

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 November, 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 of 2nd October, 2017 (Pages 1 - 10)
5. Request to Address the Council

(To consider a request from Youth Forum representatives to address the Council in relation to the motion being proposed by Councillor O'Hara on Voting Rights for 16 Year Olds)
6. Official Announcements
7. Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 20th October, 2017 (Pages 11 - 48)
8. People and Communities Committee of 10th and 18th October, 2017 (Pages 49 - 78)
9. City Growth and Regeneration Committee of 11th October, 2017 (Pages 79 - 112)
10. Licensing Committee of 18th October, 2017 (Pages 113 - 128)
11. Planning Committee of 17th October, 2017 (Pages 129 - 142)
12. Notices of Motion
 - a) Voting Rights for 16 Year Olds

Proposed by Councillor O'Hara,
Seconded by Councillor Nic Biorna,

"This Council calls upon the British Government and the Secretary of State to bring forward legislation to extend the right to vote to everyone aged 16 or over, in time for the 2019 Local Government elections and for all future Assembly and Westminster elections and any referenda."

(To be debated by the Council)

b) Universal Credit

Proposed by Councillor Attwood,
Seconded by Councillor Kyle,

“This Council notes the well documented and evidenced hardship caused in England, Scotland and Wales by the roll out of Universal Credit.

The Council calls for an immediate halt to the rollout of Universal Credit across Northern Ireland, to protect the most vulnerable and the disadvantaged from poverty, rent arrears and homelessness and calls for all Political Parties to work to deliver a system that is fair, practical and compassionate.

Accordingly, the Council agrees to write to and seek a meeting with the Permanent Secretary at the Department for Communities about the implications of Universal Credit.”

(To be debated by the Council)

c) Belfast Energy Transition Strategy

Proposed by Councillor Milne,
Seconded by Councillor Heading,

“This Council acknowledges the damage and disruption caused by Storm Ophelia, which additionally directly caused the death of three people. The insurance costs alone associated with Storm Ophelia are estimated to reach ten million pounds, and the economic and social consequences of school and business closures are as yet unquantified.

Whilst the science is not yet clear on whether Storm Ophelia is directly attributable to climate change, the majority of scientists agree that irregular weather patterns will become more frequent and more disruptive and that adverse weather events, as characterised by storm Ophelia, will become more commonplace as climate change progresses.

Whilst noting the devastating impact of climate change on the local people and economy and the pivotal role that carbon plays in global climate change, this Council, therefore, agrees to review and expedite previously-agreed plans for a Belfast Energy Transition Strategy.”

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

d) EU Single Market

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl,
Seconded by Councillor Lyons,

"This Council recognises the critical importance of the EU Single Market to the economy of the City of Belfast and calls for a special deal to be put in place for Northern Ireland in context of Brexit that would facilitate continued participation in this Single Market.

Accordingly, the Council agrees to write to the UK Government and European Commission Taskforce in this regard.”

(To be debated by the Council)

e) Minibus Driver Licensing

Proposed by Councillor Reynolds,
Seconded by Councillor McVeigh,

"Recent consultations issued by the Department for Infrastructure regarding changes to minibus driver licensing requirements and the use of section 10B Permits puts transport provided in Belfast by community and voluntary groups under threat.

The Department for Infrastructure has recognised that these changes will impact on various Section 75 groups including older people, people with disabilities and women etc. Yet, despite this, it has not proceeded with a full EQIA and has proposed no mitigations to deal with the impact which this will have to service users from 1st January, 2018.

This Council calls upon the Department for Infrastructure to review its decision not to proceed with an Equality Impact Assessment, for the Department to be fully compliant with Section 75 and to suspend the consultation until such time as the Department can demonstrate that no Section 75 group will be adversely impacted by these changes."

(To be debated by the Council)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Suzanne Wylie".

Chief Executive