this Executive and the British Government must prioritise food poverty, implementing a range of new measures including universal free school meals, support for community kitchens and enshrining the Right To Food for all through legislation. This council will also write to the Minister for Communities, calling for immediate action on the implementation of an anti-poverty strategy.	Community & Culture	Officers will be writing a new Anti Poverty Strategy for council, to superceed the existing plan within this financial year, having implemented a broad range of initiatives to tackle food insecurity, fuel poverty, access to welfare and other services to tackle both causes and effects of poverty. The HOS for Community & Culture presented evidence to DfC Committee re: NI Executive Draft Anti Poverty in March 2026, following council's written submission / response to the Department's policy consultation. Council are now engaged in consultation meetings with DfC officials to estblish how the Department can best work with councils to develop an action plan for the NI Executive's Anti Poverty Strategy.	
19/11/2024	This Council welcomes the success of the 'Don't Mow, Let It Grow' initiative, amongst many projects aimed at supporting biodiversity; commits to extending the scheme across the Borough, working with partners in the Department for Infrastructure Roads Service and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to identify further sites for inclusion, whilst maintaining road safety and promoting recreation; and agrees to establish and coordinate a local Biodiversity Forum, bringing together local experts and organisations to share practice and advise Council on the development and implementation of a Local Biodiversity Action Plan for our Borough.	Tourism & Recreation	Biodiversity Forum established, first public event held on 3rd March 2026. Report to December 2025 Committee on development of a Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. Report to June 2026 Committee providing an update on the Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. It is currently out for public consultation and is due back for approval in December 2026 for anticipated release in January 2027.	

21/01/2025	This Council calls for the urgent implementation of the Strategy to End Violence Against Women and Girls, which must address violence at its roots, tackling everyday sexism and misogyny, working with Women's Aid and other community and voluntary organisations and most importantly with those women who are victims and survivors and families of those who have been killed. This Council supports tackling violence against women and girls being a priority in the new Policing Plan 2025-2030 and calls on the local PCSP to include tackling violence against women and girls in the development of the local PCSP plan and work with the community and voluntary sector and statutory bodies to deliver on this priority.	Community & Culture	Community & Culture are leading on the implementation of an Ending Violence Against Women & Girls council action plan, which forms an integral part of the NI Executive's EVAWAG Strategy, now in its second year of delivery. The delivery plan includes two elements, namely a grant programme for the C&V sector and a development programme including training for council and local communities, awareness raising, partnership activities, and a PR campaign. Council have secured £150,000 for programme delivery in 2026/27 and have submitted a bid for additional funds to The NI Executive Office, should further resources be released. The PCSP's plan includes measures to tackle Domestic Abuse, including projects with Women's Aid to provide practical support and advocacy for victims of DV, while working closely with the PSNI and local communities to raise awareness, deliver local projects through a grants programme and encourage reporting of crime. Additionally the PCSP deliver projects on Healthy Teenage Relationships to a number of post primary schools.	
21/01/2025	That this Council engage in a scoping exercise to establish a magical Christmas experience in Coleraine similar to the successful events of the Yulefest Kilkenny and Enchanted Winter Garden in Antrim, utilising the Market Yard in the town and accessing the Coleraine Town Fund to deliver a Christmas experience for the community.	Tourism & Recreation	Scoping visits took place to Kilkenny and Antrim Gardens in 2025. Work in progress, subject to TOR, Funding and Council approval.	

18/02/2025	That this Council recognises the need to protect businesses and charities that provide vital frontline services from the destructive impact of the Government's changes to employers' National Insurance contributions; notes concerns voiced by general practitioners, dentists, care homes and a range of other independent providers that this added cost could jeopardise the future of some services and create additional hardship for the most vulnerable in society; further notes the rising challenges facing Executive departments, local councils and the Northern Ireland Civil Service as a result of the hike in employers' National Insurance; believes this deeply flawed policy will make it more expensive for businesses and employers of all sizes to retain and recruit staff, forcing many to choose between cutting jobs or raising prices for already-struggling consumers; urges the Chancellor of the Exchequer to reverse changes to employers' National Insurance in order to protect businesses, farms and vital frontline services; and calls on the Minister of Finance to work with Executive colleagues to ascertain the total additional cost of increased employer national insurance contributions for the public sector, including independent providers; and further calls on the Minister of Finance to lobby the Chancellor of Exchequer for the funding required to meet this shortfall in full, protect jobs and incomes and place the delivery of frontline public services on a stable footing.	Prosperity & Place	Local party colleagues confirmed the matter had been raised by the Department of Finance Minister and has lobbied the Chancellor of the Exchequer for additional funding to bridge the shortfall. The Local Economic Partnership would also review local evidence on the health and well-being impacts on businesses in the preparation of its three-year action plan.	
18/02/2025	This council reiterates its support towards our senior citizens and their health and wellbeing, and in doing so we instruct our officers to prepare a membership concession proposal for use of our leisure facilities by senior citizens, noting that other councils already offer the facility. (officers to bring back current concessions and relevant costs)	Sport & Wellbeing	A review of current pricing policy for Leisure centres to be brought to council to address the NOM and subsequent NOM for concession pricing for Emergency Service personnel.	
18/03/2025	Amended Notice of Motion This Council recognises the importance of the Riverside Theatre as vital for the local arts and community sector; reaffirms its position that the theatre should remain in operation as a valuable cultural asset in the Borough; agrees to convene the Leisure and Development Sub Committee to explore options in liaison with Ulster University management, and bring proposals back to this Committee in due course; and to write to the Minister for the Economy to request a meeting to emphasise the importance of the theatre.	Community & Culture	NoM was deferred to allow time to review correspondence from UU. Report to April 2025 Committee and NoM amended. Letter sent to Minister Archibald 27/05/26. A meeting was arranged between UU and Elected Members. 29/05/26 confirmation was received from UU that the theatre was closing in August. Council's Art centres are facilitating a number of organisations and activities which were previously delivered within Riverside Theatre.	

15/04/2025	To ask the council to create a feasibility study and option proposals such as solar lighting in trees to light the Bannside, from Christie Park along the River to Castleroe, as this area is used by residents of all ages to exercise in a free and safe environment, indeed the pathway from Christie Park along the river was promoted as the Heart Walk and part of the Highway to Health.	Tourism & Recreation	Officers are working with Waterways Ireland to scope Cutts to Cranagh project that will factor for the possibility of improved lighting between the new bridge and Somerset Christie Park. Scoping presentation from Dorans was forwarded to Council for consideration. Suggestion that Council is lead applicant as Active Travel Funding may be required.	
15/04/2025	Amended Notice of Motion This Council notes the recent sale of Portstewart Town Hall, and the resultant loss of community meeting space in the town; recognises the need to meet community need through engagement and co-design; and agrees to carry out a public consultation on the potential redevelopment of The Warren as a multi-purpose public space that can support a variety of functions, including recreational and cultural use, and this is included in Portstewart Town Plan.	Sport & Wellbeing	External support has been appointed to undertake a series of scoping and feasibility studies across the Borough which will include the Warren. It will require internal discussions with Portstewart Town Forum officers and will take account of the Portstewart Town Plan. It is anticipated that this work will be completed in September.	
20/05/2025	Nip in the bud motion - That this council notes the importance of farmers and rural dwellers in our society. Recognises that farmers, agricultural workers and people living in rural communities, can have lower access to cancer services due to the nature of their work and often living in isolated areas. We also recognise the impact that a cancer diagnosis can have on family business such as a family farm, including housing the extended family and the welfare of livestock. Endorses the Nip in the Bud campaign delivered by the farming community networking partnership with MacMillan cancer support and acknowledges the benefits of the rural community. Pledges to do all we can to raise awareness and save lives, particularly using our social media platforms, to help rural dwellers in this council area be aware of symptoms of cancer and to seek immediate medical advice if necessary as evidence demonstrates that early diagnosis and treatment can save lives."	DLD	Press release was issued with coverage on the website and social media platforms.	
17/06/2025	That this Council sets up a 250 USA Working Group, of no more than 8 Councillors by D'hondt, to explore opportunities for the Borough to tie into the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Declaration of Independence given the historical connections between Northern Ireland and the United States. This initiative would aim to commemorate the role that individuals from Northern Ireland, played in shaping American history during the Revolutionary era and beyond. Furthermore, that we would write to other councils located in County Antrim namely Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council, Lisburn and Castlereagh Borough Council, and Mid and East Antrim Borough Council to engage on a joint working group to maximise opportunities from this key anniversary.	DLD	A CCG Working Group was established with monthly meetings starting in February 2026. A Joint Council Working Group was established and a numbers of meetings held starting in February 2026. Report to Committee March 2026 on Economic Interventions. Report to Committee April 2026 on the proposed USA 250 Programme. Report to Committee June 2026 on the amended signature event which was approved.	

17/06/2025	That this Council recognises the importance of engaging young people in the political process and believes that more must be done to create meaningful opportunities for youth participation in civic life. Therefore, this Council proposes to work in partnership with Youth Services and local schools to establish a Youth Council within the Causeway Coast and Glens. This Youth Council would serve as a platform to empower young people, encourage their involvement in public life, and ensure their voices are heard on issues that affect them. By fostering political awareness, democratic engagement, and leadership skills among young people from all backgrounds, the Council hopes to inspire a new generation to become actively involved in the political system. This initiative will help elected members to better understand and respond to the needs and aspirations of our young people.	Community & Culture	A draft feasibility study has been completed, subject to further engagement with Elected members via a workshop which is currently scheduled for the end of September. The final report to committee will be brought to committee in November, outlining a number of options.	
16/09/2025	The Joey Dunlop 25 Celebration was a special occasion that brought thousands of people to Ballymoney from across the world to celebrate and remember Joey Dunlop OBE MBE a legend in motorcycle racing and a citizen and Freeman of our Borough of whom we are rightly proud. We therefore propose that Council officers now explore options in conjunction with the Dunlop Family to create a permanent exhibition of memorabilia, in a way that reflects our appreciation for the life, legacy and memory of Joey Dunlop OBE MBE.	Community & Culture	A Joey Dunlop road racing exhibition opened on 1st May 2026 and ran until the end of August, using the ground floor rooms and corridor of the town hall. This included other road racing legends. The exhibition was complemented by a Philip McCallum exhibition within the Ballymoney museum. Options for a more substantial permanent exhibition is being led by the Head of Performance who has been working closely with both the Dunlop family and other key individuals to maximise the potential offering. Joey's Mini remains on loan and forms a centrepiece at the entrance to the Town Hall and Museum.	

16/12/2025	"I hereby move that Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council support the proposal to rename Riverside Park in Dervock to McKinley Park in memory of the 25th President of the United States, William McKinley, and to commemorate the deep ancestral ties between Dervock and the McKinley family. As we know year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in the United States, a momentous event that laid the foundation for the nation's freedom and democracy. In recognition of this anniversary and taking into account we have set up a committee to oversee the anniversary, we believe it is fitting that we reflect on the profound historical connections between the North Antrim village and the United States. Dervock's primary link to the Americas lies in its ancestral connection to William McKinley, the 25th President of the United States. McKinley's great-great-grandfather, James McKinley, who emigrated from the townland of Conagher, near Dervock, in 1743. This historic connection offers a unique opportunity to honour Dervock's contribution to American history and heritage. The renaming of Riverside Park to McKinley Park would serve as a lasting tribute to the legacy of William McKinley, highlighting the role that Dervock's local heritage has played in shaping American history. This renaming would not only honour McKinley's presidential legacy but also strengthen the bond between the town and its American roots. By renaming the park, the council would help raise awareness of this important historical link, fostering a greater understanding of the global influence of the Causeway Coast and Glens region. This gesture could also encourage cultural exchanges and promote tourism, with an emphasis on the rich historical ties between the US and Dervock. <u>I recommend that the Council formally approve the proposal to rename Riverside</u>	Sport & Wellbeing	Park officially renamed in August 2026.	
16/12/2025	This Council recognises the importance of promoting positive ageing and ensuring that older people across Causeway Coast and Glens are valued, respected, and supported to live healthy, active, and connected lives. We also recognise the success of our Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan, and the growing number of residents aged fifty and over in our Borough. In light of this, I would request that an elected member be formally nominated to take on the role of Age Friendly Champion, providing leadership and ensuring continued focus on this important area.	Sport & Wellbeing	Report to February 2026 Committee. Age Friendly Champion Councillor Tanya Elder appointed in April 2026.	

03/02/2026 (Council)	That Council instructs officers to develop a comprehensive submission to the UK Town of Culture 2028 competition on behalf of Limavady, with the objective of positioning the town as a strong candidate for this prestigious national award.	Community & Culture	Council submitted an Expression of Interest in March to the UK Town of Culture 2028 competition. Council received notification that it was not succesful in being shortlisted. There were 398 submissions from across the UK, with 15 towns being shortlisted. 1 bid from Northern Ireland was shortlisted, being Strabane. Keen not to lose initial momentum gained, officers are currently exploring options to further develop a number of viable projects and activities around the ToC theme for 2027/2028 financial year.	
21/04/2026	This Council recognises the need for improved, accessible, all-weather sports and recreational facilities in Kilrea, particularly to support young people, local clubs, and wider community wellbeing. Accordingly, Council agrees to include the development of an artificial surface playing field at Craiglea Gardens, Kilrea, within its Capital Projects Programme going forward. Council further commits to undertaking the necessary feasibility work, engaging with local stakeholders, and exploring external funding opportunities to help progress and deliver this important community facility.	Sport & Wellbeing	Has been added to Capital Projects long list, to be progressed.	