

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 March, 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 - 18)
5. Official Announcements
6. Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 22nd February (Pages 19 - 54)
7. People and Communities Committee of 5th and 12th February (Pages 55 - 88)
8. City Growth and Regeneration Committee of 13th February (Pages 89 - 136)
9. Licensing Committee of 20th February (Pages 137 - 158)
10. Planning Committee of 19th February (Pages 159 - 170)
11. Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd. Shareholders' Committee of 11th February (Pages 171 - 174)
12. Brexit Committee of 14th February (Pages 175 - 186)
13. Notices of Motion

a) Million Trees

Proposed by Councillor Heading,

Seconded by Councillor Long,

“The importance of trees to the ambience, amenity and beauty of cities and to the wellbeing of their citizens is universally recognised, as is the role they play in promoting public health by combatting the air pollution that is linked to a range of medical conditions including asthma, heart and lung diseases, and early onset Alzheimer’s.

Cognisant of these benefits, and consistent with this Council’s commitment to transform the way in which post-conflict Belfast is perceived by its citizens, potential investors, and visitors from home and abroad, the Council agrees to position Belfast as a leading sustainable, green city, by facilitating the planting of at least a million trees in Belfast over the next fifteen years.”

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

b) Support for Roads Infrastructure in Scotland

Proposed by Alderman Kingston,

Seconded by Councillor Graham,

“This Council:

- Recognises the long-standing cultural and economic ties between Northern Ireland and Scotland, and that fundamental to increasing the benefit to Belfast from this connection is the need to improve transport connections between Scotland and Northern Ireland;
- Welcomes that the ferry services between Cairnryan and Belfast, by Stena Line, 6 times per day, and between Cairnryan and Larne, by P&O, 7 times per day, are among the busiest services in the UK and represent a strong opportunity for economic and tourism growth; however, the inadequate transport infrastructure beyond the ferry terminals at Cairnryan is inhibiting that growth and require investment to bring them up to standard;
- Supports the campaign in Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway for investment in the roads infrastructure - along the A77 towards Glasgow/central Scotland and along the A75 towards the Scotland/England border, which are both predominantly single carriageway routes and pass through a number of small towns and villages – and in the rail infrastructure along the same routes, and agrees to write to the Scottish Government in support of calls for a long-term programme of such investment in the transport infrastructure of South West Scotland.”

(To be debated by the Council)

c) Rainbow Flag at City Hall

Proposed by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Baker,

“This Council recognises and values the huge contribution our LGBTQ+ Citizens make to the city of Belfast and beyond.

As a statement of our solidarity with our LGBTQ+ citizens and community, and building on the progressive moves of the council to support Belfast Pride and illuminate the City Hall in the colours of the Pride Rainbow; the council agrees to continue this support, and, as a further demonstration of our solidarity, agrees to fly the rainbow flag over the City Hall from dawn to dusk on Saturday 3rd August 2019 to coincide with the annual Pride parade.”

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

d) SEND Act and Out of School Hours Provision

Proposed by Councillor Black,

Seconded by Councillor Canavan,

“This Council notes the anticipated staged implementation of the Special Educational Needs Framework throughout 2020, as per the SEND Act of 2016.

The Council fully recognises the challenges faced by parents and children related to diagnosis, service access, support and isolation on this often lengthy and daunting journey.

It is critical that families can avail of support during term and non-term time and both on and off the school site. As such, the Council wishes to highlight the vital role which all Out of School Hours providers occupy in such families lives and ensure equal cross sector engagement in strategy implementation. Out of School Hours services include, but are not limited to, summer and seasonal schemes, community sports programmes, afterschool clubs in community settings and targeted family support. This illustrative list is indicative of the pivotal role this Council therefore occupies.

The Council is incredibly mindful of the budgetary limitations and prioritisation expectations placed on schools. The increased demand for SEN support as felt in formal education settings is mirrored in Out of School Hours community provision. This fuels the need for collaborative engagement with Out of School Hours service providers to review additional pressures and pathways for shared support to best meet complex whole family needs.

The Council agrees that a cross party delegation meet with the Education Authority, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and Out of School Hours Service providers to review resource challenges, share experiences, measure demand and explore best fit options of support to enable all children and young people to reach their highest aspirations.”

(To be debated by the Council)

e) Feasibility Support

Proposed by Councillor Walsh,

Seconded by Councillor Murphy,

“This Council recognises the beneficial impact that investment strategies offered through this council such as LIF & BIF have had in communities across this city.

Many of these community projects have evolved to successful completion through initial feasibility support, and in doing so have allowed groups to present a case for capital funding to this council and other funding bodies.

The Council agrees to create a feasibility budget for each area-working group. This will allow members of each area-working group to identify community projects and recommend feasibility support to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for significant community capital schemes.”

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

f) Dog Friendly Properties

Proposed by Councillor McDonough-Brown,

Seconded by Councillor Long,

“This Council undertakes to make its venues, buildings, leisure centres and other public properties dog-friendly in light of the recent badging scheme it developed.”

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

g) Climate Emergency

Proposed by Councillor Collins,

Seconded by Councillor Heading,

“This Council congratulates the Extinction Rebellion movement and other activists who have recently protested in Belfast and across the world in order to highlight the threat of catastrophic climate change. The Council recognises this as one of the greatest threats facing citizens in Belfast, and believes that urgent action must be taken in Belfast and globally in order to mitigate the worst impacts of climate change. Accordingly, the Council agrees to immediately declare a “Climate Emergency”.

The Council also urges other local Councils to follow suit, and calls on both British and Irish governments to also declare a climate emergency. Such a call aims to see Belfast move away from fossil fuels and fully toward renewable energy sources. This initiative would see the Council doing everything it can to tackle climate change and reduce carbon emissions, including, for example, ensuring that all new buildings are ecologically friendly, that the retrofitting of homes is a priority, and that public transport is expanded. The Council agrees to immediately establish a multi-agency team across the city, which should

include various governmental departments, political parties and other relevant agencies, to ensure that tackling the causes of climate change is an immediate priority.”

(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 large initial 'S' and a long, sweeping underline.

Chief Executive