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MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the **Council Chamber and via Microsoft Teams** on Friday, 21st October, 2022 at 9.30 a.m., for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. Routine Matters

(a) Apologies

(b) Minutes

(c) Declarations of Interest

2. Restricted Items

(a) Medium Term Financial Plan and Efficiency Programme (Pages 1 - 6)

(b) Augment the City Innovation and the Visitor Experience (Pages 7 - 12)

(c) Update on Employees on Temporary Contracts and Agency Workers (Pages 13 - 30)

(d) Organisational Reviews and Change Programme (Pages 31 - 36)

(e) Update on External Funding (Shared Island and Peace Plus) (Pages 37 - 58)

(f) Update on PEACE IV Programme (Pages 59 - 64)

3. Matters referred back from Council/Motions

(a) Motion: Suspension of Government Debt Recovery for those in receipt of Benefits and Universal Credit – Response from Department for Communities (Pages 65 - 72)

(b) Quarterly Update on Motions (Pages 73 - 96)

4. Governance

(a) Scheme of Delegation (Pages 97 - 150)

5. Belfast Agenda/Strategic Issues

(a) Smart City Expo World Congress 2022 (Pages 151 - 154)

(b) Sustain Exchange Climate Business Conference Funding Agreement (Pages 155 - 160)

(c) Community Wealth Building Summit and Inclusive Growth Conference (Pages 161 - 164)

6. Physical Programme and Asset Management

(a) Update on Physical Programme (Pages 165 - 168)

(b) Asset Management (Pages 169 - 184)

(c) Update on Area Working Groups (Pages 185 - 196)

(d) Community Asset Management Framework Pilot Community Benefit Sites - Update on Clarendon and Ulidia Playing Fields (Pages 197 - 208)

7. Finance, Procurement and Performance

(a) Update on Contracts (Pages 209 - 216)

8. Equality and Good Relations

(a) Minutes of Meeting of Shared City Partnership (Pages 217 - 242)

9. Operational Issues

(a) Minutes of the Meeting of the Party Group Leaders' Consultative Forum (Pages 243 - 246)

(b) Human Rights Day 2022 (Pages 247 - 248)

(c) Ulster-Scots Language Week Exhibition (Pages 249 - 252)

(d) Requests for Use of the City Hall and the Provision of Hospitality (Pages 253 - 258)

(e) Minutes of the Meeting of the All-Party Working Group on the City Centre (Pages 259 - 262)

10. Issues Raised in Advance by Members

(a) Fuel Poverty Hardship Fund

Councillor Flynn to propose:

"This Council recognises the enormous hardship facing households across Belfast caused by rising fuel, food and energy bills and notes the devastating report from the University of York, which suggests that 72% of Northern Ireland households will be in fuel poverty by January, 2023.

In order to address these challenges, the Council will:

i. allocate £500k from Council reserves to set up an Emergency Fuel Poverty Hardship Fund, to be used to administer one-off vouchers to households in most need in Belfast and authorises officers to engage with partners and provide Members with options on the administration of a scheme;

ii. write to the Department for Communities requesting match funding for this scheme; and

iii. commit to a long-term strategy around leveraging community-owned energy projects to reduce energy bills and create sustainable communities, with officers to report to Committee when capacity allows."

(b) Christmas Tree Charity Collection

Councillor McKeown to propose that a collection box be placed beside the Christmas tree in the Rotunda area of the City Hall for people to place donations in when viewing the tree, taking photographs etc. The funds raised would be channelled through the Lord Mayor's office for distribution to appropriate charities in the City.