

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 a special meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Belfast and on Teams on Tuesday, 2nd May, 2023 at 6.00 pm, for the transaction of the following business:

1. **Freedom of the City - Dáithí Mac Gabhann**

Belfast City Council is no stranger to Dáithí Mac Gabhann and his family.

Dáithí was the official face of Belfast City Council's Christmas card in 2018 and Belfast City Council was also the first council here to support the calls for the introduction of soft opt out organ donation back in 2019 and, most recently, this council wrote to Chris Heaton Harris calling on him to push Dáithí's Law through Westminster.

Dáithí's Law is happening and will be introduced on 1st June 2023 and that is down to the sheer persistence and determination of the Mac Gabhann family who never gave up.

Dáithí is a hero and both he and his family should be commended for their campaigning and with that in mind, we call on Belfast City Council to grant Dáithí the freedom of the city and we ask that this process is expedited due to the introduction of Dáithí's Law on the 1st June.

This law will undoubtedly save lives and by granting Dáithí the freedom of the city, we will not only be giving Dáithí the due recognition he deserves but we will also help raise much needed awareness of this life saving legislation coming into effect.

Proposer: Councillor Micheal Donnelly
Seconder: Alderman George Dorrian

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

John Walsh

Chief Executive