

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, on Monday, 3rd September, 2018 at 6.00 pm., for the transaction of the following business:

1. Summons
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Minutes of the Council (Pages 1 - 16)
5. Official Announcements
6. Request to Address the Council

(To consider a request from Mr. Máirtín Mac Gabhann to address the Council in relation to the motion on Organ Donation being proposed by Councillor Corr)

7. Minutes of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee (Pages 17 - 98)
8. Minutes of People and Communities Committee (Pages 99 - 126)
9. Minutes of City Growth and Regeneration Committee (Pages 127 - 142)
10. Minutes of Licensing Committee (Pages 143 - 146)
11. Minutes of Planning Committee (Pages 147 - 158)
12. Minutes of Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd. Shareholders' Committee (Pages 159 - 162)
13. Minutes of Brexit Committee (Pages 163 - 172)
14. Notices of Motion
 - a) Graffiti

Proposed by Councillor Boyle,

Seconded by Councillor Dudgeon,

"This Council recognises the damage caused by and unsightliness of the growing amount of graffiti within our City centre and our neighbourhoods, on our shutters, our walls, our doors, our utility boxes etc.

As the Council has the power under Article 18 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 to remove or obliterate any graffiti which, in the opinion of Council, is detrimental to the amenity of any land in the district, pro-active policies and procedures for addressing the problem need to now be put in place, perhaps on the lines of those adopted in 2016 by Ards and North Down Borough Council.

Accordingly, the Council agrees to allocate the necessary funding and resources, or the reprioritisation of existing resources, to tackle the environmental scourge of graffiti in the City.”

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

b) Implementation of a Perinatal Care Pathway Service

Proposed by Alderman Convery,

Seconded by Councillor Boyle,

“This Council believes that in pregnancy both lives matter, the mother and the unborn child. This commitment to the rights of both must be reflected in the support provided to mothers, the unborn child and their families throughout the pregnancy.

The Council calls for the immediate implementation of a Perinatal Care Pathway Service in Northern Ireland and eventually the provision of a Perinatal Hospice Care Facility to ensure the best medical, emotional and social support for those who are faced with the diagnosis of a severe life limiting condition.”

(To be debated by the Council)

c) Sustainable Development Strategy

Proposed by Councillor McReynolds,

Seconded by Councillor Nicholl,

“This Council recognises its important role in shaping a Belfast that is environmentally sustainable (as described in the Belfast Agenda). It recognises also the importance of thinking strategically and with a long-term aim of making Belfast meet the highest environmental standards, especially in the areas of energy, waste, transport, construction and resilience.

The Council agrees to establish both a Member-led Sustainable Development Think Tank and an officer steering group that meet regularly to support the development of the Council’s Sustainable Development Strategy and discuss implementing best practice from across Europe and globally.”

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

d) Green Spaces

Proposed by Councillor Long,

Seconded by Councillor McReynolds,

"This Council agrees to establish a strategy to tackle the issue of grass cutting along verges and roads in the City. This will include auditing the number of sites that need maintenance, determining the best way to maintain them, increasing revenue to meet the costs and setting up a forum with other relevant agencies, including the Department for Infrastructure, to ensure that the areas are maintained in a way which promotes road safety, civic pride and protects the environment."

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

e) Brexit - The People's Vote

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl,

Seconded by Councillor McAllister,

"This Council acknowledges the result of the EU Referendum of June 2016, but asserts that no one in Belfast voted for a bad deal, or no deal, that could wreck our economy and jeopardise our peace process.

The Council agrees to write to the Secretary of State and to the Prime Minister expressing its support for the growing demand for a People's Vote on the final Brexit deal."

**(To be referred, without discussion, to the
Brexit Committee)**

f) Ireland Women's Hockey Team

Proposed by Councillor Attwood,

Seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McDonough-Brown),

"This Council applauds the incredible achievement of the Irish Women's Hockey team in winning a silver medal in the Hockey World Cup. The Council agrees to host a special civic reception to honour the team."

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

g) Unadopted Alleyways

Proposed by Councillor Dorrian,

Seconded by Councillor Newton,

"This Council will engage with relevant agencies to develop protocols in respect to addressing issues around unadopted alleyways across the City, recognising health and safety and public hygiene concerns. All efforts should be also made to identify legal owners and compel them to meet their obligations."

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

h) Organ Donation

Proposed by Councillor Corr,

Seconded by Councillor Carson,

"This Council notes that Organ Donation Week this year will run from 3rd till 9th September and supports the efforts of all of those organisations seeking to increase the number of people joining the Organ Donation Register."

(To be debated by the Council)

i) Empty Chair Campaign

Proposed by Councillor Baker,

Seconded by Councillor Murphy,

"This Council supports Inspire's Empty Chair Campaign on 10th September, 2018 to mark World Suicide Prevention Day.

This would entail placing the Lord Mayor's chair at the front of City Hall on 10th September, representing the empty chairs that have been created around the Belfast Council area as a result of suicide."

(To be debated by the Council)

j) Belfast Rapid Transit

Proposed by Councillor Collins,

Seconded by Councillor Heading,

"This Council notes the introduction of the Belfast Rapid Transit (BRT) to the City. This £90 million investment is intended to lead to an improvement of connectivity in Belfast and in public transport for citizens. The Council notes, however, that the introduction of BRT has led to a number of serious issues that need urgent redressing if the system is not to have an adverse effect on our City.

These include:

- impaired access to homes for the elderly and those with serious disabilities;
- parents unable to safely leave children to school in some locations;
- access to local shops has been severely restricted, with car parking spaces removed without any recourse as to where this parking would go thereafter;

- double yellow lines are to be extended into residential areas, restricting access to homes and again exacerbating the parking problem;
- a severe increase in congestion, and the need to come up with solutions to this; and
- despite these issues being raised, the Department for Infrastructure has failed to introduce any mitigating measures.

In the absence of a Stormont Executive and, acknowledging the important role played by local government in community planning, this Council can play an important role in representing the views of this City to the Department on the relevant issues surrounding BRT. The Council believes that urgent measures are needed to solve these issues. This should be done in an open and transparent manner, involving residents and other stakeholders. Where necessary, aspects of BRT should be delayed to ensure a competent and satisfactory delivery.

To assist such an approach, the Council will host open meetings in East and West Belfast in order to listen to the concerns of residents on this issue. The Council will also arrange a deputation to the Department for Infrastructure, which will be open to Councillors from all political parties, to discuss how the above problems can be resolved or mitigated.”

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

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Suzanne Wylie".

Chief Executive