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City Council**

19 March, 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 via Teams on Friday, 21st March, 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

2. **Restricted Items**

- (a) In- housing of external security services (Pages 1 - 6)
- (b) Support for businesses affected by August disorder - update (To Follow)
- (c) Update on Hardship Programme 2024/25 (Pages 7 - 26)
- (d) Social Supermarket Fund (Pages 27 - 36)
- (e) Contracts Update (Pages 37 - 46)

3. **Matters referred back from Council/Motions**

- (a) Notice of Motion – Action to Address Empty Homes (Pages 47 - 50)
 - (b) Notice of Motion Developing a Sponsorship and Philanthropy Network in the City (Pages 51 - 54)
4. **Belfast Agenda/Strategic Issues**
- (a) Summer Community Diversionary Programme Assessments (Pages 55 - 74)
 - (b) Community Support Plan (CSP) 25/29 including a Review of Community Support Large Grants (Pages 75 - 108)
 - (c) Planning Update (Pages 109 - 122)
 - (d) Proposed Planning Application Validation Checklist (Pages 123 - 330)
5. **Physical Programme and Asset Management**
- (a) Physical Programme (Pages 331 - 338)
 - (b) Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund (To Follow)
 - (c) Update on Area Working Groups (Pages 339 - 380)
6. **Finance, Procurement and Performance**
- (a) CIPFA Prudential Code Capital Strategy and Treasury Management Indicators 2025-26 (Pages 381 - 400)
 - (b) Audit and Risk Panel Report and Minutes of Meeting of 4 March 2025 (Pages 401 - 432)
7. **Equality and Good Relations**
- (a) Minutes of Shared City Partnership Meeting on 10th March 2025 (Pages 433 - 450)
8. **Operational Issues**
- (a) Minutes of the Meeting of the Party Group Leaders Consultative Forum (Pages 451 - 456)
 - (b) Requests for use of the City Hall and the provision of Hospitality (To Follow)
 - (c) Request for the use of Barnetts Demesne and the Cenotaph at the City Hall (To Follow)
 - (d) Minutes of the Meeting of the Cost of Living Working Group 6 March (Pages 457 - 460)
 - (e) Minutes of the Meeting of the City Centre Working Group 7 March (Pages 461 - 464)
 - (f) Minutes of Belfast Stories Working Group 11 March (Pages 465 - 466)

