

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 Monday, 7th January, 2019 at 6.00 p.m., for the transaction of the following business:

1. Summons
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Minutes of the Council (Pages 1 - 14)
 - a) Amendment to Standing Orders

To affirm the Council's decision of 3rd December to amend 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.

5. Official Announcements
6. Request to Address the Council

To consider a request from Mr. Conor Shields, Save CQ Campaign, to address the Council in relation to the motion on Tribeca Belfast being proposed by Councillor Reynolds.

7. Strategic Policy and Resources Committee (Pages 15 - 66)
8. People and Communities Committee (Pages 67 - 114)
9. City Growth and Regeneration Committee (Pages 115 - 162)
10. Licensing Committee (Pages 163 - 174)
11. Planning Committee (Pages 175 - 200)
12. Brexit Committee (Pages 201 - 206)

13. Notices of Motion

a) Inter-Generational Loneliness

Proposed by Councillor Mullan,

Seconded by Alderman Spence,

“This Council notes with concern the impact that inter-generational loneliness and social isolation is having across the City.

The Council recognises the good work already being done in the Council to address these problems but acknowledges that more needs to be done. Other agencies, such as Age NI, the Red Cross and the Campaign to End Loneliness are also recognising loneliness as a significant emerging issue.

Due to the Northern Ireland Assembly not currently functioning, we are now falling behind other administrations in addressing these problems at an Executive level.

Accordingly, the Council agrees to consider how best it can develop an inter-agency approach to address the problems, including working with partner agencies in the statutory, community and voluntary sectors.”

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

b) Tribeca Belfast

Proposed by Councillor Reynolds,

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

“This Council, whilst welcoming investment and the regeneration of our City, calls upon Castlebrook Investments to drop the Tribeca branding for their City centre regeneration scheme.”

(To be debated by the Council)

c) Gambling Addiction

Proposed by Councillor Kyle,

Seconded by Councillor Lyons,

“This Council notes the enormous damage which gambling addiction can cause in the lives of individuals, families and communities. In May 2017, the Department for Communities published a survey, which found a problem gambling prevalence rate of 2.3% in Northern Ireland, a rate over four times higher than in England. Despite this, support for individuals suffering from gambling addiction in NI is almost non-existent.

Furthermore, this Council notes the move by the British Government, under pressure from a cross-party group of MP’s at Westminster, to reduce stakes on fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBT’s), a particularly addictive form of gambling, from £100 to £2 in April, 2019.

The Council notes that this decision does not apply to Northern Ireland and, in the absence of an Executive and Assembly, action cannot be taken to reduce the stakes on these terminals.

The Council calls on betting companies operating in Northern Ireland to follow the decision of Ladbrokes to voluntarily reduce the stakes on FOBT machines in this jurisdiction, in line with the rest of the UK. The Council also calls on the Department of Health to review the support given to individuals suffering from gambling addiction and calls for the creation of a dedicated service to address this addiction.

The Council will ask the Department of Health and Department for Communities to meet with an All Party delegation to discuss support for individuals suffering from gambling addiction and the status of FOBT’s.”

(To be debated by the Council)

d) Half Fare SmartPass Scheme

Proposed by Councillor Corr Johnston,

Seconded by Alderman Copeland,

“This Council calls upon the Department for Infrastructure to extend the eligibility criteria for the Half Fare SmartPass scheme to all Universal Credit claimants.”

(To be debated by the Council)

e) Councillors' Code of Conduct

Proposed by Councillor Boyle,

Seconded by Councillor Mullan,

“This Council recognises the need for clarity around the Councillors' Code of Conduct and, in particular, the need for clear guidance to be issued by the Ombudsman's Office in respect of declarations of interest.”

(To be debated by the Council)

f) Social Clauses

Proposed by Councillor Beattie,

Seconded by Councillor Murphy,

This Council agrees to develop a social value strategy to further social, environmental and economic goals of Belfast City Council.

As far as permissible by Law, this Council should increase the value of social impact clauses at the pre-procurement stage and to include them within the award criteria.

Contracts should be informed by a social needs assessment with consideration given to how social clauses can help address those needs.

Assessments should be conducted with key stakeholders, including members of the public, as appropriate.

The social value strategy should promote more creative use of social clauses to deliver positive social benefits.

Council officials should set up monitoring and evaluation frameworks for the delivery of social clauses at the start of the contract and these should be included in the tender documents.

The social value strategy should be outcome based and used to tackle poverty, particularly within areas of multiple deprivation.

Tackling zero hour contracts and encouraging living wage employment should be central to the strategy.

To achieve the social value strategy, I am proposing that this Council sets up a working group, which will report directly to the Strategic Policy and Resource committee and submit a report within two months.”

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

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