

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 Monday, 4th September, 2017 at 6.00 p.m., for the transaction of the following business:

1. Summons
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Minutes of Council Meetings (Pages 1 - 22)
5. Official Announcements
6. Minutes of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee (Pages 23 - 56)
7. Minutes of People and Communities Committee (Pages 57 - 92)
8. Minutes of City Growth and Regeneration Committee (Pages 93 - 134)
9. Minutes of Licensing Committee (Pages 135 - 158)
10. Minutes of Planning Committee (Pages 159 - 186)
11. Minutes of Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd. Shareholders' Committee (Pages 187 - 190)
12. **Notices of Motion**

- a) Mother and Baby Homes

Proposed by Councillor O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor McVeigh,

"This Council recognises the citizens of Belfast's commitment to human rights and will support Amnesty International's call on The Northern Ireland Executive to set-up a human rights-compliant public inquiry into allegations of forced labour, arbitrary detention, ill treatment and the illegal adoption of babies in former mother and baby homes in Belfast and across the province."

(To be debated by the Council)

b) Grass Cutting on Carriageways

Proposed by Alderman Rodgers,
Seconded by Councillor Johnston,

"This Council calls upon the Department for Infrastructure, Transport Northern Ireland, to redirect resources towards grass cutting of verges, central reservations and roundabouts on our carriageways.

The present two cuts between April and September are not sufficient, bearing in mind that only a few years ago we had five and prior to that eight.

The citizens of Belfast, along with a large number of visitors, are complaining bitterly at how unsightly the capital city of Northern Ireland has become and, therefore, it is important that this important issue is acted upon as quickly as possible."

(To be debated by the Council)

c) Party Leaders' Forum

Proposed by Councillor Long,
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill,

"This Council calls upon the Chief Executive to submit a report to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on how to ensure openness and transparency with regard to decisions taken by the Party Leaders' Forum."

**(To be referred without discussion to
the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee)**

d) Invitations to or from the President of the United States of America

Proposed by Councillor Heading,
Seconded by Councillor Milne,

"This Council reiterates that it is committed to treating everyone fairly, with equality and respect, and through doing so help our City in its transition from a period of division caused by conflict to a City that celebrates diversity and pluralism.

The Council notes the recent comments made by President Trump regarding the tragic events in Charlottesville, Virginia, their lack of clarity and his failure to condemn racist organisations such as the Klu Klux Klan and Neo Nazi gangs. While recognising with gratitude the support provided by previous American administrations, this Council believes our core values of equality and respect to be at odds with the actions and statements of the current President of the United States of America.

As such, the Council agrees to write, through its Lord Mayor and First Citizen, to the British Prime Minister to request that any invitation, present or future, to the President of the United States, Donald Trump, to visit Britain or Northern Ireland is withdrawn or excluded from consideration.

The Council is also aware that an invitation is traditionally extended to the Lord Mayor to attend the St. Patrick's Day celebrations at the White House, Washington DC, each year and requests that, in the event of this invitation being extended again in 2018 and in subsequent years, the Lord Mayor, subsequent Lord Mayors, or any other representatives of the Council, consider declining such an invitation to visit the White House or any state event at which the current US President is anticipated to be in attendance."

(To be debated by the Council)

e) Cuts to Health Budgets

Proposed by Councillor Attwood,
Seconded by Councillor Kyle,

"This Council notes that Health and Social Care Trusts have been tasked by the Department of Health to find £70 million of savings in 2017/2018 financial year and that the Belfast Trust will have to impose cuts of £26.3 million.

The Council expresses its deep concern at the effect which these proposed cuts will have on domiciliary care, elective care services, nursing and residential homes, the deferral of drug treatments and cuts in agency staff. The Council believes that these cuts will have a devastating impact on the sick, elderly and most vulnerable sections of our community in Belfast.

The Council strenuously opposes these cuts and agrees to write to and seek urgent meetings with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the Permanent Secretary in the Department of Health."

(To be debated by the Council)


f) Opposition to Britain First Organisation

Proposed by Councillor Collins,
Seconded by Councillor Heading,

"This Council notes recent attempts by Britain First to organise in Belfast. The Council condemns Britain First for its far-right ideas and is opposed to its attempts to organise here. The city of Belfast has a proud history of anti-racism and anti-fascism. Unfortunately, Belfast has seen a worrying rise of racist incidents in recent years. The establishment of far-right organisations such as Britain First will embolden those who espouse such racism. The Council pledges to stand by its minority communities and against those who wish to promote division and hatred."

(To be debated by the Council)

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Suzanne Wylie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Chief Executive