

**Democratic Services Section  
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Belfast City Council  
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City Council**

20<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

**MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room, City Hall and remotely via Teams on Friday, 24th January, 2025 at 9.30 am, 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
- (d) Request to present Linen hall Library (in relation to Item 7 (b)) - Restricted

2. **Restricted Items**

- (a) Revenue Estimates 2025/26 & Medium-Term Financial Planning (Pages 1 - 16)
- (b) Update on Temporary Contracts and Agency Workers (Pages 17 - 32)
- (c) Organisational Reviews and Change Programme (Pages 33 - 38)
- (d) Update on Review of the Property Maintenance Service (Pages 39 - 58)

- (e) World Irish Dancing 2027 bid (Pages 59 - 62)
- (f) Requests for Funding (Pages 63 - 86)
- 3. **Matters referred back from Council/Motions**
  - (a) Notice of Motion - Rates Break Sandy Row Business Community (Pages 87 - 92)
- 4. **Governance**
  - (a) Revisions to Scheme of Allowances
  - (b) Appointment to Outside Body - Belfast Hills Partnership Board (Pages 93 - 94)
- 5. **Belfast Agenda/Strategic Issues**
  - (a) Planning Update report (Pages 95 - 108)
  - (b) Response to Department of Communities consultation on the draft statutory guidance on the McCloud Remedy in the Local Government Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Pages 109 - 114)
  - (c) Proposal for Belfast to join UK Network of Learning Cities (Pages 115 - 118)
  - (d) Response to Department of Finance consultation on the draft 2025/26 Budget (Pages 119 - 122)
  - (e) Community Recovery Fund
  - (f) Review of Illuminate Policy (Pages 123 - 132)
  - (g) Pest Control (To Follow)
  - (h) Smart Belfast: City Innovation programme update (Pages 133 - 136)
  - (i) Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2025-26
- 6. **Physical Programme and Asset Management**
  - (a) Physical Programme
  - (b) Assets Management (Pages 137 - 140)
- 7. **Finance, Procurement and Performance**
  - (a) Contracts Update
- 8. **Equality and Good Relations**
  - (a) Minutes of Shared City Partnership Meeting on 13th January 2025 (Pages 141 - 164)
- 9. **Operational Issues**

- (a) Minutes of Party Group Leaders Consultative Forum (Pages 165 - 168)
- (b) Requests for use of the City Hall and the provision of Hospitality (Pages 169 - 174)
- (c) Request for use of City Hall grounds – Belfast Photo Festival Photographic Exhibition in June 2025 (Pages 175 - 188)
- (d) Use of City Hall Grounds - Multiple Events in 2025 (Pages 189 - 192)
- (e) Minutes of the Castle, Cavehill, Zoo and North Foreshore Working Group 07.01.25 (Pages 193 - 194)