

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 - Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, 3rd December, 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. Request to Address the Council

To consider a request from Mr. Gerard Greene, Chief Executive of Community Pharmacy NI, to address the Council in relation to the motion on Community Pharmacies being proposed by Alderman Copeland.

7. Strategic Policy and Resources Committee (Pages 13 - 76)
 - a) Amendment to Standing Orders

To adopt the amendment to Standing Order 37(d) to give effect to the Licensing Committee having delegated authority to determine applications under the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016, as set out within pages B2107 and B2108.
8. People and Communities Committee (Pages 77 - 120)
9. City Growth and Regeneration Committee (Pages 121 - 152)
10. Licensing Committee (Pages 153 - 166)
11. Planning Committee (Pages 167 - 174)
12. Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Shareholders' Committee (Pages 175 - 178)
13. Brexit Committee (Pages 179 - 188)

14. Notices of Motion

a) Social Investment Fund

Proposed by Councillor Attwood,

Seconded by Councillor Long,

“This Council notes with concern the findings of the NI Audit Office report into the Social Investment Fund (SIF).

The Council notes that the Audit Office states that there were ‘*significant failings*’ and ‘*there was non-compliance with the most basic standards of public administration*’.

The Council believes that this report highlights the need for open, transparent and accountable processes in the allocation of public funds.

The Council agrees to review the SIF report and apply any learning from it to relevant Council funds. The Council agrees also to review Council funding processes to ensure that they are fully compliant with the Outcome Based Accountability principles.”

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

b) NHS Pay Offer

Proposed by Councillor Heading,

Seconded by Councillor Lyons,

“This Council affirms its support for all staff in the National Health Service. The Council notes the inadequate pay offer made to staff and their decision to ballot for industrial action and calls on all parties to use their influence to resolve the pay issue for staff.”

(To be debated by the Council)

c) Community Pharmacies

Proposed by Alderman Copeland,

Seconded by Councillor Mullan,

“This Council recognises the contribution to society made by Community Pharmacies and notes with growing concern the current financial crisis facing the sector, caused by a serious level of underfunding over the last decade.

The Council agrees to seek an urgent meeting between the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health and Public Safety and an all-party delegation from the Council, along with representatives of the Pharmacies.”

(To be debated by the Council)

d) Lighting of City Parks

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

Seconded by Councillor Reynolds,

“This Council recognises the importance of our city parks to walkers, runners, cyclists, dogs, and others and appreciates the desire within our communities to use city parks all year round.

Therefore, the Council agrees to consider options for lighting our city parks, with the intention of opening parks for longer during the winter months. The Council will consider a report which identifies the costs and benefits of lighting a range of parks to give citizens equal access to high quality outdoor space at all times of the year.”

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

e) Belfast Blitz Memorial

Proposed by Councillor Dudgeon,

Seconded by Alderman Convery,

“This Council supports memorialising its more than 1,000 citizens and residents who died in the Blitz, particularly those victims of the two largest air raids in April and May 1941.

Recognising that Belfast, almost alone of heavily blitzed cities, has no commemorative site for this most devastating event in our history; recognising the generous offer of substantial funding towards a Blitz memorial from the Northern Ireland War Memorial; recognising that the Blitz victims came from every part of the city and beyond, but especially its north side, and that the havoc wreaked was immense; the Council therefore calls for a significant memorial, inclusive of the victims' names, to be erected in the city with a view to it being unveiled in time for the 80th anniversary of the Belfast Blitz in 2021.

Cathedral Gardens, which is at the York Street and Lower Donegall Street junction, is perhaps the most appropriate and suitable location, given it was subject to extensive destruction in the 1941 air raids and is Council-owned. It is also accepted that ‘Buoys Park’, as it was known, is now in need of reanimation and a major replacement feature for the departing Buoys.

For all these reasons, the Council agrees that a Blitz memorial at this location is considered as an emerging project for the capital programme in the coming financial year.”

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

f) Arrangements to Deliver Justice in Serious Sexual Offences Cases

Proposed by Councillor Lyons,

Seconded by Councillor Nicholl,

“This Council welcomes the publication of the preliminary report by Sir John Gillen, who is leading the independent review of the arrangements to deliver justice in serious sexual offence cases.

The Council notes that a public consultation is open until 15th January and encourages all, but particularly women, to have their say in this process.

The Council also notes the eight key recommendations of the preliminary review, namely:

- public access to trials involving serious sexual offences to be confined to close family members of complainant and the defendant;
- cross-examination of complainants to be pre-recorded and away from court - initially for vulnerable people but eventually extended to all complainants in serious sexual offences;
- measures to combat rape myths and stereotypes, like suggestions that victims provoke rape by the way they dress or act;
- more robust attitude by judges to prevent improper cross-examination about previous sexual history;
- the accused will be anonymous until they are charged, but from that point they will be identified;
- accused will have right to apply for a judge-alone trial without a jury - this would only be granted in "rare circumstances";
- new legislation to manage dangers created by social media; and
- steps to combat excessive delay in the judicial system.

The Council believes that a victim led process is essential in what the report identifies as “one of the worst violations of human dignity” and recognises the immense pressure that victims of sexual crime are under. To this end, the Council cautions against the adoption of a restorative justice measure for fear it will add to intra-process pressure on the victim but agrees to respond to the public consultation outlining its support for the above recommendations.”

(To be debated by the Council)

g) Sexual Harassment

Proposed by Councillor McReynolds,

Seconded by Councillor Nicholl,

“This Council is concerned at the number of women in Belfast that feel they have been the victim of sexual harassment.

The Council understands the important role that our universities and entertainment and hospitality sector can play in tackling sexual harassment and endorses the Zero Tolerance campaign that has been adopted by Canterbury and Medway Councils. Accordingly, the Council will undertake to work with our universities, hospitality sector and the PSNI to roll out a similar scheme in Belfast.”

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

h) Zero Hours Contracts

Proposed by Councillor Beattie,

Seconded by Councillor Murphy,

“In a recent study by the Centre for Longitudinal Studies, it was found that the practice of zero hours contracts is having a detrimental impact on young people’s physical and mental health.

The precarious nature of such jobs, the lack of certainty in terms of both wages earned and hours worked in any week, is making it impossible for a new generation of workers to secure mortgages, to pay their bills and to make a decent living for themselves and their families.

Precarious work has now become a systematic feature of present day employment practices. It is anathema to decent working terms and conditions and counterproductive to encouraging inclusive economic growth.


This Council agrees that zero hours contracts have no role in stimulating inclusive economic growth and should be banned.

The Council calls upon employers within Belfast to end the practice of zero hour contracts now and commits itself to doing everything that it can to help make Belfast a zero contacts free zone.

The Council further agrees to request the Mayor to convene a City-wide forum, including local business leaders, trade unions, employers’ organizations, youth groups, anti-poverty groups, and any other concerned sections of civic society, to develop a practical strategy aimed at bringing an end to these damaging and harmful employment practices.”

(To be debated by the Council)

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Suzanne Wylie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Chief Executive