

Standards and Business Committee

Tuesday, 24th October, 2023

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE LAVERY ROOM AND
REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members present: Councillor McDonough-Brown (Chairperson);
The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Groogan);
Aldermen Lawlor, McCullough and Rodgers; and
Councillors Bradley, M. Donnelly, P. Donnelly, D. Douglas,
Duffy, Kelly, Long, Lyons, Magee, F. McAteer, G. McAteer,
McCormick, McDowell and McMullan.

In attendance: Ms. N. Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal
and Civic Services;
Mr. J. Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer; and
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

An apology was reported on behalf of Councillor R. McLaughlin.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 26th September were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 4th October.

Declarations of Interest

The Chairperson, Councillor McDonough-Brown, and Councillor G. McAteer declared an interest in agenda item 2 (a) Notice of Motion – Arts Cuts, in that they had family members who either worked for the Arts Council or worked with organisations that received funding from the Arts Council and both left the meeting whilst the motion was being considered.

Councillors Long, McCormick and McMullan declared an interest in agenda item 2 (d) Notice of Motion – Pay Awards for Health and Social Care Trust Staff, in that they either worked for or had family members who worked for the Health Service, and left the meeting whilst the motion was being considered.

Motions

The Committee considered the following six motions which had been received in advance of the Council meeting on 1st November:

Arts Cuts

Proposal

Moved by Councillor Lyons,
Seconded by Councillor Groogan,

That the motion be referred to Council for debate, with no restriction on the number of speakers.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor T. Kelly,
Seconded by Alderman Lawlor,

That the motion be adopted.

On a vote, seven Members voted for the amendment and ten against and it was declared lost.

Accordingly, the original proposal standing in the name of Councillor Lyons was put to the Committee and agreed.

Childcare Provision

The Committee agreed that the motion be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

Mental Health Accessibility Audit

The Committee agreed that the motion be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

Pay Awards for Health and Social Care Trust Staff

The Committee agreed that the motion be referred to the Council for debate, with no restriction on the number of speakers.

Rugby World Cup

The Committee agreed that the motion be referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

Secure Needle Drug Waste Bins

The Committee agreed that the motion be referred to the Council for debate, with no restriction on the number of speakers.

Chairperson