BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

SUMMONS TO ATTEND A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

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

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Belfast on Wednesday, 6th December, 2017 at 7.15 pm, for the transaction of the following business:

- 1. Summons
- 2. <u>Apologies</u>
- 3. Declarations of Interest
- 4. European Capital of Culture 2023

Proposed by Councillor McVeigh

Seconded by Councillor Beattie

"The exclusion of Belfast/Derry and Strabane from the bidding process for the European Capital of Culture in 2023, as a direct consequence of Brexit being imposed upon the North of Ireland, is potentially disastrous for our cities economies.

This council has already on two occasions voted in favour of Special designated status for the North of Ireland within the EU and calls upon the EU to recognise the special circumstances that exist in the North of Ireland and to overturn the decision to exclude the North of Ireland from the bid process.

This council as a matter of urgency will organise a cross party and business and civic delegation that will travel to Brussels to meet with the relevant EU body to lobby for this decision to be overturned."

The special meeting has been requisitioned by the following Members:

Councillor Beattie Councillor Carson Councillor Clarke Councillor Corr Councillor Hargey Councillor Magee Councillor McAteer Councillor McConville Councillor McVeigh Councillor O'Donnell Councillor Walsh The Members of Belfast City Council are hereby summoned to attend.

Chief Executive