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SPECIAL MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall on Thursday, 1st July, 2021 at the hour of 10.45 o'clock a.m., pursuant to Notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Nicholl) (Chairperson); The Deputy Lord Mayor, Alderman Haire; The High Sheriff of Belfast, Councillor Long; Alderman Rodgers; and Councillors Bunting, Donnelly, Gormley, Hanvey, Hutchinson, Lyons, Maskey, McCabe, McCullough, Smyth, Spratt and Whyte.

<u>Summons</u>

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

<u>Apologies</u>

The Chief Executive explained that only a quarter of the Members, based on party strengths, were requested to attend the Special Meeting. She advised that it was in accordance with social distancing measures which were operational due to the coronavirus pandemic. A technical apology was therefore reported for all other Members.

Battle of the Somme Anniversary

Moved by the Lord Mayor (Councillor Nicholl), Seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Alderman Haire) and

Resolved – That we, the Lord Mayor and Citizens of the City of Belfast, on the 105th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, desire again to record our feelings of gratitude to the brave men of the 36th (Ulster) Division, the 16th (Irish) Division and other forces who, by their glorious conduct in that battle, made an imperishable name for themselves and their people and whose heroism will never be forgotten.

The Council stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect to all those who had lost their lives in the Battle of the Somme.

Lord Mayor Chairperson