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| <p><b>Title of Report:</b></p> <p><b>Update on Progress with Actions arising from Motions</b></p> | <p><b>Officer Presenting: Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer</b></p> <p><b>Author: Democratic Services Officer</b></p> |
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## **1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations**

- 1.1 To update Members on progress with actions arising from two specific motions to Council.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 At the Council Meeting held on 24 October 2019 a Motion on Catalonia Independence was approved (C317/19). Arising from the Motion, Council was required to undertake three actions: (i) Advise the Spanish Authorities of the Council Motion (copy of response previously circulated to Members) (ii) Advise the European Union of the Council Motion (copy of response previously circulated to Members) and (iii) Extend an invitation to a Catalan representative to make a presentation to Council.
- 2.2 Council contacted the Catalan President and asked him to identify an appropriate representative who could make a presentation to Council on this matter. He recommended the Director of the Office of President Carles Puigdemont, Señor Josep Lluís Alay.
- 2.3 Council subsequently contacted Señor Alay, inviting him to make a presentation to a Governance and Strategic Planning Committee i.e. either the 3 March 2020, 31 March 2020 or 5 May 2020. He subsequently confirmed that he would be happy to make a presentation to Council and will advise Council shortly of which date is most suitable.
- 2.4 At the Council Meeting held on 28 November 2019 (C368/19) a Motion on the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Inquiry was approved. Arising from the Motion, Council was required to undertake three actions: (i) Request immediate publication of the Inquiry Report (copy of response previously circulated to Members) (ii) Invite the Chair of the Inquiry to the relevant Council Committee (copy of response previously circulated to Members) and (iii) Extend an invitation to journalist Sam Mc Bride, author of 'Burned' (The Inside Story of the 'Cash for Ash' Scandal and Northern Ireland's Secretive New Elite) to make a public presentation on the RHI in the Guildhall.

- 2.5 An invitation was subsequently extended to Mr. Mc Bride and he has confirmed that he accepts the invitation.

### **3 Key Issues**

- 3.1 A follow up email has been sent to Señor Alay asking him to confirm which GSP meeting he will be attending.
- 3.2 A date for the public presentation has yet to be confirmed for Mr Mc Bride's public presentation on the RHI. He is currently on leave and will respond to Council following his leave.

### **4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications**

- 4.1 In respect to the attendance by Señor Alay at a GSP meeting, Council is not aware of any financial implications at this stage.
- 4.2 In respect to the public presentation by Mr Mc Bride, there will be a cost for hire of a room within the Guildhall.

### **5 Recommendations**

- 5.1 Members to note the update in relation to progress with actions arising from the two Council Motions.

### **Background Papers**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 October 2020- C317/19.**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 November 2019 – C368/19.**