

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 on Monday, 4th February, 2019 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 - 20)
5. Official Announcements
6. Adjournment of Meeting for Council Photograph

(Page B2254 of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee minutes of 25th January refers)
7. Strategic Policy and Resources Committee (Pages 21 - 68)
8. People and Communities Committee (Pages 69 - 92)
9. City Growth and Regeneration Committee (Pages 93 - 122)
10. Licensing Committee (Pages 123 - 134)
11. Planning Committee (Pages 135 - 150)
12. Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd. Shareholders' Committee (Pages 151 - 154)
13. Brexit Committee (Pages 155 - 160)
14. Notices of Motion

a) Cycling Infrastructure - North Foreshore

Proposed by Councillor McAllister,

Seconded by Councillor McReynolds,

“Given the ambitious plans behind the North Foreshore and the Giants Park, in particular around the enhancement of tourism and leisure in Giants Park, it is of vital importance that connectivity of active travel between North Belfast and the Giants Park is maximised in the immediate future.

As the Council will continue to have ownership of roads in the area, this is an opportunity to provide leadership to enhance cycling infrastructure in this part of the City, with the long term ambition to better connect North Belfast to the City centre, and beyond.

Therefore, the Council agrees to establish plans to work alongside the Active Travel unit within the Council that will oversee the creation of cycling infrastructure and will write to the Department for Infrastructure calling upon it to enhance the neglected cycling infrastructure in the surrounding area of the North Foreshore and wider North Belfast.”

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

b) Enterprise Zones

Proposed by Councillor Attwood,

Seconded by Councillor Heading,

“This Council:

- notes that Enterprise Zones, Manufacturing Zones and Simplified Planning Zones have been used in Scotland and England to promote housing, business and industry;
- notes that these zones can offer business rates discounts and additional tax breaks, backed by a simplified local planning process which can support businesses, help budding entrepreneurs to start and assist established companies to grow; and
- notes that the first 'Enterprise Zone' in NI, the Atlantic Link Campus in Coleraine, has attracted the global data centre firm [5NINES](#), following a £20 million investment.

The Council agrees to research, scope out and develop options for the development of enterprise, manufacturing and simplified planning zones in Belfast, which will include the possible development of an enterprise zone along the interface corridor from West to North Belfast.”

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

c) Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships

Proposed by Councillor Heading,

Seconded by Councillor Attwood,

“This Council believes that Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships have provided vital services and projects to tackle poverty, disadvantage and regeneration in hard-pressed communities across Belfast.

The Council notes that Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships are facing significant funding cuts.

The Council notes also that the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme used to be the central anti-poverty strategy of the Northern Ireland Executive and that its funding was protected.

The Council calls on the Department for Communities to reverse cuts to the Neighbourhood Renewal budget and agrees to arrange a meeting with the Permanent Secretary of that Department to discuss the budget for Neighbourhood Renewal.”

(To be debated by the Council)

d) 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 prepare a report into establishing the carbon footprint of the Council and recommend steps to work towards reducing this.”

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

e) Statues in City Hall Grounds

Proposed by Councillor Beattie,

Seconded by the Lord Mayor (Councillor Hargey),

“This Council agrees to address the imbalance of statues in the grounds of Belfast City Hall, as set out in the EQIA.

The current statues largely represent the Unionist/British tradition, with no reflection afforded to the Republican tradition.

The Irish Congress of Trade Unions proposed in writing to the Chief Executive on 2nd March, 2016 that a statue of Winifred Carney be installed, due to her history and success in Belfast.

Accordingly, the Council agrees that a permanent statue of Winifred Carney be installed to address that imbalance.”

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

f) Homelessness in Belfast

Proposed by Councillor Garrett,

Seconded by Councillor Magee,

“This Council recognises that issues relating to homelessness in the city of Belfast are complex, multi-faceted and that they require interventions and solutions from a wide range of statutory organisations, delivery agents, charities and the community and voluntary sector.

The work that all these organisations carry out is to be welcomed and commended at the highest level, however, no single agency working on its own in isolation, including this Council, will solve the many complex issues relating to homelessness.

Too often, we tragically hear about people dying on our city streets and, as leaders of this city, we must do everything that we can to try to help those who are vulnerable and feeling desolate.

The Council can play a pivotal role to enable partnership action and our City’s Ard Mhéara/Mayor, as first citizen, can be a convener and facilitator in taking decisive action to address these issues in partnership with others.

The Council agrees, through the office of the Mayor, to convene a statutory and non-statutory multi-agency task group that will seek to take further partnership actions in addressing all facets of homelessness. This would include those people who find themselves on the streets with complex needs, those suffering from addiction and mental health issues and those who have no place to call home. The task group should seek to increase support services, scope out available and suitable facilities for extra supported bed provision in the city and any further issues which the task group identifies.”

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

g) Street Furniture

Proposed by Councillor Boyle,

Seconded by Councillor Dudgeon,

“This Council recognises that it is difficult to contact those responsible for the maintenance of street furniture, utility boxes, phone boxes and masts, post boxes, advertising facilities and any other structure that sits on or in the footpath or in a public place throughout the City.

The Council supports the need for people to be able to contact those responsible for the cleaning and maintaining of these structures. Accordingly, the Council will undertake a piece of work to identify whose ownership these are in and will encourage those responsible for maintaining and cleaning same to put their details on these structures and ensure their details remain on these structures so that they can be contacted when needed. Furthermore, the Council agrees that any future planning approvals for street furniture, boxes etc. as listed above, will include a condition requiring the contact details of those responsible for cleaning and maintaining and servicing them to be prominently displayed.”

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

h) Recycling in Colin Neighbourhood
Proposed by Councillor Walsh,

Seconded by Councillor Baker,

“Noting Belfast City Council’s commitment to waste prevention and minimisation and the resulting benefits to the economy in terms of jobs and investment back into community;

Noting Belfast City Council’s commitment to the exploration of opportunities for further reducing waste including the feasibility of a circular economy approach to generate more value and jobs for the local economy through innovative waste solutions;

Noting the contribution of a circular economy to climate change mitigation and a healthy urban environment;

Noting the absence of any dedicated recycling and associated amenities in the Colin neighbourhood;

The Council agrees to immediately commission a report to examine the following:

1. initiate steps to design and procure a circular economy community hub including a repair café to facilitate education and participation in a transition to the circular economy in the Colin neighbourhood; i
2. incorporate best practice and innovative design principles, including: i
 - circular economy education, and training for citizens and interested organisations/businesses;
 - a serviced repair café;
 - a serviced social enterprise business start-up and support hub with a view to enabling and clustering existing eco-enterprises and start-ups (e.g. cycle repair, associated social enterprises linked to greenway/tourism); and
 - comprehensive recycling, repair and remanufacturing facilities, including incentive schemes;
3. initiate an engagement with Lisburn Castlereagh Council, to investigate the replacement of current facilities in Dunmurry’s Recycling Centre at The Cutts and to investigate the statistics on origin of users of this site; and
4. initiate a multi-agency collaboration, led by Belfast City Council in consultation with community-based organisations in the Colin neighbourhood, to design, commission, build and service Belfast’s first Circular Economy Community Enterprise Hub and Repair Café.”

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

i) Traffic Calming

Proposed by Councillor McAteer,

Seconded by Councillor O'Donnell,

“This Council recognises that many of Belfast’s citizens are having their health and wellbeing severely impacted by living in streets which are clearly used as short cuts by heavy volumes of traffic travelling at speed, including HGV vehicles and buses. Currently, the Department for Infrastructure will carry out speed and traffic volume tests to ascertain if traffic calming measures are required. However, it does not also take into consideration the qualitative evidence of local residents and families in making decisions about traffic management.

This Council calls on the Department for Infrastructure to broaden its criterion in relation to traffic management decisions in highly congested streets, to include an assessment of both empirical and local qualitative research, and further calls on the Council to request a cross party meeting to discuss reviewing the criteria.”

(To be debated by the Council)

j) Supermarket Plastic Return Scheme

Proposed by Councillor McReynolds,

Seconded by Councillor McAllister,

“This Council acknowledges the damage caused by single use plastics across the earth; welcomes the leadership of Iceland in introducing a plastic return scheme here in Belfast; acknowledges, with the responsibility of waste collection under our remit, that we must come up with innovative ways to reduce the use of single use plastics; and agrees to write to the major supermarkets in Belfast to ask that they introduce similar schemes.”

(To be debated by the Council)

k) Mental Health

Proposed by Councillor Pankhurst,

Seconded by Councillor Murphy,

"This Council notes the sterling work conducted by a number of youth organisations across Belfast in attempting to break the stigma around mental health by supporting those suffering from illnesses such as depression and anxiety.

The Council agrees to support and promote these youth organisations through providing events, seminars and funding, when required, in order to help combat mental ill-health in Belfast.

The Council understands that the Department for Education is now considering implementing resilience training as part of the school curriculum. The Council welcomes this and agrees to write to the Department for Education to encourage it to implement this as a matter of urgency.

The Council also calls upon the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust to consider adopting safe spaces in Accident and Emergency centres, including a pathway of care, for those suffering from severe mental health difficulties who feel suicidal and need urgent care.

Finally, the Council agrees to convene a meeting between these youth organisations and other statutory agencies to try and establish a pilot online chat platform operated by trained staff for those suffering from mental ill-health. This platform will also be available in phone applications, should it be successful, making it much more accessible to young people in particular."

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

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

Chief Executive