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Belfast City Council
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6th March, 2013

MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room (Room G05), City Hall on Friday, 8th March, 2013, immediately following the meeting of the Voluntary Transition Committee which will commence at 10.00 am, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

PETER McNANEY

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. **Routine Matters**
 - (a) Apologies
 - (b) Minutes
 - (c) Declarations of Interest
2. **Investment Programme**
 - (a) Maximising the Regeneration Impact of the Stadia Developments (To Follow)
3. **Democratic Services and Governance**
 - (a) Appointments to the Belfast Education and Library Board (Pages 3 - 6)

- (b) Request for the Use of the Council Chamber (Pages 7 - 8)
- (c) Notice of Motion re - Carl Frampton (Pages 9 - 10)
- (d) Notice of Motion re- Shared City Vision (Pages 11 - 12)

4. **Cross-Cutting Issues**

- (a) Belfast Health and Social Care Board - Consultation on the Future of Emergency Services Departments in Belfast (Pages 13 - 14)

To: The Chairman and Members of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee



Belfast City Council

Report to	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
Subject:	Appointments to the Belfast Education and Library Board
Date:	8th March, 2013
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (ext 6314)
Contact Officer:	

1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Members will recall that, at the meeting on 18th May, 2012, the Committee was reminded that correspondence has been received from the Department of Education indicating that, following the selection process which had been carried out to appoint 4 Members to the Board from the 8 names submitted, which involved the completion of application forms by the nominees, an eligibility sift of applications against the criteria and, for those who met the eligibility criteria, a conversation with a purpose, the outcome was that three of the nominees did not progress beyond the eligibility sift stage and one candidate had withdrawn from the process.
1.2	This has resulted in only four eligible candidates remaining in the process and the Minister for Education has asked for the current pool of candidates to be augmented before he made his choice of candidates to be appointed. The Department had therefore requested the Council to submit an additional four nominations, who would be required to undergo the same selection process as that set out above. It was noted at that time that those Councillors who had previously been nominated and who did not progress beyond the eligibility sift would not be eligible for re-nomination.
1.3	The Committee agreed that the Minister be requested to make as many appointments as possible from those candidates who had already been deemed to be appointable, in line with the Council's d'Hondt system of proportionality which provided that the four appointments should comprise two Sinn Féin Party representatives and one each from the Democratic Unionist and Social Democratic and Labour Parties, with any places remaining unfilled using this process to be selected from those Parties which had not been offered their entitlement. In addition, the Committee agreed that should the Minister not agree

1.4	<p>to make such appointments, then the undernoted process should be employed to select the additional four nominations:</p> <p>Choice 11 – Democratic Unionist Choice 12 – Sinn Fein Choice 13 – Democratic Unionist Choice 14 – Alliance</p> <p>However, if the Democratic Unionist Party maintained its previous position of only submitting one candidate (which it had already done as part of the process in October, 2011), then the nominations from the Parties willing to supply names would fall to:</p> <p>Choice 12 – Sinn Fein Choice 14 – Alliance Choice 15 – Ulster Unionist Choice 16 – Sinn Fein</p>
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2	Key Issues
2.1	<p>Correspondence has now been received from the Department indicating that the Minister is unwilling to make any appointments to the Board until he receives an additional 4 nominations from the Council and those persons have completed the selection process. Accordingly, in line with the Committee decision of 18th May, the Party Leaders concerned have been requested to provide the names of suitable candidates.</p>

3	Resource Implications
3.1	None.

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
4.1	<p>None. The identification of those Parties entitled to nominate Members for consideration for appointment is based upon the Council's accepted system of proportionality.</p>

5	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is requested to note the information.

6	Decision Tracking
Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager March, 2013	

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Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Request for Use of the Council Chamber
Date:	8th March 2013
Reporting Officer:	Mr Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager, 6314
Contact Officer:	Ms Lorraine Wallace, Children and Young Peoples Coordinator

1.0	Relevant Background Information
1.1	A request has been received from the Council's Parks and Leisure Department for the use of the Council Chamber for a facilitated discussion between the Council's Youth Forum and the Sligo Youth Parliament.
1.2	The event would take place on Saturday, 13th April and would include 30 young people and leaders.

2.0	Key Issues
2.1	The Growing Respect Programme is funded as part of the Belfast PEACE III Plan and is overseen by the Parks and Leisure Department.
2.2	The Youth Parliament has been asked to participate in the Cross-Border Element of the Programme.
2.3	As part of its participation through exchange visits, the Department would like to host a facilitated discussion with Sligo Youth Parliament which would encourage them to explore common issues, such as young people's involvement in local government decision making.
2.4	The event will involve young people aged 13-18 and there would be adequate staff and other leaders available to ensure the smooth running and safety of the event.

3.0	Resource Implications
3.1	There are some minor resource implications associated with hospitality and staff time.

4.0	Equality Implications
4.1	None.

5.0	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is recommended to approve the request.



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Notice of Motion re: Carl Frampton
Date:	8th March, 2013
Reporting Officer:	Mr. S. McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (extension 6314
Contact Officer:	Mr Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer (extension 6313)

1.0	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Committee will recall that at the Council meeting on 4th March the following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Spence: "This Council congratulates Carl Frampton on becoming the European Boxing Union Champion and agrees to have a civic reception to recognise the achievements he has made to date."
1.2	In accordance with Standing Order 11(e), the motion stood referred without discussion to the Committee.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the Notice of Motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.

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Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Notice of Motion re: Shared City Vision
Date:	8th March, 2013
Reporting Officer:	Mr. S. McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (extension 6314)
Contact Officer:	Mr Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer (extension 6313)

1.0	Relevant Background Information
1.1	<p>At the Council meeting on 4th March, the undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Attwood:</p> <p>“The Investment Programme, which the Council launched a year ago, was a strong and visible symbol of the Council’s leadership of the city and its desire to improve quality of life across Belfast. This Council now commits to underlining its city leadership role by engaging key city stakeholders, community partners and the people of the city in creating a longer-term, shared city vision, underpinned by a set of clear quality of life outcome indicators.</p> <p>In taking this action, the Council will be well prepared for its new role in 2015 when it will be the planning and regeneration authority for Belfast with a duty to create a community plan for the area. This work will provide a clear statement of ambition for Belfast and act as a focus for partnership working. It will allow us to set the bar high for delivery for each and every community across Belfast.</p> <p>A city outcomes framework will help ensure the decisions the Council and its partners make about investment and service delivery are evidenced-based and have the greatest chance of improving competitiveness, reducing inequalities and tackling persistent disadvantage.”</p>
1.2	In accordance with Standing Order 11(e), the Motion stood referred to the Committee without debate.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the Notice of Motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.

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Report to:	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
Subject:	BELFAST HEALTH and SOCIAL CARE BOARD: Consultation on the Future of Emergency Services Departments in Belfast
Date:	Friday 8 th March 2013
Reporting Officer:	Suzanne Wylie, Director of Health & Environmental Services
Contact Officers:	Russell Connelly, Policy and Planning (6197)

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to bring to the attention of Members, details of a consultation by the Belfast Health and Social Care Board on **the Future Configuration of Emergency Department services in Belfast** and to seek their agreement to invite the Board to brief the SP&R Committee on the proposed options for the future configuration on emergency services in Belfast.
2. The consultation will last for 13 weeks and the deadline for all responses is Friday, 10 May 2013.

Relevant Background Information

3. The Council have been invited to participate in the public consultation on the future organisation of Emergency Department services in the Belfast area which was announced by the Health Minister Edwin Poots on Tuesday, 5 February 2013. The consultation document and draft Equality Impact Assessment are available from: www.hscboard.hscni.net/consult/
4. The consultation document considers a number of options for the future configuration of Emergency Department services.
5. The options are to have either one, two or three Emergency Departments in Belfast. Given that the Royal Victoria Hospital is the Regional Trauma Centre, any option for just one Emergency Department would, by necessity, be located in this hospital.

The four potential options are set out below:

- Delivery of Emergency Department services in Belfast in **three** Emergency Departments at the **RVH, Mater & BCH**.
- Delivery of Emergency Department services in Belfast in **two** Emergency Departments at the **RVH & BCH**.
- Delivery of Emergency Department services in Belfast in **two** Emergency Departments at the **RVH & Mater**.
- Delivery of Emergency Department services in Belfast in **one** Emergency Department at the **RVH**.

Preferred and Recommended Option

6. The preferred and recommended option proposed is that Emergency Department services should be delivered at the Royal Victoria Hospital and the Mater Hospital.
7. Under this option, direct access to the Belfast City Hospital would be available for patients who have been assessed by their GP as requiring medical assessment or admission to hospital without the need to go via an Emergency Department. These arrangements would be complemented by the enhancement of acute care at home with 24/7 nursing in the community and a range of specialist support to the primary care teams.

Consultation Response

8. The closing date for feedback to the consultation paper is Friday 10th May.

Recommendation

9. Members agreement is sought to invite the Belfast Health and Social Care Board to brief the SP&R Committee on the proposed options at a date to be agreed in the near future.

Documents Attached

None