

## **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 Thursday, 1st November, 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 - 12)
5. Official Announcements
6. Strategic Policy and Resources Committee (Pages 13 - 38)
7. People and Communities Committee (Pages 39 - 64)
8. City Growth and Regeneration Committee (Pages 65 - 94)
9. Licensing Committee (Pages 95 - 98)
10. Planning Committee (Pages 99 - 116)
11. Brexit Committee (Pages 117 - 130)
12. Notices of Motion

a) "On the Ball" Campaign

Proposed by Councillor O'Neill,

Seconded by Councillor Nic Biorna,

"This Council supports the 'On the Ball' campaign, the aim of which is to provide free sanitary products in as many sporting grounds and public buildings as possible to combat the ever growing issue of period poverty.

As an initial step, the Council will examine the feasibility of providing these products in the City Hall, in all Council offices, and, in keeping with the 'On The Ball' campaign, also look at the feasibility of providing free sanitary products in our sporting and leisure facilities.

It should be the norm in schools, universities colleges, workplaces, football grounds, concert venues for free access to sanitary product provision to help combat the ever growing issue of period poverty."

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

b) Climate Change

Proposed by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor McDonough-Brown,

Seconded by Councillor McReynolds,

"This Council agrees that Climate Change is one of the biggest global challenges of our time, affirms that the Council has an important leadership role in creating a low carbon future and, accordingly, agrees that officers bring back a report on the possibilities of Belfast City Council becoming a Carbon Neutral Council, including possible timescales for achieving carbon neutrality and the deployment of electric vehicles in service of this aim."

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

c) Social Housing

Proposed by Councillor Heading,

Seconded by Councillor McCusker,

“This Council congratulates the children and families of the Build Homes Now and Homes Now campaign on the production of their film ‘Waiting on a Childhood’, which documents their experiences and campaign to tackle homelessness.

The Council recognises that we are in the midst of a housing and homelessness crisis.

The Council recognises the impact of homelessness on the children of Belfast. Recent figures from the Housing Executive show that there are at least 20,950 children on the housing waiting list in total. At least 13,636 of these children are said to be in ‘housing stress’ and at least 11,372 are full duty housing applicants. On three separate occasions in the last 10 years, the United Nations has intervened, urging the Westminster Government and the devolved Stormont Executive to intensify their efforts to address and overcome persistent religious inequalities in social housing.

The Council calls upon the Department for Communities and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to work with the Council to use all available powers, including powers of vesting, zoning and planning, to ensure that housing provision meets current and projected needs in the city of Belfast.”

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

d) Belfast Central Library

Proposed by Councillor Lyons,

Seconded by Councillor Attwood,

“This Council:

- congratulates the Belfast Central Library on the recent celebration of its 130th Anniversary;
- notes that the Belfast Central Library has for 130 years provided free public access to a wide range of social, cultural and educational material and services, and is the oldest civic building in Belfast to continue to serve in its original function;
- further notes that the Belfast Central Library is uniquely positioned to contribute to the regeneration of its locality and enhance opportunities provided by recent nearby developments such as the relocation of the Ulster University and the cultural provisions of the Cathedral Quarter; and
- agrees that an all-party delegation meet with representatives of Libraries NI and the Department for Communities, in firm support of the proposals to have the Belfast Central Library restored and extended.”

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

e) No Grey Zone Campaign

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl,

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

"This Council notes the PSNI led "No Grey Zone" awareness campaign, which clearly sets out what constitutes sexual assault, debunks myths and provides information on available support.

The Council believes that everyone in our City should feel supported and empowered to speak out when a sexual assault occurs. Accordingly, the Council declares every Belfast City Council premise to be a #NoGreyZone and resolves to arrange a cross-party delegation, to include Council Communications officers, to meet with the PSNI, prosecutors, sexual violence charities and student representatives to identify how to effectively support the campaign in Belfast City Council premises."

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

f) Household Recycling

Proposed by Councillor McReynolds,

Seconded by Councillor Long,

“This Council is committed to increasing household recycling across the city of Belfast; notes the colossal impact which waste is having on our oceans, cities and countrysides; welcomes the recent waste consultation; and will commit to introducing glass recycling in households across the city of Belfast as soon as possible.”

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

g) Definition of Antisemitism

Proposed by Councillor Craig,

Seconded by Councillor Boyle,

“In recognition of the 80th Anniversary of Kristallnacht, 9th-10th November 1938, this Council follows the example shown by other public bodies in the United Kingdom and adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism, which is:

*‘Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed towards Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.’*

Furthermore, the Council agrees that this definition and associated examples of anti-Semitism, published by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance on 26th May 2016, are fully incorporated into this Council’s Good Relations strategy and associated policies.”

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

h) Westminster Bills

Proposed by Councillor Dudgeon,

Seconded by Alderman McGimpsey,

“This Council supports the passing into law at Westminster of these two Bills:

- The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Bill, sponsored by Conor McGinn MP (St Helens North) and scheduled for 2nd reading in the House of Commons on Friday 26th October 2018; and
- The NIO’s Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Bill with its new clause 7 entitled Equal Rights for People of Northern Ireland, agreed in the House of Commons on 24th October 2018 by 207 votes to 117, against the wishes of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, which new clause reads:
  - (1) In the absence of Northern Ireland Ministers to address the matters identified by recent, current and future court proceedings in relation to the human rights of the people of Northern Ireland, the Secretary of State must issue guidance to senior officers of all Northern Ireland departments which will specify how to exercise their functions in relation to:
    - (a) the incompatibility of the human rights of the people of Northern Ireland with the continued enforcement of sections 58 and 59 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861 with the Human Rights Act 1998, and
    - (b) the incompatibility of the human rights of the people of Northern Ireland with the continued enforcement of section 13(e) of the Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 where they pertain to the provision and management of public services in Northern Ireland.
  - (2) The Secretary of State shall report guidance under this section on a quarterly basis to the House of Commons and set out her plans to address the impact of the absence of Northern Ireland Ministers on human rights obligations within three months of the day on which this Act is passed.”

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

i) Welfare Reform

Proposed by Councillor Collins,

Seconded by Councillor Heading,

"This Council notes that this month marks three years since the Northern Ireland Assembly voted to give consent to the Welfare Reform Bill (2015) being taken forward by the Westminster Parliament.

The Council believes that, since then, Welfare Reform has been a disaster for benefit claimants here and has resulted in thousands of our most vulnerable unfairly losing money, through the introduction of PIP, Universal Credit and the Bedroom Tax.

In the absence of an Assembly sitting at Stormont, the Council has an important role to play in articulating the negative impact of welfare reform and benefit cuts in this city. To this end, the Council calls on the British government to immediately halt the roll out of PIP and Universal Credit and to scrap the Bedroom Tax for all benefit claimants."

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

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

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

Chief Executive