

# Council

## ANNUAL MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall and also Remotely, via Microsoft Teams on  
Tuesday, 1st June, 2021 at 6.00 p.m., pursuant to notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor;  
(Alderman McCoubrey) (Chairperson);  
The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor McCusker;  
The High Sheriff (Councillor Long);  
Aldermen Copeland, Dorrian, Haire, Kingston,  
Rodgers and Sandford; and Councillors Baker,  
Beattie, Black, Bradley, Brooks, Bunting, Canavan,  
Carson, Cobain, Matt Collins, Michael Collins, Corr,  
De Faoite, Donnelly, Ferguson, Flynn, Garrett,  
Gormley, Groogan, Hanvey, Heading, Howard,  
Hussey, Hutchinson, M. Kelly, T. Kelly, Kyle, Lyons,  
Magee, Magennis, Maskey, McAllister, McAteer,  
McCabe, McDonough-Brown, McKeown, McLaughlin,  
McMullan, McReynolds, Mulholland, Murphy,  
Newton, Nicholl, O'Hara, Pankhurst, Smyth, Spratt,  
Verner, Walsh and Whyte.

### Summons

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

### Apologies

An apology for inability to attend was reported for Councillor McCullough.

### Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

### Minutes of the Council

Moved by the Lord Mayor (Alderman McCoubrey),  
Seconded by Councillor Beattie and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the monthly  
meeting of the Council of 4th May be taken as read and signed as  
correct.

### Official Announcements

#### Strike Action

Councillor Collins voiced solidarity with the Queen's University Crèche workers  
on their ongoing strike asked Members to lend their support.

Several Members passed on their support and congratulations to Hovis Belfast Workers in securing an eight percent pay rise through their recent strike action.

### **Thanks**

Councillor Pankhurst expressed his gratitude to the army medics who had been assisting with the Covid 19 vaccination programme in the SSE Arena.

### **Congratulations**

Councillors Ferguson, McAllister and O'Hara congratulated Array Studios and Collective on its recent Turner Prize nomination and requested that the incoming Lord Mayor write to the group to offer congratulations and wish them luck in the competition. The Lord Mayor acceded to pass the request on to the incoming Lord Mayor.

Councillor Lyons congratulated Queen's University on the establishment of the Michael and Edna Longley scholarship in creative writing.

Cllr Brooks, along with several other Members, congratulated Linfield Football Club on their recent success, winning their 44th Irish Cup and 55th Irish League title, a world record equalling achievement. The Lord Mayor agreed to pass the request to host a reception for David Healy and his team, to congratulate them on their achievements, to the incoming Lord Mayor.

Councillor Bunting requested that the Lord Mayor send a letter of congratulations to Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, on the village of Hillsborough receiving Royal Status, The Lord Mayor agreed to pass the request to the incoming Lord Mayor.

### **Expressions of Sympathy**

Councillors Maskey and Ferguson expressed their condolences to the family of local musician, Rab McCullough, following his recent death.

### **Positions of Responsibility Year 3 (2021-22)**

The Chief Executive reminded the Council that, at the Annual Council meeting on 21st May, 2019, the Council decided on the political parties that would be entitled to hold the Positions of Responsibility for each year of the 4-year Term and that Year 3 of the Council Term was to commence forthwith.

She recommended that Council appoint the nominated Members, as identified by the Nominating Officers of the political parties concerned, to the Positions of Responsibility for Year 3 of the Council Term as outlined below:

**Civic Dignitaries**

Lord Mayor	Councillor Kate Nicholl
Deputy Lord Mayor	Alderman Tom Haire

**Strategic Policy and Resources Committee**

Chairperson	Councillor Groogan
Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Walsh

**City Growth and Regeneration Committee**

Chairperson	Councillor Murphy
Deputy Chairperson	Alderman Dorrian

**People and Communities Committee**

Chairperson	Councillor Cobain
Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Smyth

**Licensing Committee**

Chairperson	Councillor Donnelly
Deputy Chairperson	Alderman Rodgers

**Planning Committee**

Chairperson	Councillor Carson
Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Hanvey

**Brexit Committee**

Chairperson	Councillor Baker
Deputy Chairperson	Councillor McKeown

**Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd Shareholders' Committee**

Chairperson	Councillor McCabe
Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Newton

The Council agreed to appoint the Positions of Responsibility for Year 3 of the Council term, as set out above.

**Installation of Lord Mayor**

The Chief Executive reminded the Council that it had, earlier in the meeting, approved the Positions of Responsibility for 2021/2022 and that Councillor Nicholl had been nominated to serve as Lord Mayor.

Accordingly, Councillor Nicholl was installed in Office for the period to end on the date of the annual meeting of the Council in 2022 and she subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Nicholl thanked her Political Party for nominating her to serve as Lord Mayor, she outlined her main priorities for the forthcoming year and paid tribute to the previous Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor for the manner in which they had carried out their duties.

(The Lord Mayor, Councillor Nicholl, in the Chair.)

### **Installation of Deputy Lord Mayor**

The Council was again reminded that earlier in the meeting Alderman Haire had, under the Positions of Responsibility for 2021/2022, been nominated to serve as Deputy Lord Mayor.

Accordingly, Alderman Haire was installed in Office for the period to end on the date of the annual meeting of the Council in 2022 and he subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Alderman Haire paid tribute to the previous Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor, thanked his Political Party for nominating him to serve as Deputy Lord Mayor and outlined his main objectives for his term in office.

(The Deputy Lord Mayor, Alderman Haire, in the Chair.)

### **Appointment of Members to Committees Year 3 (2021-22)**

The Chief Executive drew the Council's attention to a report which identified the following persons who had been nominated by the Nominating Officer of each Political Party to the Council's Standing Committees for 2021/2022:

#### **Strategic Policy and Resources Committee**

1	Green	Chairperson	Councillor Groogan
2	Sinn Fein	Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Walsh
3	Sinn Fein	Councillor Beattie	
4	Sinn Fein	Councillor Black	
5	Sinn Fein	Councillor Carson	
6	Sinn Fein	Councillor Garrett	
7	Sinn Fein	Councillor McLaughlin	
8	Sinn Fein	Councillor Murphy	
9	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor Bunting	
10	Democratic Unionist Party	Alderman Dorrian	
11	Democratic Unionist Party	Alderman Haire	
12	Democratic Unionist Party	Alderman Kingston	
13	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor Pankhurst	
14	Democratic Unionist Party	Alderman Sandford	
15	Alliance Party	Councillor Long	
16	Alliance Party	Councillor McAllister	
17	Alliance Party	Councillor McDonough-Brown	

18	Alliance Party	Councillor McReynolds
19	Social Democratic and Labour Party	Councillor Heading
20	Social Democratic and Labour Party	Councillor Lyons

**City Growth and Regeneration Committee**

1	Sinn Fein	Chairperson	Councillor Murphy
2	Democratic Unionist Party	Deputy Chairperson	Alderman Dorrian
3	Sinn Fein	Councillor Maskey	
4	Sinn Fein	Councillor Beattie	
5	Sinn Fein	Councillor Donnelly	
6	Sinn Fein	Councillor Gormley	
7	Sinn Fein	Councillor McLaughlin	
8	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor Brooks	
9	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor Hussey	
10	Democratic Unionist Party	Alderman Kingston	
11	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor Spratt	
12	Alliance Party	Councillor Long	
13	Alliance Party	Councillor Harvey	
14	Alliance Party	Councillor Howard	
15	Alliance Party	Councillor McMullan	
16	Social Democratic and Labour Party	Councillor Heading	
17	Social Democratic and Labour Party	Councillor Lyons	
18	Social Democratic and Labour Party	Councillor Whyte	
19	Green Party	Councillor O'Hara	
20	People Before Profit Alliance	Councillor Ferguson	

**People and Communities Committee**

1	Democratic Unionist Party	Chairperson	Councillor Cobain
2	Green Party	Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Smyth
3	Sinn Fein	Councillor Black	
4	Sinn Fein	Councillor Corr	
5	Sinn Fein	Councillor Garrett	
6	Sinn Fein	Councillor Baker	
7	Sinn Fein	Councillor Magee	
8	Sinn Fein	Councillor McAteer	
9	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor Bunting	
10	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor Newton	
11	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor Pankhurst	
12	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor Verner	
13	Alliance Party	Councillor Michelle Kelly	
14	Alliance Party	Councillor McReynolds	
15	Alliance Party	Councillor Mulholland	
16	Social Democratic and Labour Party	Councillor de Faoite	

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17	Social Democratic and Labour Party	Councillor McCusker
18	Green Party	Councillor Flynn
19	People Before Profit Alliance	Councillor Michael Collins
20	Ulster Unionist Party	Alderman Copeland

**Licensing Committee**

1	Sinn Fein	Chairperson	Councillor Donnelly
2	Ulster Unionist Party	Deputy Chairperson	Alderman Rodgers
3	Sinn Fein	Councillor Bradley	
4	Sinn Fein	Councillor McCabe	
5	Sinn Fein	Councillor Magee	
6	Sinn Fein	Councillor Magennis	
7	Sinn Fein	Councillor McAteer	
8	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor Bunting	
9	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor Tracy Kelly	
10	Democratic Unionist Party	Alderman McCoubrey	
11	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor McCullough	
12	Democratic Unionist Party	Alderman Sandford	
13	Alliance Party	Councillor Howard	
14	Alliance Party	Councillor Michelle Kelly	
15	Alliance Party	Councillor Mulholland	
16	Social Democratic and Labour Party	Councillor McCusker	
17	Social Democratic and Labour Party	Councillor McKeown	
18	Green Party	Councillor Smyth	
19	People Before Profit Alliance	Councillor Michael Collins	
20	Progressive Unionist Party	Councillor Hutchinson	

**Planning Committee**

1	Sinn Fein	Chairperson	Councillor Carson
2	Alliance Party	Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Hanvey
3	Sinn Fein	Councillor Garrett	
4	Sinn Fein	Councillor Maskey	
5	Sinn Fein	Councillor Murphy	
6	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor Brooks	
7	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor Hussey	
8	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor McCullough	
9	Alliance Party	Councillor McMullan	
10	Social Democratic and Labour Party	Councillor Whyte	
11	Green Party	Councillor Groogan	
12	Green Party	Councillor O'Hara	
13	People Before Profit Alliance	Councillor Matthew Collins	
14	Progressive Unionist Party	Councillor Hutchinson	

**Brexit Committee**

1	Sinn Fein	Chairperson	Councillor Baker
2	Social Democratic and Labour Party	Deputy Chairperson	Councillor McKeown
3	Sinn Fein	Councillor McLaughlin	
4	Sinn Fein	Councillor Canavan	
5	Sinn Fein	Councillor Gormley	
6	Sinn Fein	Councillor Magennis	
7	Sinn Fein	Councillor Walsh	
8	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor Brooks	
9	Democratic Unionist Party	Alderman Haire	
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16	Social Democratic and Labour Party	Councillor de Faoite	
17	Green Party	Councillor Flynn	
18	People Before Profit Alliance	Councillor Ferguson	
19	Ulster Unionist Party	Alderman Rodgers	
20	Progressive Unionist Party	Councillor Kyle	

**Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd. Shareholders' Committee**

1	Sinn Fein	Chairperson	Councillor McCabe
2	Democratic Unionist Party	Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Newton
3	Sinn Fein	Councillor Bradley	
4	Sinn Fein	Councillor Magee	
5	Sinn Fein	Councillor McAteer	
6	Democratic Unionist Party	Councillor Cobain	
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9	Alliance Party	Councillor Mulholland	
10	Social Democratic and Labour Party	Councillor McCusker	
11	Green Party	Councillor Flynn	
12	People Before Profit Alliance	Councillor Matthew Collins	
13	Ulster Unionist Party	Alderman Copeland	
14	Progressive Unionist Party	Councillor Kyle	

The Council agreed to appoint the Members to the Council's Standing Committees for 2021/2022, as set out above.

Lord Mayor  
Chairperson