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**Report to Protocol Agenda – “1916 Proclamation in City Hall”**

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**Motion Councillor Mannix Flynn**

*“That this area committee calls on Dublin City Council to treat the Proclamation of 1916 with respect and dignity that it deserves and afford it a permanent fixed position within the Rotunda of the City Hall.*

*Further, that a proper copy of the proclamation be commissioned perhaps by an artist as opposed to the adhoc plastic stand alone lit-box that is being used in the Rotunda of the City Hall at the moment. At present the proclamation lit-box is thrown around the Rotunda depending on what event is happening. Last night it was dispensed with behind a load of catering and the light turned off. This is happening on a regular basis and it is unacceptable.*

*It is now time that the proclamation be given a permanent position on the walls of the rotunda and that a proper copy of the proclamation be made. There was a motion passed at this committee last year that would see the removal of the Anne Madden triptych and the installation of the Proclamation in that prominent place. The Anne Madden work has been in the Rotunda in City Hall for many years now and it could well do with being removed as there are many complaints about this work and the appropriateness of this work in this historic building.”*

**Report:**

There are three copies of the proclamation in City Hall:

- An original proclamation, which belonged to Nurse Elizabeth O'Farrell, is in the City Hall Exhibition. This has been carefully conserved; framed in black, as is the custom, under UV filtered glass; and placed in a museum-quality display case with humidity controls and low light levels.
- A facsimile proclamation is in the Richard O'Carroll Room, flanked by plaques commemorating Councillor Richard O'Carroll
- An enlarged copy of the proclamation was placed in the City Hall Rotunda in 2016 at the request of councillors. The advice of the City Architects' Section was that this copy could not be fixed to the walls as that would damage them. Given the varying demands on the Rotunda it was decided to place in the copy in a back-lit mobile unit (so it could be moved to a safe place when required).

The display of the copy of the proclamation in the Rotunda will be reviewed in the context of the review of the use, layout, and content, of the exhibition space in City Hall.

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