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BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

SUMMONS TO ATTEND A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TO: THE LORD MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND THE COUNCILLORS OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that, following receipt of a requisition, the Lord Mayor has agreed that a special meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Belfast and remotely via Teams on Monday, 14th March, 2022 at 4.00 pm, for the transaction of the following business:

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Motion – Cost of Living

Motion – Cost of Living

This Council recognises with deep concern the cost-of-living crisis that is impacting hundreds of thousands of families across our society, and the rise in home energy and electricity costs, which has placed a severe burden on already struggling households and businesses across our city.

The collapse of the Executive caused by the resignation of DUP First Minister Paul Givan is preventing a budget, or the allocation of £300m available from Treasury from being agreed and is hampering Ministers from using their full spending power to give people relief who rely and depend upon it.

This Council calls for the immediate restoration of the Executive in order to allocate and agree spending to support workers and families.

Furthermore, this Council calls upon the Westminster Government to take action, where local Ministers cannot, by scrapping VAT on domestic energy bills and cutting duty on home heating oil, petrol and diesel, for the duration of the energy crisis; introducing a windfall tax on energy generators and redirect money towards supporting families; reverse the planned increase in National Insurance Contributions; and halt the planned change in red diesel entitlement.

Proposer Councillor Garrett

Seconder Councillor McLaughlin

Also signed:

Councillor Baker Councillor Canavan Councillor Donnelly Councillor
Beattie

Councillor McAteer Councillor McCann Councillor Carson Councillor
McCabe

Councillor Maskey Councillor Murphy Councillor Walsh Councillor
Gormley

The Members of Belfast City Council are hereby summoned to attend.

Ronan Cregan

Deputy Chief Executive