**22 March 2019 SP&R committee minute**

3. Matters referred back from Council/Notices of Motion

3 (a)

Motion: Rainbow Flag at City Hall

The Committee was reminded that the Council, at its meeting on 4th March, had, in accordance with Standing Order 13(f), referred the following motion, which had been proposed by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Baker, to the Committee for consideration: “This Council recognises and values the huge contribution our LGBTQ+ Citizens make to the city of Belfast and beyond. As a statement of our solidarity with our LGBTQ+ citizens and community, and building on the progressive moves of the council to support Belfast Pride and illuminate the City Hall in the colours of the Pride Rainbow; the council agrees to continue this support, and, as a further demonstration of our solidarity, agrees to fly the rainbow flag over the City Hall from dawn to dusk on Saturday 3rd August 2019 to coincide with the annual Pride parade.”

Proposal

After discussion, it was Moved by Councillor Reynolds, Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson, That the Committee agrees to defer consideration of the matter and that a report be submitted to the Committee on those dates that are included in the illuminate programme where there is a festival or celebration also held in the city and how they could receive dual recognition of a flag and illumination of the building.

Amendment Moved by Councillor Campbell, Seconded by Councillor Long, That the Committee agrees to the motion and to fly the rainbow flag over the City Hall on 3rd August, 2019, in principle, subject to an equality screening being undertaken and that a report be submitted to the Committee on those dates that are included in the illuminate programme where there is a festival or celebration also held in the city and how they could receive dual recognition of flag and illumination of the building. On a vote by show of hands, ten Members voted for the amendment and eight against and it was declared carried.

The amendment was then put to the meeting as the substantive motion and was agreed.