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2nd August, 2023

MEETING OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet as a Hybrid Meeting (both remote and in person) in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Tuesday, 8th August, 2023 at 5.15 pm, 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. **Presentation**

    (a) Presentation Social Supermarket Fund Providers

3. **Restricted**

    (a) Social Supermarket Fund - Update (Pages 1 - 12)

    (b) Year-End Finance Report 2022-23 (Pages 13 - 18)

    (c) Department for Communities Letter of Offer Community Support Programme 2023/24 (Pages 19 - 30)

(d)   2023 Air Quality Progress Report (Pages 31 - 188)

4.   **Matters referred back from the Council/Motions**

(a)   Notice of Motion - Playful Belfast City Streets (Pages 189 - 190)

5.   **Committee/Strategic Issues**

(a)   Pitches strategy update

(b)   Belfast City Youth Council (BCYC) update (Pages 191 - 194)

(c)   Active Belfast Update (Pages 195 - 198)

(d)   Quarter 4 Year End Committee Plan update (Pages 199 - 210)

6.   **Physical Programme and Asset Management**

(a)   The Bullring DFC/BSC Capital Project (Pages 211 - 218)

7.   **Operational Issues**

(a)   Proposal for dual language street signs (Pages 219 - 224)

(b)   Responsible Dog Ownership (Pages 225 - 252)

(c)   Requests for the use of Parks for 2023 events (Pages 253 - 258)

(d)   Sustainable Period Product Scheme (Pages 259 - 262)

(e)   Product Safety update (Pages 263 - 266)

8.   **Issues Raised in Advance by Members**

(a)   Street Sign Format

Request that the Council will take the opportunity presented by the roll-out of new bilingual street signs to:

- Explore the use of cló Gaelach, or an appropriate adaptation, for Irish language wording on bilingual street signs in Belfast, bearing in mind that accessibility assessment if required should be judged against the standards for this script format rather than Roman script.
- Explore the possibilities to use a distinctive font for English language wording on all street signs to create a unique 'Belfast character' which will be readily identifiable as a feature of the city. This could echo, for example, fonts used on traditional black tiled signs, meeting accessibility requirements.
- Explore options around other scripts that may be required for bilingual signage in future, relating to other languages, to avoid any delays in delivering any such signage.