

## **BELFAST CITY COUNCIL**

### **SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**TO: THE LORD MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND THE COUNCILLORS OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that the monthly meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Belfast on Wednesday, 1st February, 2017 at 6.00 pm., for the transaction of the following business:

1. Summons
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council of 3rd January, 2017 (Pages 1 - 10)
5. Request for a Deputation to Address the Council

A request has been received from Councillor McCusker to allow a number of young people to address the Council on the important role being played by youth services, in the context of the motion which he will be proposing later in the meeting.

As the Chief Executive has not received the required seven days written notice of the intended deputation, as required under Standing Order 8, the Council will be invited to consider the request.

6. Official Announcements
7. Minutes of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 6th, 20th and 26th January, 2017 (Pages 11 - 64)
8. Minutes of the People and Communities Committee of 4th, 10th and 24th January, 2017 (Pages 65 - 98)
9. Minutes of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee of 11th and 24th January, 2017 (Pages 99 - 118)
10. Minutes of the Licensing Committee of 18th January, 2017 (Pages 119 - 142)
11. Minutes of the Planning Committee of 17th and 24th January, 2017 (Pages 143 - 164)
12. Minutes of the Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd. Shareholders Committee of 12th January, 2017 (Pages 165 - 168)

### 13. Notices of Motion

#### a) Youth Services

Councillor McCusker to move:

"This Council notes with deep concern the proposed cuts in youth services in Belfast, which could see the loss of 131 posts in youth organisations.

The Council recognises the important and vital contribution of our youth services to Belfast and believes that these cuts will have a major negative impact on local communities.

The Council opposes these cuts in youth services and agrees to seek an urgent cross-party meeting with the Education Authority and the Minister of Education or senior Department of Education officials to raise our concerns and calls for the funding to be reinstated."

**(To be discussed by the Council)**

#### b) Car Parking Charges

Alderman Rodgers to move:

"This Council expresses its concern at the 16% increase in on-street car parking charges in Belfast, from £1.20 per hour to £1.40 per hour, announced by the Infrastructure Minister.

This decision will adversely affect City Centre retail trade and will advantage the out-of-town shopping centres which are able to offer free car parking.

This decision shows a complete lack of understanding by the Minister as to what local people and business have said about parking tariffs in Belfast.

The Council is strongly opposed to this decision and agrees to seek an urgent meeting with the Minister and/or his senior officials to try to persuade them to reverse this unnecessary move."

**(To be discussed by the Council)**

c) Irish Presidential Elections

Councillor O'Hara to move:

"Belfast is a rich and diverse city containing many different nationalities. Many consider themselves as British, others Irish and citizens of the Irish nation.

Recognising and respecting all traditions, this Council urges the Irish government to implement the recommendations of the constitutional convention and to allow the citizens of Belfast to participate in Irish Presidential elections.

Such a provision recognises the rights of Irish citizens in the North without threatening in any way others right to their British identity."

**(To be discussed by the Council)**

d) Review of Enforcement Services

Councillor Boyle to move:

"This Council recognises that it is responsible for a range of enforcement services such as on-street drinking, littering and night time noise. It is not clear that these services operate in all areas at all times of the year.

The Council, therefore, agrees that a comprehensive review is carried out by the relevant Council Departments into the delivery of enforcement services across the City, with the ultimate aim of ensuring that such services are delivered on all 365 days of the year."

**(To be referred without discussion to the  
People and Communities Committee)**

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



Chief Executive