

## **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, 2nd October, 2017, immediately following the special meeting, for the transaction of the following business:

1. Summons
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Minutes of the Council of 4th September, 2017 (Pages 1 - 12)
5. Official Announcements
6. Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 22nd and 28th September, 2017 (Pages 13 - 70)  
(\*minutes of meeting of 28th September to follow)
7. People and Communities Committee of 12th September, 2017 (Pages 71 - 90)
8. City Growth and Regeneration Committee of 13th September, 2017 (Pages 91 - 126)
9. Licensing Committee of 20th September, 2017 (Pages 127 - 132)
10. Planning Committee of 19th September, 2017 (Pages 133 - 148)
11. Notices of Motion
  - a) Citizens' Basic Income Scheme

Proposed by Councillor McVeigh,  
Seconded by Councillor Hargey,

“This Council recognises the devastating impact that unemployment and benefit cuts can have upon citizens, families and communities.

The Council will explore, as part of a wider employability initiative and with the help of the Executive, the implementation of a Citizens' Basic Income (CBI) scheme. In order to inform this process, the Council will undertake a feasibility study into how it might support a pilot study concentrated within our most deprived communities.

The CBI initiative would mean, for those identified as part of the initiative, the replacement of benefits and pensions with an unconditional flat rate payment. Citizens would then be able to work and earn additional income on top of the basic payment. Such a scheme has the potential to help eradicate poverty and homelessness in the City.”

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

b) Traffic in the City Centre

Proposed by Councillor Dudgeon,  
Seconded by Alderman Rodgers,

“This Council has grave concerns about traffic congestion in the City centre, particularly at the back of City Hall, resulting from recent new arrangements. A major source of the problem at peak times is the prohibition on vehicles (except buses and emergency services) going from Donegall Square East into Adelaide Street from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

This means that cars must either go into Chichester Street, turn right into Montgomery Street, then right into May Street and left into Adelaide Street, or use Donegall Square East, then Donegall Square South and Bedford Street to go in an eastern or south-eastern direction. There is no other reasonable way for vehicles to go from the west or south west of the City to the south and east, despite the description of the route as a rat run.

Cars accessing Adelaide Street between June, 2015 and August, 2016 were caught by the Department for Infrastructure (Dfi) camera in Donegall Square East on 18,000 occasions, resulting in £1 million of fines. This proves the difficulty faced by drivers and especially visitors to the City.

The Council, therefore, calls on Dfi, working in conjunction with Translink, to end the prohibition on traffic entering Adelaide Street from Donegall Square East. This would also enable the removal of the large and unsightly electronic warning sign in Donegall Square East and free up the traffic island on which it sits.”

**(To be referred without discussion to the  
City Growth and Regeneration Committee)**

c) Primary School Curriculum Sports Programme

Proposed by Councillor Mullan,  
Seconded by Councillor Boyle,

“This Council opposes the proposed ending of the Primary School Curriculum Sports Programme by the Department of Education, from 31st October 2017, and expresses deep concern at the impact which the potential loss of this award winning cross community programme will have for primary school pupils, primary schools and the sporting coaches involved.

The Council agrees to write to and seek an urgent meeting with the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Education to highlight this concern.”

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

d) Drugs Related Deaths and Suicides

Proposed by Councillor McCusker,  
Seconded by Councillor Attwood,

“This Council notes with growing concern the rise of drug related deaths and suicides in the city and across Northern Ireland and calls on local and central government to make tackling this epidemic a priority.

The council agrees to seek an urgent cross party meeting with the Health and Social Care Board, the Public Health Agency, the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and the community and voluntary sector working on the front line dealing with this growing problem to agree a co-ordinated action plan.”

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne Wylie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a long, sweeping underline.

Chief Executive